

Exceptional Contribution to Practical Arboriculture

This award is to acknowledge the service of individuals who have made a “substantial contribution to Practical Arboriculture”. These individuals have enabled the research to be applied correctly, safely, efficiently and in a financially viable manner. Through their contribution they benefit those arborists who work day-to-day managing, caring for, and removing trees.

Eligibility

To be eligible, contributions to practical arboriculture **should**:

- Be enduring
- Have proved itself for a period of not less than 12 months prior to nomination
- Make a perceivable change or improvement
- Be the works solely, principally, or equally of the recipient either in its development or application (When the contribution has been contributed to equally by two parties, or by a group of people, they may be jointly eligible for a single award.)
- Have international application (suitable for use in a number of countries) or must have a significant impact within the country in which the contribution was made
- Be current or it may have been a founding contribution that has occurred in the past

(Note: ISA membership is NOT required, but preferred.)

A contribution **impact one or more of these areas**:

- **Safety** – Equipment, processes, and training that improve safety are extremely important to our profession.
- **Education** – Education products or services that are provided directly to practitioners and contribute significantly to at least one other of these items.
- **Equipment tool design/and or use** – The design or use of any new tool or a piece of equipment should be directly related to practical arboriculture and not simply something that is borrowed from another industry unless its application or use is extremely innovative.
- **Efficiency/production** – Equipment, tools, and processes that enable work to be done more efficiently and productively often results in improved safety as well as improved financial reward for the profession.
- **Sustainability** – In today's environmental age, we need to think forward to innovations that improve the sustainability and environmental friendliness of our profession.
- **Quality of workmanship** – Things that allow us to perform our work at a higher standard must always be welcomed and encouraged.
- **Public or industry awareness** – Tools, equipment, education, and processes that enable the public and or the green industry to have a greater awareness or understanding of practical arboriculture.