

Mike Allen Awarded Perlite Institute's Lewis Lloyd Award



The Lewis Lloyd Award was first awarded in 1972 and has been given to 28 individuals since that time. Lewis Lloyd was the first Perlite Institute President to serve consecutive terms from 1952 to 1956 for the Institute and passed away shortly after his last term.

The Lewis Lloyd Award has not been awarded since 2004. The recipient became active in the Perlite Institute when his company joined in 1983. He served as a member and then Chairman of the European Ores Task Group, the HER Committee, the

Perlite Ores Furnacing Task Group, and the Perlite Institute International Group.

After two years of national service in the Army, our recipient spent 30 years working on R&D projects and then as a works chemist for British Gypsum. He became responsible for the performance of the perlite and vermiculite operations through the UK and the perlite mine in Sardinia.

As time went on, he became very interested in standards and helped develop the UK's Guidance Note for the exfoliation of vermiculite and the expansion of perlite. As he worked with standard-setting organizations, including CEN, he worked diligently to represent the interests of the perlite industry through the CEN-standard drafts and reported information back to the Perlite Institute Board and membership on a regular basis. He wrote numerous articles for the Perlite Institute on the CEN Standards and how they would impact the industry, and he worked very hard to protect the industry from any unfair standards.

Our recipient is married with three children and six grandchildren. He lives in a remote area of Lincolnshire. He spent 50 years with the Scout movement, first as a young boy and then as a leader. He is interested in outdoor and mountain activities and enjoys boating, painting and photography. Our recipient was nominated by Rudi van der Mark and is Dr. Michael Allen.

(The above words are a synopsis of the speech that was given by PI President Kathryn Louis at the recent PI Meeting in Paris; Kathryn is also a Director of The Vermiculite Association)

Mike Allen served for many years as the Secretary General of The Vermiculite Association and retired from this post at the end of 2010. Mike is still active in the vermiculite sector by way of European Standards work.

Picture: Mike Allen receives the award from Kathryn Louis