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COMMISSIONER BRUNNER AWARDED MELCHETT MEDAL

Guido Brunner, Commissioner of the European Community responsible for energy policy, has been awarded this year's Melchett Medal of the Institute of Fuel, the leading United Kingdom professional institute for fuel technologists.

The award is made annually "for outstanding work, whether in research, administration, construction, or other professional activity involving the scientific preparation or use of fuel, the results of which have recently been made available for the benefit of the community". It is the first time the Institute has honoured a Member of the European Commission.

Mr Brunner will receive the Medal at a ceremony in London on November 16. Afterwards the Commissioner will deliver the Institute's Melchett Lecture, the title of which will be: 'The Future for Energy in the European Community'.

The Medal was established by the Institute of Fuel's founder president, Lord Melchett of Landford (1868-1930), one of the foremost British industrialists of his day. Mr Brunner is the fifth German recipient of the Medal since the first award in 1930 to Dr Ing. Kurt Rummel, then one of Germany's leading experts in energy saving techniques.

Other recipients have included HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and persons distinguished in the energy field in Australia, the United States, France, India as well as the United Kingdom.