

European Becquerel Prize for Outstanding Merits in Photovoltaics

To mark the 150th anniversary of Alexandre-Edmond Becquerel's discovery of the photovoltaic effect in 1839, the European Commission founded in 1989 the European Becquerel Prize for outstanding contributions to the development of Photovoltaic Solar Energy. It is awarded for the twenty-fifth time in 2017 on the occasion of the European Photovoltaic Conference in Amsterdam. After a public nomination phase the Prize winner was selected by the Becquerel Prize Committee.



Dr. Stefan Nowak



is the twenty-fifth Becquerel Prize winner. He receives the award in honour of his merits in the field of integration of photovoltaic electricity into the future global sustainable energy system.

Dr. Nowak is one of the leading strategists and promoters of targeted European and global cooperation on PV research, market assessment and deployment. Of particular importance are his long-lasting activities as chairman of the International Energy Agency's "Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme" and as coordinator of the "Solar European Research Area Network".

His leadership, comprehensive and precise analyses and inspiring argumentation in strategic and institutional discussions have strongly contributed to the global credibility of photovoltaics as a basis of future energy systems.

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Piotr Szymanski

European Commission Joint Research Centre
Director of Energy, Transport and Climate

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Prof. Joachim Luther

Chairman of the
Becquerel Prize Committee