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Autoliv employee receives U.S. Government Award for Safety Engineering Excellence

(Stockholm – June 4, 2013) – – Dr. Rikard Fredriksson, Director of Biomechanics and Restraints at Autoliv Research in Vårgårda, Sweden, has received a U.S, Government Award for Safety Engineering Excellence. The prestigious award was handed to Dr. Fredriksson by Mr. David L. Strickland, administrator at the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, (NHTSA) during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference for Enhanced Safety of Vehicles in Seoul, South Korea.

Rikard Fredriksson has worked in the field of pedestrian protection since 1998, and received the award "in recognition of and appreciation for exceptional scientific contributions in the field of motor vehicle safety engineering and for distinguished service to the motoring public".

The research performed by Rikard Fredriksson in the area of pedestrian protection has been pioneering and of great value. It has resulted in new innovative safety systems, which have the potential to considerably contribute to the enhancement of safety of vulnerable road users. Rikard Fredriksson is today a well-known researcher and authority in this field.

Dr. Fredriksson's doctoral thesis from 2011 has the title "Priorities and Potential of Pedestrian Protection". Already at the ESV conference in 2001 Rikard Fredriksson presented the potential of a pedestrian protection system with lifting of a car's hood to decrease the risk of head injury. At the Frankfurt Motor Show the same year a supplementary system with external A-pillar airbags was shown. This early work paved the way for the hood lifting system first introduced by Jaguar in 2005 and the pedestrian protection airbag introduced by Volvo Cars in the new V40 model in 2012.

Today his work focuses on integrating passive and active safety systems for pedestrian protection, and includes cyclists in addition to pedestrians, both areas that have the potential to significantly enhance the safety for vulnerable road users.

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