

Robert Wilson
HFMA MAURICE HANSEN AWARD OF HONOUR

The Health Food Manufacturers' Association (HFMA) has announced Robert Wilson as the deserving winner of this year's Maurice Hansen Award of Honour, the industry's most prestigious annual award, at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 5th June 2018.

The natural health industry's greatest accolade has been awarded to Robert Wilson for his deep-rooted personal commitment to furthering complementary medicine within the industry.

Robert's career in the natural health industry has been a long and successful one, joining the family company, Nelsons, in 1987 after graduating from Trinity College, Dublin. Beginning in marketing, he became Managing Director in 1991, before assuming Chairmanship of the company in 2000.

As well his 'day job' at one of the most successful natural health companies in the industry, Robert is Chairman of the BAHM - the British Association of Homeopathic Manufacturers - and is a passionate advocate of complementary medicine and Natural Healthcare. He takes on many active roles across the natural healthcare industry, and has worked with numerous trade bodies and associations, both in the UK and around the world.



(Robert Wilson receiving the award via video link from Penny Viner, HFMA Vice-President)

Outside of the industry, Robert is very actively involved in many projects. He is Chairman of the Barcapel Foundation, which has been supporting charitable works and endeavours in Scotland and beyond for over 40 years, as part of an extensive charitable-giving programme. He has also recently been appointed Chair of Creative Scotland, the development body for the arts and creative industries in Scotland.

Commenting on his award, Robert said, “This is truly an honour, to be recognised with this prestigious award, and a total surprise. I have such a love and dedication for this great industry, and to be able to feel like you are truly making a difference to people’s lives, and being recognised for that difference, is a real honour. The HFMA does a brilliant job at protecting the interests of this sector and I look forward to working alongside the association to represent and celebrate this great industry for many more years to come.”

Robert Taylor, HFMA Chair commented “Robert’s passion and dedication for our great industry stretches over many years, but that drive and determination has never waned. Robert’s knowledge and experience of the sector is extensive and he has a deep-rooted personal commitment to furthering complementary medicine, which reaches far beyond his role at BAHM and Nelsons. The award is a sign of our immense gratitude for the work he has done to push our industry forward, and we look forward to working with him in the future.”

The HFMA - the voice of the UK’s natural health industry since 1965 - represents around 120 manufacturers and suppliers of natural health products and founded the HFMA Award of Honour in 1995, when it was presented to Dame Barbara Cartland.

In 2005, the award was renamed to the HFMA Maurice Hanssen Award of Honour in memory of Maurice, who received the award in 2001. Other past winners include Professor Arnold Beckett, Eamonn Regan, Ian Martin, Roger Lane, Colin Tophill, Keith Pollitt, Kell Sainsbury, Ray Hill, Penny Viner, Brian McLoughlin, Sue Croft, Derek Shrimpton, Jan De Vries, Rand Skolnick, Professor David Richardson, Dr Kartar Lavani OBE and last year’s winner, Lisa Bradley.

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The HFMA

The Health Food Manufacturers’ Association (HFMA) is the voice of the UK’s natural health industry and represents more than 125 manufacturers and suppliers of natural health products. Founded in 1965, the HFMA is a not-for-profit organisation which operates long-standing codes of practice to ensure that member companies adhere to high standards and offer good quality, safe products supported by responsible, lawful information.

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