

EAPA NEWS

EAPA ASPHALT ADVOCATE 2020

The European Asphalt Pavement Association (EAPA) has announced that Malcolm Simms, Director of MPA Asphalt (Mineral Products Association), the UK Trade Association representing Asphalt producers and contractors, has been named as recipient of the "EAPA Asphalt Advocate of the Year" award, during its General Council Assembly meeting on 31 March 2020. As the GCA meeting was held online, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, it was not possible to make the award to Mr Simms in person.

EAPA Secretary General, Dr Carsten Karcher noted: "While it was not possible to physically present Malcolm with this award, it represents the recognition of EAPA's Executive Committee, Directors Group and Membership for his contribution to all of the activities, Committees, Work Groups and Task Forces within EAPA on behalf of the UK as MPA Asphalt, and ultimately to the benefit of EAPA over a number of years. Additionally, his strong commitment for the Asphalt Advantages campaign, which EAPA initiated together with Eurobitume, the European Association of Bitumen Producers, shall be honoured.

We hope to be able to make a proper presentation and full citation of recognition to Malcolm later in the year, when hopefully things will return to a more normal situation."

Responding, Malcolm stated: "It is indeed a great honour to receive this award (even virtually) from my colleagues, peers and friends at EAPA. In reality, I view my contributions as 'part and parcel of the day job' but hope that they have in some way helped build on the collaborative efforts to promote the essential nature, and benefits of, asphalt in road construction and maintenance.

I look forward to meeting up with the team at EAPA later this year, not just on a computer screen, to receive the award which I also accept on behalf of UK colleagues, MPA Members and industry partners, past and present, involved in promoting the practical, safe and sustainable use of asphalt."

Malcolm Simms started his professional career in 1992 and has held several roles in the construction and materials sector in the UK. In the year 2000 he joined MPA (then known as QPA) and is currently Director of MPA Asphalt. He is a long-time industry and UK representative for many national and international committees, including at BSI and CEN. In EAPA he is highly active in the Technical, Health, Safety & Environment Committees, the Board, and several Task Groups.



Malcolm Simms - EAPA Asphalt Advocate 2020