

HEAT PUMP CHAMPION

WINNER

Tony Bowen

The 2011 Heat Pump Champion award is given to **Tony Bowen**, in recognition of the remarkable contribution made by him over the past 25 years in promoting the UK heat pump industry.

Tony has worked within the UK heat pump industry since 1985 and has been involved in the widest possible range of applications during that time. These include not only the traditional use of heat pumps for heating, hot water, swimming pools and de-humidification applications throughout the world but also the bizarre, such as the drying of pigs ears to make dog treats, and of fish heads, a speciality of Nigeria.

Tony has been a pioneer of the use of heat pumps in housing association properties. He is an ambassador for heat pumps all over the world, representing the UK at the European Heat Pump Association and when a director at Calorex, he always loved travelling to meet his customers, although I'm told his appointments had to be fitted around the British sporting calendar, particularly Henley. Tony rowed for Trinity College, Dublin and still has a keen interest in the sport, as well as in sailing and skiing.

He has been associated with the Heat Pump Association for many years, and its President since 2002. Even though he has now retired from Calorex, he still spends an enormous amount of time working with the many government departments associated with heat pumps, even lobbying his local Member of Parliament to get heat pumps established in the UK as a major technology. Tony is a popular speaker at renewable energy conferences and will give his help freely to those who seek his advice or guidance. He once took a call from a heat pump installer asking 'where is the pilot light?'

Tony Bowen is widely known as a "true gentleman" and is a worthy recipient of the first Heat Pump Champion award.

Phil Creaney, Editor, Heat Pumps Today

