

# Scientists Higgs, Englert given Spanish awards

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Spain's Crown Prince Felipe, left, and Princess Letizia Ortiz, center, shake hands with Britain's Peter Higgs, right, during a ceremony in Oviedo, northern Spain, Friday Oct. 25, 2013. Peter Higgs will receive the 2013 Prince of Asturias Award for Technical and Scientific Research during a ceremony on Friday evening. (AP Photo/Abraham Caro Marin)

Scientists Peter Higgs and Francois Englert, and the European CERN laboratory, have received Spain's Prince of Asturias awards from Prince Felipe at a ceremony in northern Spain.

Higgs, 84, has also won the Nobel Prize in physics with Francois Englert, 80, for helping explain how matter formed after the Big Bang, when scientists believe the universe as we see it began.

CERN, on the Franco-Swiss border, is where Higgs' theory about how [subatomic particles](#) get their mass was proven right by experiments using the Large Hadron Collider, the world's highest-energy particle accelerator.

Other prize recipients Friday included American photographer Annie Leibovitz, Spanish golfer Jose Maria Olazabal, Austrian film director and screenwriter Michael Haneke and Dutch-American sociologist Saskia Sassen.



Spain's Crown Prince Felipe and his wife Princess Letizia, center, pose with the Prince of Asturias award winners in Oviedo, northern Spain, Friday Oct. 25, 2013. Front row, left to right: Cristina Lucchese, François Englert, Peter Higgs, Saskia Sassen, Prince Felipe of Spain, Princess Letizia of Spain, Michael

Haneke, Antonio Munoz Molina, Annie Leibovitz and Jose Maria Olazabal, Peter Gruss, Soojin Ryu, . Top row, left to right, Cristina Lucchese, Rolf Heuer, Miguel Carballada, Soojin Ryu, Ali Shahmoradi, Damian Refojo and Matthias Weibenbacher. (AP Photo/Abraham Caro Marin)

The awards, created in 1981, are each worth 50,000 euros (\$69,000).

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