

International Lead Industry Award

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I have great pleasure in introducing a new and very prestigious award—the International Lead Industry Award—that is signified by a handsome medal made, appropriately enough, of lead. The award is bestowed upon a person for exceptional service to the lead industry as related to the production, processing, and/or the use of the metal. Examples include, but are not limited to: (i) promoting the increased use or awareness of lead; (ii) improving the image of lead; and (iii) encouraging individuals to excel in the lead and lead-related industries. As such, the award recognizes and honors above-average personal achievement.

It has been decided that the award will be made annually at either the European or Asian Battery Conferences, or at the International Lead Conference. The first recipient has been selected by the organizing committees of the European and Asian Battery Conferences. I am pleased that my organization, ILZRO, will be participating in future selections.

The recipient of the inaugural award clearly sets a high standard. He has spent nearly half-a-century in the lead industry. In 1956, he joined Lucas Batteries in Melbourne, Australia, to undertake research and development—they must have had very lax child-labor laws in Australia in those days! In 1982, when I first met him, he had joined the Australian Lead and Zinc Development Associations and was serving as the technical manager for battery and environmental issues. Then, when the associations were dissolved in 1989, he joined Pasminco as a Senior Technologist, and later as Product and Market Development Manager.

Perhaps, the greatest compliment I ever heard about our recipient was from a representative of a battery company in South Africa. I noticed that the company's plant was using Pasminco lead and I was curious as to why lead was being imported from Australia. They said it was because of the technical service and expertise provided by our recipient.

Finally, before introducing him, I would like also to acknowledge the service he has provided not only to his company, but to the industry as a whole. His expertise, good sense and keen perception are traits that have served him well and made him such a valuable asset to all who have known him. He is a dinky-di Aussie, but to the lead industry, he is a citizen of the world. It gives me great pleasure to present the inaugural International Lead Industry Award to John Manders.



John Manders (left) receives the International Lead Industry Award from Dr. Jerry Cole.

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