

This year's Environmental Medicine Award of SEK 500 000 goes to:

**Britta Wahren, Professor, Department of Microbiology,
Tumor and Cell Biology, Karolinska Institutet and
Håkan Mellstedt, Professor, Department of Oncology-
Pathology, Karolinska Institutet.**

The Cancer and Allergy Foundation's Environmental Medicine Award is one of the largest research awards available in Sweden and is given each year to one or two prominent researchers in environment-related cancer and allergy research. This year's award ceremony takes place May 19th, 2014.

Britta Wahren has for many years worked at the Karolinska Institutet, Department of Microbiology, Tumor and Cell Biology, where she and her group are designing and trying out a vaccines against colo-rectal cancer. The group has shown experimentally that mainly antibodies but also the cellular immune system can destroy tumor cells expressing a specific protein, carcinoembryonic antigen, on the cell surface.

Håkan Mellstedt has a long career as an oncologist and researcher at the Radium Hospital, Department of Blood diseases. He manages a large and highly successful group of researchers on the subject. They are world leaders in knowledge and enforcement of, for example, indolent B-cell lymphoma.

The award winners, both medical doctors and PhDs, combine in an exemplary manner basic science with clinically applicable research. This combination has historically been essential for Sweden as a research nation. Today such a translational combination is unusual, and therefore the winners will act as important role models for young researchers.

- We are thus very pleased to have the privilege to award the prize to two such distinguished professors in cancer research in Sweden, says Lennart Sparell, Scientific advisor at the Cancer and Allergy Foundation.

For questions and more information about this year's winners, the award ceremony on May 19th or on the Environmental Medicine prize, please contact:

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