

ARS SCIENCE HALL OF FAME AWARDS PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Agricultural Research Service is one of the most important and highly regarded research organizations in the world. This is largely due to the accomplishments, stature, credibility, commitment, and influence of the scientists who work or have worked for ARS. This prestigious program honors those scientists whose extraordinary personal contributions have helped shape the history, culture, science record, and public perception of ARS, and have helped advance U.S. agriculture.

More specifically, this program recognizes outstanding ARS scientists who, through their research, have made widely recognized impact on food and agriculture and who serve or have served as role models for other scientists. Scientists of this stature have made extraordinary career accomplishments that have paved the way for further research in an area of agricultural science and/or have significantly influenced the development of science-based agriculture programs and policy, nationally and/or internationally.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations may be made of former ARS scientists who retired or left the agency in 1998 or later. Current employees must be retirement eligible. A nomination may not be submitted more than twice in three consecutive years. ARS scientists that have also served in program leadership and executive positions may be nominated based upon their personal science contributions and scientific stature. Scientists who are deceased may be nominated and recognized posthumously. Team nominations will not be accepted.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominations must address the following criteria:

Impact on Agriculture - by developing a solution to a significant agricultural problem through research.

Impact on Research – science accomplishments and stature that continue to impact the agricultural research community and/or influence the development of science-based agriculture policy.

Recognition to ARS - achievements that have brought major recognition and credibility to ARS and/or USDA.

National and/or International Recognition - by his/her peers in the scientific community.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

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Any ARS employee may submit a nomination of a scientist. Nominations must fully support the accomplishments, achievements, and impact of the scientist. Letters of reference will not be accepted. The nomination format is attached.

Nominations must be forwarded through the appropriate Area Office or the Associate Administrator, Research Programs, for purposes of establishing eligibility, and ensuring completeness of supporting documentation, prior to submitting to the Human Resources Division. Nominations are due to the Human Resources Division by May 30. Each Area may submit no more than three nominations.

The Administrator will appoint a diverse selection committee composed of at least five subject matter experts from the following categories to evaluate the nominations and make a recommendation. All selections are approved by the Administrator.

1. Member from the Office of the Secretary's Staff
2. Agency Administrator within USDA
3. Deputy Administrator, NPS
4. ARS science manager
5. Senior scientist from the academic community
6. Current ARS Distinguished Scientist of the Year
7. Member of the ARS Hall of Fame
8. Senior scientist from the private sector
9. Retired ARS scientist/manager

NATURE OF RECOGNITION

The award recipients will be recognized at the annual ARS Science Hall of Fame Program in September. Each winner will be presented a plaque commemorating the award, and a dinner and ceremony will be held in their honor. An additional plaque and an audio-taped interview with each recipient will be added to the Hall of Fame display at the ARS National Visitor Center in Beltsville, Maryland.

2008 ARS Science Hall of Fame Nomination Form

(If deceased, list closest living relative)

NAME OF NOMINEE: *(as wanted on the plaque)*

TITLE: *(List present or last position held with ARS and year of retirement, if applicable)*

ADDRESS: *(Area/Management Unit/Location if applicable)*

TELEPHONE: *(include area code)*

FAX:

E-MAIL:

PREVIOUS AWARDS:

CITATION: *(not more than 25 words)*

JUSTIFICATION: *(The justification must specifically address each of the selection criteria and should fully support scientific accomplishments, achievements, and impact. Limit of no more than 3 pages with no less than 11 point font, standard spacing, and at least .9 inch margins.)*

1) Impact on Agriculture 2) Impact on Research 3) Recognition to ARS 4) National and/or International Recognition

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

NOMINATOR'S NAME:

NOMINATOR'S TITLE:

NOMINATOR'S ADDRESS: *(include Area/Management Unit/Location)*

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR:

DATE:

NOMINATOR'S TELEPHONE: *(include area code)*

FAX:

E-MAIL:

NAME OF AREA DIRECTOR :

SIGNATURE OF AREA DIRECTOR: