

AWARDS

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Allan Wayne Cattanach, Ph.D
Savitsky Memorial Award
American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists, 2015

Dr. Cattanach was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin in 1946. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1968, his Master of Science degree from North Dakota State University, Fargo in 1972 and his Ph.D from the University of Minnesota, Saint Paul in 1981.



Dr. Cattanach served in the United States Army from 1969 -1970 in Stuttgart, West Germany. From 1971 to 1972 he was Assistant Pembina County Agent in Cavalier, North Dakota. Following that he was Renville County Extension Agent from 1973 to 1975.

In 1975 he accepted the position as Extension Sugarbeet Specialist, a joint appointment at North Dakota State University and the University of Minnesota, a position he held until 1998. At that time Dr. Cattanach accepted the position of General Agronomist for American Crystal Sugar Company, a position he held until retiring in 2014.

Throughout his career, Dr. Cattanach has been very active in various industry organizations. He has been a long-time member of the American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists, having served as Vice President and President, along with many committee chairmanships and section and session leader roles. Dr. Cattanach is a long-time member of the International Institute for Beet Research and has attended several IIRB meeting in Europe. Dr. Cattanach also served on the Board of Directors of the Beet Sugar Development Foundation, having served as Vice President and President. On a local level, Dr. Cattanach has served on the Sugarbeet Research and Education Board of Minnesota and North Dakota and on the International Sugarbeet Institute Committee.

Dr. Cattanach has served the North American Sugar Beet Industry faithfully and diligently over these many years. He is also recognized as an expert in the field of sugar beet production worldwide. Even now after retirement, Dr. Cattanach continues to be active as a consultant to many groups.

The American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists is honored to present the Savitsky Memorial Award to Dr. Allan Cattanach.

Dr. Cattanach and his wife Nancy continue to live in Fargo, ND.

Meritorious Awards

Dr. Mohamed F. R. Khan: Mohamed Khan has been awarded the Meritorious Service Award at the 2015 ASSBT meeting. He has been exceptional in leading the educational program for sugar beet growers in North America. His leadership has provided sugar beet growers with the knowledge they need to be successful and improve not only their individual operations but also the cooperatives they represent. His work with fungicides to control *Cercospera* leaf spot has been duly recognized by the industry as well as his stellar work on *Rhizoctonia* control measures. Mohamed has demonstrated the ability to work with and coordinate the many different interests in the industry and has been recognized by many organizations for his significant contributions to the sugar beet industry.

Dr. J. Mitchell McGrath: Mitch McGrath has been recognized as the leader of a program of “Breeding Selection and Molecular Characterization for Improved Sugar Beet Germplasm” in the ARS Sugar Beet and Bean Research Unit in East Lansing, Michigan. For this, he has been recognized at the ASSBT 2015 meeting with the Meritorious Service Award. He has conducted plant genetic research for 29 years, and has consistently demonstrated a willingness to accept challenging research problems and increased responsibilities. Dr. McGrath has been recognized internationally for his contributions from a wide array of plant species, mostly agricultural, and has exploited each of these as a model of one or more important biological processes that occur predominantly in plants. His experience and perspective is shown through repeated invitations to serve on national and regional grant review panels.

Lee Hubbell: Lee Hubbell has been widely recognized for his dedication and contributions to both the Great Lakes and the North American sugar beet industry. His work with the improvement of sugar beet varieties through management of Official Variety Trials and his significant knowledge and dedication in providing support to research efforts have earned Lee the Meritorious Service Award at the 2015 ASSBT meeting. He has contributed significantly to improvements in seed quality and performance, as well as disease and pest management.

Honorary Memberships

Klaas van der Woude: Klaas has provided outstanding leadership to the North American SES VanderHave team of scientists and marketing staff. He has been associated with the sugar beet industry for 18 years and was appointed Research Director of Sugar Beet seed in 1997. He was closely involved with the successful introduction of Rhizomania tolerant varieties in North America. Klaas has always maintained a very professional demeanor and is a highly respected member of the Society. For this, he has been recognized with an Honorary Membership at the 2015 ASSBT meeting.

J. Kent Wimmer: Kent has continually fulfilled the Society's mission statement by promoting the sugar beet culture as well as supporting the scientific basis of the research from various researchers in North America. He has served in various positions with the ASSBT and has always led with a high degree of ethics, honesty and integrity. For these reasons, Kent has been honored with an Honorary Membership to the Society.

John Schorr: John established himself as one of the top and most respected agricultural fieldsmen soon after joining the Amalgamated Sugar Company. His leadership capabilities have been clearly demonstrated as a facilitator in meetings, especially when the discussion centered on controversial topics. He has the ability to defuse during tense situations and has been duly recognized for his leadership qualities. John recognizes the importance of conducting oneself as a professional, whether it is as a crop consultant, agricultural staff manager or Vice-President of Agriculture Operations. For these reasons, John truly deserves to be recognized as an Honorary Member of the Society.

Vic Jaro: Vic has made significant contributions to the success of the Amalgamated Sugar Company and to the North American sugar industry as a whole. He has led several industry initiatives, some of which include many diverse stakeholder groups. In addition, his contributions to the development of the Society have been noteworthy. An Honorary Membership is fully deserved by Vic Jaro.

Doug Emek: Doug has been involved in all aspects of sugar beet production and processing in southern Alberta during his career. He is respected for his understanding of both agricultural production and factory processing of sugar beets. He was instrumental in setting up a tare laboratory and implementing a quality payment system for sugar beets in Alberta. Through his support and leadership the Alberta sugar beet industry has continued through economic downturns as well as agricultural changes that have brought sugar beet production and quality to very high levels. An Honorary Membership is fully deserved by Doug.

40-Year Award

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