Robert Jönsson Receives the SFPE
2012 John L. Bryan Mentoring Award

Savannah, Georgia – October 15, 2012 – At its Annual Awards Luncheon, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) presented Robert Jönsson, FSFPE with its 2012 John L. Bryan Mentoring Award. Jönsson is head of the Department of Fire Safety Engineering and Systems Safety at Sweden’s Lund University.

The award is named after John L. Bryan who established the University of Maryland Department of Fire Protection Engineering and served as the as the Department Chair from its establishment in 1956 until his retirement in 1993. The award is given for recognition of commitment to mentoring that enhances the practice of fire protection engineering.

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In 2001 the Fire Safety Engineering Program at Lund University celebrated its 25th anniversary. During this period, over 700 students graduated from the Lund program. This includes graduates at the Bachelors, Masters and PhD. Level.

“This significant anniversary would not have happened without the leadership of Robert Jönsson,” said SFPE Engineering Program Manager Chris Jelenewicz. “Under Robert’s leadership, the Fire Protection Program at Lund has garnished a reputation not only throughout Sweden but globally as one of the top fire safety engineering institutions in the world.”

Jönsson also played an instrumental role in starting the International Master in Fire Safety Engineering. This program that is already into its second successful year was organized by Ghent University (Belgium), Lund University (Sweden) and the University of Edinburgh (UK). It will give students throughout the world the opportunity to study fire safety engineering.

About Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Organized in 1950, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) is the professional organization that represents engineers engaged in fire protection worldwide. Through its membership of over 5,000 professionals and 65 international chapters, SFPE advances the science and practice of fire protection engineering while maintaining a high ethical standard. SFPE and its members serve to make the world a safer place by reducing the burden of unwanted fire through the application of science and technology.

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