

# Press Release

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## SHC SOLAR AWARD 2003

**The International Energy Agency's Solar Heating and Cooling Programme Presents First SHC Solar Award at ISES Solar World Congress 2003**

### **Torben Esbensen Winner of SHC Solar Award**

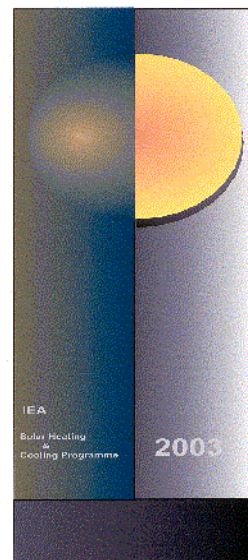
The International Energy Agency's Solar Heating & Cooling Programme is committed to proving that solar energy is a viable energy source. To increase the world's attention to solar energy as a source for heating and cooling, the IEA Solar Heating and Cooling Programme recognizes the work of those contributing to the expansion of this renewable energy resource.

The first SHC SOLAR AWARD was presented to **Torben Esbensen** of Esbensen Consultants A/S, Denmark at a special ceremony during the June 2003 ISES World Congress in Göteborg, Sweden.

The award is given to an individual, company, or private/public institution that has shown **outstanding leadership or achievements, with links to the IEA Solar Heating and Cooling Programme (SHC), in the field of solar energy at the international level** within one or more of the following sectors:

- Technical developments
- Successful transfer to the market
- Information

It is noteworthy that a person so distinguished in the field of solar energy should also have the distinction of being affiliated with the IEA SHC Programme since 1986. Mr. Esbensen's first contribution to the work of the IEA SHC Programme was in the area of passive solar commercial buildings. Since then he has contributed to the Programme's work in a range of areas – solar energy in building



*SHC Solar Award designed by sculptor Marco Goldenbeld of the Netherlands.*

renovation, daylighting, solar optimization in large buildings, and solar procurement.

In addition to his contributions to the IEA SHC Programme, Mr. Esbensen started his solar career in 1972 at the Danish Technical University. One of his first projects was as a team leader for the Danish Zero Energy House in Copenhagen, a house he lived for a period of time. Mr. Esbensen then moved from academia to the business sector where he established Esbensen Consultants A/S. This company has renewable energy projects, particularly in the field of solar thermal and PV, in Europe, the Baltic and Africa. One of the most significant projects was the construction of the Brundtland Center in Denmark. In addition to Mr. Esbensen's professional work, he has dedicated time to the support the work of the International Solar Energy Society (ISES) as President of ISES Europe from 1997-1999, Chairman of the Scandinavian section of ISES from 1990-1996. Since 1999 he has served as the Treasurer and Vice-President of ISES.

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