

Newsletter from the Poul la Cour Museum

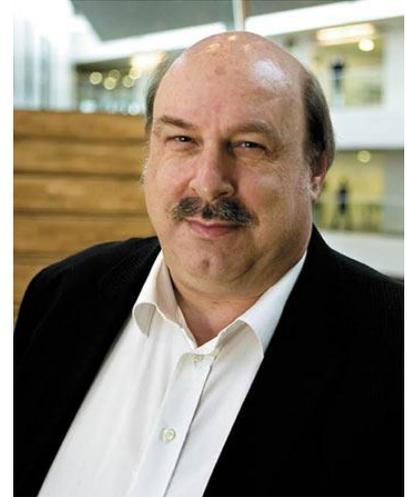
The Poul la Cour Prize awarded at Bilbao 2019

The Poul la Cour Prize, founded in 1992 by EWEA (today WindEurope), has been re-instated and was awarded April 2 at WindEurope's annual conference in Bilbao, Spain.

The 2019 Poul la Cour winner is John T. Olesen, and there are many good reasons for that. John is recognized by the entire wind energy sector as one of the most influential wind turbine development engineers in the sector. His work goes back to the early 1980's when he developed new turbines for Micon, NEG Micon and Vestas.

John is currently the chief engineer at GE, based in Hamburg, Germany and is in charge of the company's 12MW wind turbine with a 220m rotor diameter.

The la Cour prize is awarded to a person who has made a significant contribution to the development and exploitation of wind power in Europe.



The la Cour Prize was given out 14 times between 1992 and 2014. The award does not include a financial gift, but the Poul la Cour Fonden was honored to present the 2019 winner with a decorated porcelain dish made by the Askov artist Sophus Ejler Jeppesen.

The Poul la Cour Fonden, which runs the Poul la Cour Museum in Askov, had regretted that presentation of the award had stopped, and consequently, initiated a dialogue about two years ago with WindEurope. As a result, WindEurope and the Poul la Cour Fonden entered a collaboration to resume the la Cour Prize and have agreed the prize will be awarded every two years.

WindEurope is the European wind turbine industry's umbrella organization, headquartered in Bruxelles, Belgium.

The Poul la Cour Fonden, which is responsible for the administrative part of the awards ceremony, joined with WindEurope to establish a four-person committee to select the winning candidate. The Poul la Cour Fonden and WindEurope each appointed two representatives to the committee.



There was an overwhelming interest in nominating the candidates for the award. The committee received 37 candidate proposals representing all of Europe. For the Poul la Cour Fonden, the award ceremony is an obvious opportunity to increase the knowledge of Poul la Cour's groundbreaking work utilizing wind power, which started 120 years ago in the same buildings that today include the Poul la Cour Museum in Askov.

The picture above shows 2019 prizewinner John T. Olesen, center, flanked by WindEurope CEO Giles Dickson to the right and Bjarke Thomassen, chairman of the Poul la Cour Fonden on the left.

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