

Distinguished Service Award

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Recognizing exceptional or special activity by an ASP member, beyond the typical membership responsibilities.



The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual for “exceptional or special activity by an ASP member, beyond the typical membership responsibilities,” according to Dr. Katrine A. Stewart, Chair of the ASP Awards Committee who made the presentation to Dr. Taber.

Dr. Henry Taber

Dr. Henry Taber received his Ph.D. at Purdue in 1972, and is currently a professor in the Department of Horticulture at Iowa State University where has served for the past 29 years. He teaches plant nutrition and his research with vegetables has dealt primarily with nutrition, drip irrigation and use of plastic mulches and low tunnels to obtain earlier maturity and improve yields of warm season crops.

Dr. Taber has been an ASP Board member and officer of the organization, moving up the leadership track to become president for 2005 and 2006. He has also been a long-standing member and contributor to ASP, having published several articles in the Proceedings, moderated paper sessions at National Agricultural Plastics congresses, and served on numerous committees in the Society.

In 1997-98, Dr. Taber served as the Editor for the Proceedings, an arduous task given the more than 70 papers included in the 27th Proceedings. He also served as Congress Chair for the 32nd Congress, again taking responsibility for assimilating the papers and facilitating the planning of the event.

He has also advanced the status of plasticulture through his affiliations with the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS), North American Farmers Direct Marketing Association, and American Society for Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America (SSSA).

His dedication to the American Society for Plasticulture and his willingness to invest time, expertise, and enthusiasm in the Society make us grateful and happy to present him with the Distinguished Service award at this Congress.