

## International Lead Award

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David Prengaman of RSR Technologies, on behalf of the international lead community presented an International Lead Award to Dr. Jerome Cole, Past President of the International Lead Zinc Research Organization in recognition of his exceptional contributions to the lead industry through the management of research concerned with health and environmental aspects of lead and with the development of new applications, particularly in relation to batteries for hybrid electric vehicles and remote area power supply. The ILA Award is organised by LDA International and Zinifex (formerly Pasmenco) and is presented on an occasional basis in recognition of a person's exceptional contributions to the ongoing technical or commercial success of the lead industry.



Dr. Cole retired as President of the International Lead Zinc Research Organization, Inc. in 2004, after a long and distinguished career in the service of the lead and zinc industries. Over his 35 years with ILZRO, Dr. Cole gained considerable familiarity with the changing patterns of production and

consumption of lead and zinc, and their by-products, as well as with the technical, economic, environmental and political factors affecting the production and use of the metals.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy, followed by Master of Science and Doctor of Science degrees, all from the University of Cincinnati. Following a brief period of employment with Procter and Gamble Co. he joined ILZRO in 1969 as its Manager of Environmental Health. Through the years, Dr. Cole was given increasing responsibility within the organization, and was elected President in 1983. As President, he was responsible for the direction and administration of ILZRO, which under his leadership, remained at the forefront of providing the lead industry with the necessary tools to respond to the constant challenges confronting it.

His visionary guidance was largely responsible for the founding of the Advanced Lead Acid Battery Consortium in the early 1990s and hence for the enormous technical progress that has been made—and is continuing to be made—as a result of the lead–acid battery community working in concert.

In recent years, Dr. Cole's initiatives aimed at the development of remote area power supplies (RAPS) in Peru have born fruit as the village of Padre Cocha in the Loreto province has been provided with 24-h electricity for the first time. With the advantage of its success in view, it is to be expected that many more remote communities will obtain access to electricity and to the benefits of an improved standard of living. None of this would have been possible without the wisdom and energy with which Dr. Cole has led the RAPS initiative, and with which he has carried the industry's banner on environmental issues, without ever compromising his high standards of professional ethics.