

Plant Materials Awards presented February 2004

Outstanding Employee Award - Awarded to the PM employee who has demonstrated excellent leadership and skill in contributing to the PM Program over the past year.

Outstanding Employee Award for 2002 – Larry Holzworth, Plant Materials Specialist, MT

Larry is recognized for his efforts in 2002 to promote sound plant materials technology throughout Montana and Wyoming through his field planting program and interaction with field staff. His continued efforts with the Inner Mongolia germplasm exchange project have fostered long-term international relationships.

Outstanding Employee Award for 2003 – Dan Ogle, Plant Materials Specialist, ID

Dan is recognized in 2003 for his outstanding leadership coordinating plant materials activities in the Intermountain West. He manages an aggressive field planting and conservation field trial program in Idaho and Utah, and does an excellent job with technology transfer through his publications and interactions with others.

Outstanding Team Award - Awarded in recognition of the best overall performance by a plant materials team and associated program over the past year

Outstanding Team Award for 2002 – National Plant Materials Center, Beltsville, MD (Kathleen Davis, Gerry DeLeon, Dan Dusty, John Englert, Breyanna Harrison, Brandy King, Jennifer Kujawski, Adrian McClyde, Emma Todd, R. Jay Ugiansky, and Lina Undayag)

The Plant Materials Center is recognized for its continued efforts in 2002 to provide assistance and coordination within the Plant Materials Program. The staff has been instrumental with the design of the program Web site, development of the POMS database, and with providing informational documents and tools for the program.

Outstanding Team Award for 2003 – Elsberry Missouri Plant Materials Center (Steve Bruckerhoff, Ron Cordsiemon, Jimmy Henry, Pam Stewart, and Dean Tapley)

The Plant Materials Center staff is recognized for their continued efforts in 2003 in providing plant science technology for critical needs throughout their service area. The center has provided excellent assistance and customer service throughout their program and in particular with the Iowa Roadside Vegetation Project.

Notable Achievement Award - Presented for efforts by an individual in completion of a specific plant materials product or specific activity.

Notable Achievement Award for 2002 – Bruce Munda, Plant Materials Specialist, AZ

Bruce is recognized in 2002 for his efforts to coordinate the “Wildfire Risk Reduction and Recovery Tips for Homeowners” publication. He has worked avidly towards developing comprehensive fire recovery plans to assist public and private land owners in protecting natural resources following devastating wildfires in the western United States.

Notable Achievement Award for 2003 – Glenn Sakamoto, Plant Materials Center Manager, HI

Glenn is recognized in 2003 for adapting innovative technologies to aid in the restoration of Kaho'olawe Island. The use of piligrass bales has greatly improved the success of stabilizing roadways and slopes and controlling soil erosion on other critical areas of the island.

Notable Achievement Award for 2003 – Jody Fagan (formerly Jody Holzworth), former Plant Materials Program Public Affairs Specialist

Jody is recognized for furthering the marketing of the Plant Materials Program in 2003. She has been instrumental in developing tools to improve the visibility of the program and her enthusiasm for marketing has spread throughout the program.

Special Service Award - Presented to a non-plant materials person whose efforts have or are substantially advancing the plant materials program

Special Service Award for 2002 – Bob Glennon, former Plant Materials Specialist, now with US Fish & Wildlife Service, NC

The Plant Materials Program wishes to recognize in 2002 the tireless efforts of Bob Glennon, former Plant Materials Specialist, who continues to promote and acknowledge the importance of the NRCS Plant Materials Program in natural resource conservation. His efforts to organize and promote several Eastern Native Grass Symposia have greatly enhanced resource conservation in the eastern United States.

Special Service Award for 2003 – Calvin Ernst, owner, Ernst Conservation Seeds, Meedville, PA [Calvin will not be at the meeting, but please make mention of this award.]

Calvin is recognized in 2003 for the active role he plays in promoting the Plant Materials Program and in producing conservation plant releases from the Program. He is a true partner with the program and is a team player in the native plant industry.

Meritorious Service Award - Presented to the PM employee who has made a significant and tangible contribution to the discipline over a long period of time

Meritorious Service Award for 2004 – Jimmy Henry

Jimmy is recognized for making noteworthy contributions during his career in SCS/NRCS at the Elsberry Plant Materials Center for 35 years, as a Plant Materials Assistant Manager for seven years and Manager for 28 years. He has contributed greatly to the Midwest region specifically to Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. He is a dedicated professional who truly exemplifies the spirit of plant materials excellence.