

AWARDS

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of the ASSBT and IIRB

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Honorary Membership

Dr. Jim N. Widner

Jim began his career in sugar beet in 1968 with Great Western Sugar Company as a plant breeder. In 1983, he moved to Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative as Vice President of Agriculture. He retired in 2002. Jim has been a member of ASSBT since 1968. During his years in the industry, Jim has served on the Board of Directors of the ASSBT and as Vice President and President. Jim is currently serving as Co-General Program Chairman for the 2003 joint meeting of the IIRB/ASSBT. He has participated in numerous IIRB meetings.

In Jim's capacity as Vice President of SMBSC, he has served on the Board of Directors of the BSDF, and as Vice President and President. He has taught various courses in the McGinnis Institute of Beet Sugar Technology.

Dr. Susan S. Martin

Sue began her sugarbeet career in 1974 when she was hired by the USDA-ARS as a plant physiologist in Ft. Collins, CO. The position she held until her retirement in 2002. Sue's career was one of outstanding service, excellent research, and continued transfer of knowledge to the beet sugar industry. Sue's research focused on the biochemical changes in the sugar beet root during storage, host-pathogen interaction during the *Cercospora* leaf spot infection process and development of the chemistry to change the clarification process of tare samples from a lead-based to an aluminum-based chemistry. During her career, Sue taught the basics of beet physiology to numerous classes and grower groups.

Sue has been a member of the ASSBT since 1974. She has given numerous papers and served on many committees. In 1993 she was elected Vice President and in 1995 was elected President.

Dr. Alan Dexter

Alan joined the sugarbeet industry in 1969 after receiving his PhD. from the University of Illinois. In that year, he accepted a joint appointment between North Dakota State University and the University of Minnesota, as Extension Sugarbeet and Weed Control Specialist. Dr.

Dexter has been a member of a vital team of sugarbeet researchers that have served, not only the Red River Valley, but the industry as a whole.

Dr. Dexter has been a member of the ASSBT since 1969 and has given many papers. He has organized and led weed forum at several meetings. He has served on the publications committee, and has been Editor of the Journal of Sugar Beet Research since 1995. He will be retiring from that post as of this meeting, and will be replaced as Editor by Dr. Larry Campbell. He has served on the Board of Directors, and was Vice President in 1989 and President in 1991. Dr. Dexter is also a member of the Weed Science Society of America, the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology and the North Central Weed Science Society.

Meritorious Service Award

Dr. Joseph F. Giles

Dr. Giles received his Ph.D. from Colorado State University in 1974. He then spent 4 years as Research Manager/Assistant Professor at South Dakota State University. In 1983 he joined North Dakota State University in the Soils Department. He has presented numerous papers at various scientific meetings, including the ASSBT. He has also published many articles in scientific journals, again, including the Journal of Sugar Beet Research. One of his major objectives is to develop tillage methods and soil management systems that prevent or alleviate soil physical problems that are detrimental to plant growth. Joe has been instrumental in developing the Sugarbeet Research and Education Board of Minnesota and North Dakota website www.sbreb.org. This site displays all papers published in the annual Sugarbeet Research and Extension Reports since 1969. Joe has been a member of the ASSBT since 1979. He is also a member of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America.

Dr. Robert Wilson

Dr. Wilson received his Ph.D. from Washington State University in 1975. He immediately accepted a position with the University of Nebraska. This position focuses on the development of integrated weed control programs for sugarbeet, dry beans, corn, alfalfa, chicory, selected horticultural crops and rangeland. He is currently Professor at the University of Nebraska, Panhandle Research and Extension Center in

Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Bob has authored or co-authored over 90 scientific publications, with over 20% being published in the Journal of Sugar Beet Research. He has been an active member of the ASSBT for many years. Bob has been an Associate Editor for the Journal of Sugar Beet Research since 1996. Most recently he has served as Technical Editor for the Sugarbeet Production Guide, published by the University of Nebraska in cooperation with the Central High Plains Dry Bean and Sugar Beet Group, including Colorado State University, Montana State University, the University of Wyoming and the USDA-ARS.

Dr. Arthur Quinn

Dr. Quinn received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1973. He began his career with Frito-Lay Inc. working with potatoes. He soon joined the Sugar Beet Research Department of Great Western Sugar Company as a sugar beet breeder. He was with Great Western for 5 years. In 1980, he joined Betaseed as a sugar beet breeder, and has advanced to Director of Research – East, a position he currently holds. During his 22 years with Betaseed, Art has been instrumental in releasing more than 200 sugarbeet varieties for production in North America. Dr. Quinn has been very active with growers, helping them evaluate variety characteristics and selecting the best varieties for their farms. Dr. Quinn has been a member of the ASSBT throughout his sugarbeet career. He has authored and co-authored many scientific papers and posters at ASSBT meetings. He has served on various committees, and is probably best recognized for his outstanding leadership of many forums at ASSBT meetings.

Forty-Year Veterans

The following persons have completed forty years of service to the Beet Sugar Industry.

Hans Schweiren, Retired, Monitor Sugar Company

Gary Fischer, Retired, American Crystal Sugar Company

Russell Steen, Retired, American Crystal Sugar Company

John Wyett, Factory Superintendent, Michigan Sugar Company

Wesley Thomas, Warehouse Supervisor, Michigan Sugar Company

Roger W. Hill, Retired, Holly Sugar Corporation