

**LAUDATIO  
EUBIA AWARD**

**Tord Fjällström  
President of EUBIA**

Ladies and Gentlemen! On behalf of EUBIA, the European Biomass Industry Association, I am glad to announce that the first EUBIA Award will go to Mr. Isaias de Carvalho Macedo for his fantastic work in the bioethanol field. Mr. Macedo is working in Copersucar Cooperative. This cooperative is a private sugar mills and ethanol distilleries cooperative in Brazil. They produce 3.2 billion litre ethanol per year, that is more than 20% of the Brazilian production of ethanol. Centro de Tecnologia Copersucar was established in 1930. This centre has been responsible for an important programme for the development of ethanol production and bio-utilisation in the Brazilian sugarcane agri- industry. For this purpose it has been used as a joint

programme with a large number of Brazilian research and development institutions and universities with strong co-operation in many other countries. The Brazilian ethanol programme was started in 1975 in order to reduce import of oil. Promotion policies were used in the first year, but today there are no stake privilegation and subsidies for the sugarcane sector. Today more 3.5 million vehicles are running on pure ethanol in Brazil. In this 25 year period many technology improvements have been made, leading to increasing sugar cane per hectare, increasing the content of sugar cane and also the conversion from sugar to ethanol. So please Mr. Macedo: the first EUBIA Award is yours!

**EUBIA AWARD WINNER**

**Isaias de Carvalho Macedo  
Copersucar**

Good morning! On behalf of Copersucar I would be very pleased to say that receiving this award is a very great honour for Copersucar, and we are surprised and also very grateful to EUBIA for having chosen us. It is our understanding that this award is not given to Copersucar alone, it is also given to the thousands of groups which have been involved with us in the last 15 years. Those groups were universities, research centres, technology

centres, enterprises, equipment developers, equipment manufacturers both in Brasil and also in many other countries. It is also our understanding that this award far beyond Copersucar is being given to the 250 sugar-to-ethanol distilleries in Brasil and to their nearly 50,000 sugar can growers and suppliers. So if I could speak on behalf of all of them, I would say: Thank you very much!