

# Tuskan Honored with Marcus Wallenberg Prize for Forestry Innovation

Dr. Gerald Tuskan, director of the Center for Bioenergy Innovation (CBI), has been awarded the prestigious Marcus Wallenberg Prize, the world's highest honor in the field of forestry, for his pioneering work in sequencing and analyzing the first tree genome. The Marcus Wallenberg Prize, often referred to as the “Nobel Prize of Forestry,” is awarded annually by the King of Sweden in recognition of groundbreaking scientific achievements that advance forestry and forest industries.

“Jerry is internationally recognized for his scientific leadership in this emerging field of biosciences,” said ORNL Director Stephen Streiffer. “He is highly deserving of this extraordinary honor.”

Reflecting on the award, Tuskan said, “I am deeply grateful to be counted among the distinguished recipients of the Marcus Wallenberg Prize. This recognition reflects the inspiration and collaboration I’ve been privileged to experience throughout my career. It is incredibly rewarding to see how sequencing the *Populus* genome has advanced scientific understanding and driven innovations aimed at building a better future.”

The Marcus Wallenberg Prize ceremony takes place each November in Stockholm, Sweden, and features a formal award presentation by the King of Sweden, along with tributes recognizing the laureate’s contributions. The event is typically accompanied by a scientific symposium and a gala dinner attended by leaders from academia, government, and industry. It draws international media attention and showcases groundbreaking achievements in forestry and forest industries.



**Jerry Tuskan, CBI Director**

