

ENEL AWARDS SCHOOL PRIZES FOR ERGAGIA 2003

The technical institutes of Tempio Pausania (Ss), Napoli, Pomarance (Pi) and the art school of Omegna (Vb) are the winners in the third edition of the contest promoted by Enel to increase the awareness of renewable energy among young people.

Rome, May 27, 2003 – Three projects to improve the production of renewable energy devised by students at the upper highschool level, and one special mention, were selected from 15 proposals and will be realized by Enel. The winners come from Sardinia, Campania, Tuscany and Piedmont and were presented Ergagia 2003 awards today at the Enel Auditorium. Presiding at the ceremony were Antonino Craparotta, the director of Enel's Generation and Energy Management division; Emilio Brogi, representing the Environment Ministry and; Francesco Vaccaro, the adviser for youth policy at the Education Ministry.

Ergagia, which involved 350 students from all over Italy, is an Enel project for young people in the final two years of highschool aimed at raising their awareness of renewable energy sources and their ever growing role in the production of electricity.

As a result of this initiative, the students are given the opportunity to apply knowledge acquired through their studies and 'become' managers involved in the energy sector, proposing solutions to specific problems identified together with an Enel tutor who supported them through the entire exercise.

A committee made up of Enel managers, headmasters and school representatives evaluated the work presented by the participating schools and elected the best project in each of the contest's 3 categories: **Environment; Efficiency; Innovation**.

The year the prestigious award went to:

- **Environment Category** - **Istituto Tecnico Commerciale "Don Gavino Pes"** of Tempio Pausania (Sassari), for the botanical garden project located within the grounds of the wind farm at Alta Nurra. This would also be integrated into the plant's educational programme.
- **Efficiency Category** - **ITIS "Marie Curie"** of Naples, for its the project for the modification of the lubrication and cooling plant for the suspension cushions inside the functioning alternator groups of the Suio power plant.
- **Innovation Category**: **Istituto Tecnico Industriale "Santucci"** of Pomarance (Pisa), for its project for the revamping of the Bollino Verde web site.

A **Special Prize** was awarded to the **Liceo artistico of Omegna** (Verbania), for its project for the restructuring of the hydroelectric plant at Brolo, on lake Orta.

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Enel is the world leader in the production of electricity from renewable sources, with over 16,000 MW of installed capacity in Italy, Spain, North America and Latin America, and a total production of over 24 billion kWh. Enel will invest 1 billion euro from now until 2005 to increase its capacity in hydroelectric, wind, geothermal and biomass production by 900 MW. In 2002, Enel was voted Business Week's global renewable energy company of the year.

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