

Honorary prize awarded to Lars Ellbring for his dedication to Swedish youth tennis

The 2013 Gunnar Rylander Honorary Prize for the year's voluntary leader within Swedish youth tennis has been awarded to Lars Ellbring, Tabergsdalen Tennis Club. The prize, sponsored by Catella, will be presented today on the centre court in Båstad during the Skistar Swedish Open.

The prize is awarded to a person who, over a long period of time, has worked for, and made extraordinary efforts to promote and develop, Swedish youth tennis. The prize, worth SEK 50,000, goes to the prize-winner's tennis club in support of the club's youth activities.

The jury's award citation is worded as follows: "For a long time, and with extraordinary efforts, Lars has promoted development at Tabergsdalen Tennis Club and thus for Swedish tennis. Selflessly, and with great dedication, Lars has created opportunities for young and old to pursue their tennis, including through the development of the club's competitions. With his positive and pleasant manner, Lars is an outstanding role model for voluntary work at a lively club."

The jury consisted of: Gunnar Rylander, founder of Catella; Ulf Dahlström, General Secretary, Swedish Tennis Association; Magnus Norman, Sports Manager, Good to Great; and John-Anders Sjögren, former Davis Cup Captain.

Catella Fonder develops Swedish women's tennis through Team Catella. Currently Team Catella consists of the players Rebecca Peterson, Jacqueline Cabaj Awad and Malin Ulvefeldt. The aim is to build the foundation for ensuring that three new female tennis players can break into the top-50 players in the world. Catella is thus continuing its long commitment to Swedish tennis. The team is developed in collaboration with the Good to Great Tennis Academy.

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