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## Progress in prophylactic dentistry research awarded

The 2010 **Yngve Ericsson Prize for Research in Preventive Odontology** has been awarded jointly to **Professor Jaime A. Cury**, Piracicaba, Brazil and **Professor Hannu Hausen**, Oulu, Finland. The Prize of 400 000 SEK ( $\approx$  42 000 €) is to be shared equally between the two recipients and will be awarded at the ORCA Congress in Montpellier.

**Jaime A. Cury** is Professor of Biochemistry and Cariology at the Piracicaba Dental School, University of Campinas, Brazil. Professor Cury has given valuable contributions to an increased understanding of the caries process, particularly to its prevention, through his research into the importance of different fluoride sources, and has devoted much of his efforts to studies on dental plaque (the cariogenic dental biofilm) as well. Dr. Cury has a persistent commitment to health-promoting research, among which could be mentioned a particular interest in the mechanisms of fluoride delivery systems responsible for the caries decline. His contribution to the scientific development in caries-related research, an important role in the establishment of caries-preventive policies, as well as his function as an opinion leader, have helped Brazil to experience a significant decrease in caries prevalence in the last decades.

**Hannu Hausen** is Professor in Community Dentistry at the Institute of Dentistry, University of Oulu, Finland. Professor Hausen is a recognized expert in the field of oral health promotion, who has devoted his efforts and research activities to promoting oral health especially among children and adolescents. With behavioral science as an important ingredient, Dr. Hausen has focused his research to the epidemiology and control of dental caries, and he has been one of the pioneers to strengthen the concept of a multisectorial and common risk factor approach. His most cited articles have shown that even intensive preventive activities provided in dental clinics do not improve the oral health of children with high caries risk, if they are applied in a context where no population-based oral health promotion takes place. Professor Hannu Hausen has a rare ability to identify and investigate important problems as well as to make use of the findings in society.

**The Yngve Ericsson Prize**, previously known as The Patent Revenue Fund's Prize for Research in Preventive Odontology, is awarded once every 3 years in acknowledgement of outstanding contributions to prevention of oral diseases. Established in 1963, **The Swedish Patent Revenue Fund for Research in Preventive Odontology** was originally founded on royalties from patents, primarily patents for addition of fluoride to

dentifrices to prevent or arrest dental caries. The Fund is the largest non-public granting source for dental research in Sweden through its continued support of research into prevention of dental and oral diseases.

The Prize awardees have been selected by a five-member Prize Committee appointed by the Patent Revenue Fund and ORCA - the European Organization for Caries Research. The Prize will be presented on July 8, 2010 at the ORCA Congress in Montpellier, France.

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