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“ Since 1999, the Swedish Baltic Sea Water Award laureates have represented a broad range of activities, professions, scientific disciplines and countries. It is our ambition to make the Award a symbol of innovation and commitment to protecting the Baltic Sea marine environment.”

Gunilla Carlsson

Minister for International Development Cooperation
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Established in 1999, the Swedish Baltic Sea Water Award recognizes outstanding efforts to improve the marine environment in the Baltic Sea. The regional award is presented annually by Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs in appreciation of the dedicated work by individuals, companies, organizations and public authorities. This prestigious award honors innovation, commitment and new methods that protect the Baltic Sea water environment.

A jury appointed by the Swedish Government reviews the nominations and selects the winner, which can come from any of the Baltic Sea countries: Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia or Sweden. The winner receives SEK 250,000 along with a crystal sculpture specially designed for the occasion. As of 2011, the Swedish Baltic Sea Water Award is administered by the Swedish Institute (SI).

Submitting nominations

Nominations may be submitted beginning June 30, 2011. To nominate a candidate for the award, please visit www.si.se/sbswa and follow the nomination instructions. You may want to provide other supporting documents to assist the jury's decision-making process. Nominations must be submitted in English, and self-nominations are not accepted.

Further information

You can find more information about the Swedish Baltic Sea Water Award on our website – www.si.se/sbswa. For clarification, please email: balticseawateraward@si.se.

Nature of contributions

The nominee's work to improve the marine environment in the Baltic Sea region can involve but is not limited to the following areas:

- *Education and raising awareness*
Dissemination of knowledge through educating and training students as well as specialized and non-specialized audiences.
- *Human and international relations*
Various types of international bridge-building activities that have an impact on the work with the marine environment.
- *Basic and applied research*
Development of new knowledge related to technologies, processes, systems and principles applicable to sustainable marine water management.
- *Water management*
Sustainable, safe management of marine and water resources based on applications of new scientific knowledge and management technologies.
- *Local activities*
On-the-ground activities of a diverse nature carried out on water management and sanitation facilities.

Candidates may qualify for the Swedish Baltic Sea Water Award based on their contribution to more than one category. Emphasis is placed on efforts that have had tangible and measurable effects of lasting significance on the marine environment in the Baltic Sea region.

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Previous Winners

2010

Prof. Maciej Nowicki and **Prof. Marek Gromiec**, Poland. For having managed to link science, management and politics in successful programs to reduce Polish nutrient loads into the Baltic Sea. Professor Nowicki is the founder of EcoFund, which channels foreign financial resources into environmental protection projects in Poland. Professor Gromiec, the Chairman of the Polish National Council for Water Management, has led a number of national and international projects on water management that have led to the development of a national water policy and pollution control strategies.

2009

The Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) and its secretariat under Executive Secretary Anne Christine Brusendorff, Finland. For having taken marine environmental protection to a new level and showing exemplary commitment to improving the Baltic Sea through the adoption of the Baltic Sea Action Plan. The Action Plan takes on the complexity of issues, linking this to ongoing initiatives, and served as the backbone of environmental actions in the subsequent EU Baltic Sea Strategy.

2008

Prof. Krzysztof Edward Skóra, Poland. Prof. Skóra is the Director of the Hel Marine Station at the University of Gdansk. He has led the station's extensive research and educational activities to increase capacity and spread awareness about protecting the Baltic Sea.

2007

Ecodefense, Kaliningrad, Russia. The non-profit organization received the prize for its contribution to increasing knowledge about the Baltic Sea environment.

2006

Björn Carlson, Sweden. For his outstanding commitment to improving the Baltic Sea marine environment which he has demonstrated, for instance, by donating 500 million Swedish kronor to the Baltic Sea Foundation.

2005

Vodokanal St. Petersburg and its General Director, **Felix Karmazinov**, Russia. For being the driving force behind completion of the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWTP). By cleaning 330,000 cubic meters of wastewater daily, the SWTP contributes to improved water quality in the Baltic Sea.

2004

The Nature Management and Water Environment Division of Funen County Administration, Denmark. The authority's high professional standards, visionary strategies and strong commitment to the environment resulted in cleaner water not just in Denmark, but also along the country's Baltic coast and elsewhere in the region.

2003

Frantschach Swiecie SA, Poland. Frantschach Swiecie achieved a significant reduction in pollutants discharged into the Vistula River and Baltic Sea through facility improvements utilizing best available technologies (BATs) in the pulp and paper industry.

2002

The Lithuanian Housing and Urban Development Foundation. For innovative programs and projects that have contributed to a significant reduction in Lithuania's organic pollution into the Baltic Sea. The overall approach can serve as a model for other regions in the Baltic Sea area.

2001

Leonid Korovin, St. Petersburg, Russia. For his commendable contribution to the development of a series of activities aimed at safeguarding the water environment in the Baltic Sea closest to the St. Petersburg area, which emits large quantities of pollutants into the Baltic Sea.

2000

The City of Gdansk, Poland. For being the driving force behind the establishment of the Wschod wastewater treatment works, which receives and cleans wastewater from Gdansk and four other Polish cities and metropolitan areas. The Wschod works has proved to have a very clear, positive effect on water quality in the Bay of Gdansk and the Baltic Sea.

1999

PURAC, Poland. For building several new sewage and water treatment plants with advanced treatment of phosphorus and nitrogen and sludge disposal in Polish towns along the Baltic coast and of the major rivers running into the Baltic Sea.