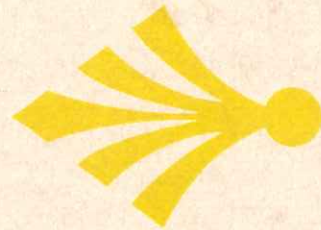
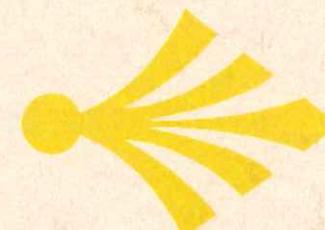


# European Becquerel Prize for Outstanding Merits in Photovoltaics

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-first time in 2013 on the occasion of the 28th European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference in Paris. After a public nomination phase the Prize winner was selected by the Becquerel Prize Committee.



Gabriel Sala



is the twenty-first Becquerel Prize winner. He is awarded the Becquerel Prize for his pioneering work on concentrator photovoltaic system development.

Gabriel Sala was among the first scientists in Europe who set up full concentrator systems with power ratings up to almost half a Megawatt. He coordinated several important European projects like EUCLIDES which were devoted to the research and development of concentrator photovoltaic technology. Through all his activities he paved the way for the industrialization of the concentrator photovoltaic technology.

Prof Gabriel Sala is not only a pioneer in the development of photovoltaic concentrator systems; he also earned great merits in the field of analyses and evaluation of concentrator photovoltaic modules and power plants. With his expertise he contributed considerably to the development of several international standards for the concentrator photovoltaic technology.

With this Prize, the European Photovoltaic Community as it is gathered in Paris expresses its recognition to Prof. Gabriel Sala for his extraordinary achievements in the field of large scale photovoltaic Solar Electricity.

*Dominique Ristori*  
*Director-General,*

*European Commission, Joint Research Centre*

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*Joachim Luther*

*Chairman of the Becquerel Prize Committee*