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He teaches future engineers to save energy – now he is being honoured with Swedish Energy Prize

For more than 40 years, Professor Enno has been dedicated to teaching engineers how to reduce energy consumption. Now he is being acknowledged by SWECO Theorells and IVA for his efforts. At the same time, SWECO Theorells has established a whole new energy prize for students where the aim is to encourage future innovators.

"For his entire life Enno Abel has sought solutions for reducing energy usage in buildings, first as an engineer and later as a professor. He has also inspired many students and researchers at Chalmers," says Karin Annerwall Parö, Managing Director of SWECO Theorells.

Enno Abel has worked as a Professor at Chalmers University of Technology, Department of Energy and Environment, since the opening of the department in 1975. Under his direction, the department has evolved into a renowned centre for energy-efficient building services engineering. A frequent speaker throughout Europe, Enno Abel's lectures focus on how to balance the equation between a good indoor climate and low energy consumption. The solution is a systematic working method and a holistic approach to buildings. Enno Abel has also written a number of books on this subject.

"As an architect or engineer, it's easy to become overly focused on your own field of expertise and lose sight of the big picture. A true understanding and respect among everyone involved in a new construction or rebuilding project is vital in reducing the need for energy," says Enno Abel.

On the same date, SWECO Theorells will present the newly established Student Energy Prize. The objective of the prize is to highlight ideas for new energy-saving technology and innovations that can be of future importance. The year's prize goes to Uppsala-based Niklas Jakobsson.

"Niklas Jakobsson has studied and presented proposals for concrete measures to reduce the energy requirement in new buildings to less than half compared to the average for today's standard. He has a burning interest in energy issues and I am therefore certain that we will be hearing more from in the future," says Karin Annerwall Parö.

In 2007, the Swedish Energy Prize is being awarded for the twenty-fourth consecutive year. Click on the following link to view motivations, pictures and additional information: www.sweco.se/energipris2007

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