



Meritorious Service Award

Presented to

PETER BERGEN

Dr. Bergen has been a member of the Society since 1958 and has served on the Awards Committee as a member and as its chairman and has served on the board of directors representing Canada. He has authored or co-authored 17 papers presented at biennial meetings and has published in the ASSBT Journal. He is widely recognized as a research agronomist both in Canada and the United States. He served for 10 years as a director of the Beet Sugar Development Foundation. After graduating with a B.S. in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1956 he commenced employment with Alberta Sugar Company, returning to the same university to complete his M.S. in 1957. After a second period of educational leave he obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta in 1963. From 1956 to 1968 he was the plant breeder for the Alberta Sugar Company, at Taber, Alberta, becoming the Supervisor of Agricultural Research in 1968 and Chief Research Agriculturist in 1975. When no sugarbeet crop was planted in Alberta in 1985 he chose to accept a short-term research appointment with Agriculture Canada at its Research Station in nearby Lethbridge, Alberta.



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ROLAND F. OLSON

Roland Olson has been a member of the Society since 1954, during which time he has authored or co-authored twenty papers presented at the society's biennial meetings. He has served as a member and chairman of the awards committee. In 1972 he was appointed a charter instructor of the Beet Sugar Institute, which is conducted by the Beet Sugar Development Foundation annually on the campus of Colorado State University. He has continued this assignment for 15 years. Following three years of service in the army, he attended college, graduating from the University of Idaho in 1951 with an MS in Chemistry. The Federal Government was his first employer, and in 1953 he joined American Crystal Sugar Company as a research chemist. In 1964 he was assigned to the operating department during the latter phase of construction and the first five years of operation of the Drayton, North Dakota factory. He transferred to the corporate office in 1973 and held various positions in the operating department, culminating in the position of Assistant General Superintendent. As the new research center was activated, he transferred to the research department as Senior Research Specialist and is now the manager of Process Research and Development.



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EARL G. RUPPEL

Dr. Ruppel has been a member of the Society since 1965, serving as a member and chairman of the bylaws committee, as program chairman for entomology and plant pathology, several times as session leader for entomology and plant pathology, and a reviewer for the ASSBT Journal. He initiated and twice chaired the Sugarbeet Pathology Forum held at ASSBT meetings. He has authored or co-authored 19 papers presented at ASSBT meetings, 12 of which have been published in the ASSBT Journal. Following his graduation from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1958, he accepted a research assistantship in plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning a Ph.D. in 1962. In 1963, he became a plant pathologist for the USDA in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. In 1965, he transferred to Mesa, Arizona, and in 1969, came to Fort Collins, Colorado. He has contributed new knowledge on the epidemiology of Rhizoctonia Root Rot and Cercospora Leaf Spot, and spearheaded the initial research on the epidemiology of powdery mildew in sugarbeet in the U.S.A. He is a faculty affiliate and full member of the graduate faculty, Department of Plant Pathology and Weed Science, Colorado State University, serving as a major professor and research advisor for M.S. and Ph.D. candidates.



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EDWARD F. SULLIVAN

Dr. Sullivan has been a member of the society since 1962 and has served as a member and chairman of the awards committee, chairman of the agronomy section and has published numerous papers on the chemical control of weeds in sugarbeets. He has been considered by the industry as one of the foremost authorities on weed control in sugarbeets. Ed was raised on a home farm and graduated in 1939 from Scarborough High School. In 1941, he graduated from the CAA Civilian Pilot Training Program and from 1942-46 served in the Army Air Corps as a ground school instructor. He received a B.S. degree in agronomy in 1949 from the University of Maine; and while working as a research assistant at Cornell University, he received a master's degree in Agriculture (1951) and a Ph.D. degree (1953). Dr. Sullivan was employed as assistant agronomist at Southern Illinois University and Pennsylvania State University then in 1961 as agronomist, senior agronomist, and manager of crop protection at the Agricultural Research Center of the Great Western Sugar Company. He retired in 1984. During college years, Ed was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi and Alpha Zeta. He is a founding member of the Plant Growth Regulator Society of America and served as business manager for seven years.

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