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Press Release

Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings Award the Lennart-Bernadotte Medal to the 100-year-old Laureate Edmond Fischer

- 10th person receiving this highest award of the Lindau Council
- “He inspired many young scientists for the ‘beauty of science.’”
- Symbolic presentation of the medal these days in a video conference
- Background: [Edmond Fischer at the Lindau Meetings](#)

The Lennart-Bernadotte-Medal will be awarded to Nobel Laureate Edmond Fischer, who is celebrating his 100th birthday on Monday, 6 April 2020. It is the highest honour of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. Count Lennart Bernadotte af Wisborg, together with the Lindau physicians Franz Karl Hein and Gustav Wilhelm Parade, is one of the three founding fathers of the Lindau Meetings.

Countess Bettina Bernadotte, daughter of Count Lennart Bernadotte and President of the Council: “Obviously, I have a special reference to this award which has been presented to only ten outstanding persons since 2002. Edmond Fischer is truly a worthy recipient. During his eleven participations in our Meetings so far, he inspired many young scientists for the ‘beauty of science’ as he once put it himself.”

Even before he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1992, Fischer was already enthusiastic about the intergenerational scientific exchange in Lindau. As – coincidentally – the following year the Meeting took place in “his” discipline he attended immediately – together with 20 other Laureates and 375 young scientists.

Since then he has supported the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings with his work all over the world in many ways and has become a true “Lindau Friend”. For example, the first institutional endowment of the Lindau Meetings by a US foundation can be traced back to his mediation and expertise. In 2018, an “Eddy Fischer Fellowship” was established by the Bert and Kuggie Vallee Foundation’s Eddy Fischer Fund. It enables outstanding post-doctoral young female scientists in medicine or physiology to participate in the Lindau Meetings.

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Initially, Edmond Fischer was supposed to receive the Lennart-Bernadotte-Medal during this year's Meeting – he had the firm intention to travel to Lindau again and give the Life Lecture. Due to the current situation, the President of the Council will symbolically anticipate the award ceremony in a video conference the next few days. The award can be handed over in person as soon as the trip to the USA by members of the Foundation and the Council, also planned for this spring, can be reconsidered – at the latest in the Meeting next year.

Recipients of the Lennart-Bernadotte-Medal so far

2002	Josef Steurer	Former Lord Mayor of Lindau, former member of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings
2003	Professor Ernst-Otto Fischer	Nobel Laureate, former member of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings
2004	Professor Willis Lamb	Nobel Laureate
2005	Baron Stig Ramel	Former Executive Director of the Nobel Foundation with whom the close cooperation between Lindau and Stockholm was established
2007	Michael Sohlman	Former Executive Director of the Nobel Foundation
2008	Professor Wolfgang Schürer	Long-standing Chairman of the Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (2000 – 2015) and Vice-President of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (2008 – 2014)
2009	Professor Werner Arber	Nobel Laureate, former member of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (1991 – 2011)
2010	Professor Roman Herzog	First president of the Federal Republic of Germany to visit the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings.
2011	Professor Hans Jörnvall	Since 2000 member of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, former Secretary General of the Nobel Committee and Assembly at Karolinska Institute as well as member of the board of the Nobel Foundation
2020	Professor Edmond Fischer	Nobel Laureate



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Lennart-Bernadotte-Medal



Edmond Fischer with young scientists at the 65th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting

[Pictures for Download in the Edmond Fischer Centennial Gallery](#)



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About the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings

Since their foundation in 1951 the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings have developed into a unique international scientific forum. The annual Meetings provide an opportunity for an exchange between different generations, cultures and disciplines. The theme of the Lindau Meetings alternates between Physics, Chemistry or Physiology and Medicine – the three Nobel Prize scientific disciplines. Every five years an interdisciplinary Meeting takes place, while the Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences is held every three years. Through the medium of various declarations (2015 on Climate Change, 1955 Against the Use of Nuclear Weapons) the scientists have repeatedly joined in the public debate with political appeals.

It was the Lindau physicians Franz Karl Hein and Gustav Wilhelm Parade who approached Count Lennart Bernadotte af Wisborg with the idea of a conference of Nobel Laureates and proceeded to jointly implement this with him – since 1953 with the participation of young scientists. Some 35,000 students, PhD candidates and post-docs have since taken part. Their experience of the Meeting may be literally once-in-a-lifetime, but they remain permanent members of the Lindau Alumni Network and ambassadors for scientific dialogue.

All year long the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings continue to pursue their “Mission Education” aimed at emphasising the importance of science and advocating science and research. This is also the purpose for which the online mediatheque is being developed into a learning platform which includes teaching materials for schools.

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