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TWELVE STARS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AWARD
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WINNER 2014

To mark its 40th anniversary, the European Environmental Bureau is presenting four 'Twelve Stars for the Environment' Awards. The winners are outstanding individuals who in different ways have made an exceptional contribution to the cause of environmental sustainability in Europe.

The Awards will be presented on the occasion of the EEB 40th anniversary celebrations on 1 December 2014 at the BIP, Brussels.

The winners have been selected by the EEB Board following an open nomination process and recommendations for nominees from the EEB Twelve Star Award Committee consisting of the EEB President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary General.

Winner

Christer Ågren

AirClim, Air Pollution & Climate Secretariat

For his contribution to combatting air pollution in Europe



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Christer Ågren

Christer Ågren has dedicated his career to action on acid rain and air pollution.

As leader of the Swedish-based Air Pollution & Climate Secretariat - AirClim, formerly the Acid Rain Secretariat - Christer has for more than 30 years been extremely successful in stimulating, convincing and pressing European politicians and authorities towards far-reaching controls on atmospheric emissions in Europe. Christer has also, throughout that period, played a key role in raising awareness of air pollution issues throughout the European environmental movement, which in turn has enabled extensive outreach to the broader public.

Christer's strong commitment and engagement has contributed significantly to Europe's success in the control of air pollution, from the catastrophic situation in the 1980s to the present situation, with large improvements for health and ecosystems. His outstanding knowledge of acid rain and air pollution science and policy means he is highly respected among decision-makers as well as industrial polluters.

'Christer's enthusiasm and commitment continues unabated,' says EEB President Mikael Karlsson. 'His fight today for further extending EU laws against air pollution, the Clean Air Package, is as important as his fight in the 1980s for laws against acid rain. Christer is a champion among champions in the environmental movement.'

Highlights of Christer's outstanding environmental achievement:

- Since the 1980s, Christer closely followed the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP) as well as the corresponding processes within the EU, always advocating for stricter air pollution controls.

- Christer's long standing role as editor and key contributor to the journal Acid News has created high awareness of acid rain and air pollution among NGOs, politicians and industrial polluters: see <http://www.airclim.org/acidnews>. The broadening to climate issues has highlighted successful win-win strategies between the two policy areas.

- For more than three decades, Christer has been pivotal to building civil society opposition to acid rain and other air pollution problems in Europe, mobilising and mentoring successive generations of air pollution activists.

- Besides leading the NGO secretariat, Christer has also worked for both governments and the European Commission, thereby being able to move air pollution policy from inside.