

First presentation of the Wiik prize



Wiik prize

On 15 June Dr Margret Becker-Wiik presented for the first time the Bjørn H Wiik prize, established in honour of the DESY director-general, who died tragically in 1999. The winners are the Russian scientists Evgeny Saldin, Evgeny Schneidmiller and Mikhail Yurkov. The three physicists were awarded the prize for their outstanding contributions to the Free Electron Laser (FEL) project at DESY. Yurkov was one of the speakers at the recent DESY 40th anniversary celebrations (July p6).

In 1994 - shortly after the start of the project - Saldin, Yurkov and Schneidmiller joined the FEL team at DESY's TESLA test facility. Earlier this year the FEL emitted its first laser light (July p26).

In future the Bjørn H Wiik prize will be presented every two years. Financed by donations, it aims to acknowledge outstanding contributions to the advancement of research programmes or technical development projects at DESY.