

AIARD is an association of professionals who have devoted their careers to the alleviation of world hunger through global agricultural development. Its goals include

Increasing awareness of the instrumental role of agriculture in global development

Informing policymakers, donors and institutions about effective strategies to advance agriculture and rural development in the global economy

Improving relationships between agriculture and other development efforts to promote a sustainable global economy (e.g. natural resources, health and nutrition, child survival, gender, HIV/AIDS and democratization)

Promoting interaction and cooperation among organizations engaged in international development



AIARD RECOGNITION AWARDS



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The AIARD Award for Distinguished Service was established in 1982 to honor individuals who have contributed, in a major way, to the goals and objectives of the Association. The criteria used in judging a candidate include:

- Demonstrated public service that has advanced AIARD's purposes;
- Innovative contributions to AIARD programs; and
- Length of service in the international arena and in AIARD.

This award is the Association's opportunity to recognize excellence in its own members. As the list of previous recipients will confirm, the commitment and achievements of AIARD members has furthered the aims of the Association and resulted in significant success in international agriculture and rural development.

Previous AIARD Young Professional Award Recipients

1990

Edna L. McBreen

1992

David G. Acker

Eric Hyman

1995

Daniel G. Maxwell

1999

Stephen T. Sywulka

2001

Catherine Ives

2002

Josette Lewis

2004

Patricia A. Fulton

2005

Fabrice A. J. deClerck

2006

Lloyd D. LePage

2007

Ryan Moore

2009

Stephanie Curs

Anne-Claire Hervy

2010

Amanda Crump

2012

Thomas B. Gill

2013

Thomas J. Pesek

Previous AIARD Special Service Award Recipients

1990 Hon. Douglas Bereuter	2005 Amb. Clayton Yeutter
1991 Jean Ruley Kearns	2006 Ruben G. Echeverria
1992 Robert H. Maxwell	2007 Andrew S. Natsios Mortimer Neufville
1995 Hon. Paul Findley Wendell G. Rayburn, Sr. Hazell Reed Phyllis Sandwell	2008 Norman E. Borlaug
1996 Francis C. Byrnes William Frederick Johnson Jiryis S. Oweis Leo M. Walsh	2010 Richard G. Lugar
1999 M. Peter McPherson	2011 Sammy L. Comer
2001 Harvey Hortik	2012 Howard G. Buffett
2002 Jane Coulter	2013 Neville P. Clarke J.H. "Tim" Williams
2003 Bobby D. Moser	
2004 Carl Pray	

G. MICHAEL (MIKE) MCWHORTER



The 2014 AIARD Distinguished Service Award is presented to Dr. G. Michael (Mike) McWhorter. Mike earned a BS in Agriculture/Entomology from Texas Tech University and MS & PhD, also in Agriculture/Entomology, from Iowa State University. He began his career as an Entomologist, serving with Texas Cooperative Extension for almost 15 years. For seven of those years, he coordinated The Texas Extension Statewide IPM Program, providing leadership for a team of 23 Extension professionals. Mike currently serves as the Associate Director of International Training for the Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M University System. In this role, he has facilitated countless short-term training programs for agricultural scientists, professionals, policy makers and future agricultural leaders. He has consistently designed and carried out outstanding programs on a wide variety of training subjects and for participants from all over the world. He is also an Adjunct faculty member of the Department of Entomology, Texas A&M University System and serves on the Selection Committees for Borlaug LEAP and Peace Corps Master's International.

Mike has been a dedicated member of AIARD for many years serving as an "ambassador" for the organization by establishing and maintaining a network of contacts that have provided support to sustain AIARD. He has provided invaluable services to our association in several capacities including: the design and leadership of the Future Leaders Forum; hosting of the Capitol Hill Forum in Washington DC; AIARD President, President-elect and Vice President (2003-2005); Director (2006-2011); and Awards Committee Chair (2002-2003).

Some notable quotes from Mike's supporters for the Distinguished Service Award: *"Mike has helped lead AIARD in responding to its ever changing organizational environment and in redefining its priorities. As a leading member of AIARD, he has helped identify needed changes while continuing to support advocacy efforts in Washington DC and thus ensuring AIARD's relevance and impact."* David O. Hansen, Director Emeritus OSU Int'l Programs in Agriculture & AIARD Past President.

Dr. McWhorter is well recognized at Texas A&M University for his tremendous contributions to international agriculture, having been conferred the Vice Chancellor's Award of Excellence in 2013 for his leading of a veterinary medicine team activity with colleagues in Africa. He served as president of AIARD, distinguishing himself in every respect as a leader among his peers. Dr. Elsa A. Murano Interim Director, The Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture.

In summary, Dr. McWhorter has contributed immensely to AIARD and international development over many years. He has been a strong advocate for the organization's goal -- it would be hard to find a more deserving individual for the 2014 Golden Jubilee AIARD Distinguished Service Award." James Hill, Associate Dean CA&ES International Programs Office & Susan Johnson, Program Director Borlaug LEAP

AIARD's Distinguished Service Award recognizes extraordinary service that advances our mission globally, and we are pleased to bestow this prestigious honor on Dr. G. Michael (Mike) McWhorter at our 50th Annual Conference.

THOMAS W. CRAWFORD, Jr.



The 2014 AIARD Distinguished Service Award is presented to Dr. Thomas (Tom) W. Crawford, Jr. Tom holds an A.B. in Religion with Distinction in General Scholarship, a MS in Ecology, and a Ph.D. in Soil Science, all from the University of California. He is well published and a Certified Crop Adviser and Certified Professional Agronomist. Tom is currently with Bio Huma Netics as Director of Research and Development. He has in-depth experience in applied and basic research in agriculture, especially in soils and plant nutrition.

Before Bio Huma Netics Tom worked with Inter Ag Services, Inc. where he was an agronomist. In the public sector he was director of the Research and Market Development Division of IFDC, an International Center for Soil Fertility and Agricultural Development. Prior to that he helped manage the International Sorghum and Millet Collaborative Research Support Program (INTSORMIL) and was on the faculty of the University of Nebraska and the University of Arizona. Tom's international work experience spans across Africa (24 countries), Asia (3 countries), Europe (4 countries) and the Western Hemisphere (8 countries). He speaks four languages (French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish) fluently in addition to English.

As a member, Tom contributed many innovative ideas to AIARD and was a stalwart supporter, bringing talent and a sense of humor to his work. On a countless number of occasions Tom used his technical computer skills to save the day during annual meeting presentations. He has served as AIARD Vice-President, President-elect and President, and under his leadership our association advanced immensely in program development and implementation. Tom was stellar in organizational skills and demonstrated hard work and true dedication. As an all-inclusive leader, Tom attracted new members to the leadership of the association committees that sustain AIARD's functions.

Supporters of Tom's nomination for the Distinguished Service Award have several noteworthy commendations including the following:

"Tom is deserving of Distinguished Service Award for his longstanding and numerous contributions to AIARD. The organization has benefitted in many ways from his good work. For these reasons, I am pleased to provide enthusiastic support for his nomination." Hiram Larew, Director, Center for International Programs, NIFA-USDA

"Dr. Crawford exemplifies the characteristics of a talented and outstanding professional in the field of international agriculture and rural development. His contributions to AIARD demonstrate the ideals recognized by the AIARD Distinguished Service Awards." John M Yohe

"Dr. Crawford has served the international development community in general for many years, and his service to AIARD has been unsurpassed. I can think of no other candidate more qualified to receive this award". Joy Odom

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Previous AIARD Distinguished Service Award Recipients

1982

John Blackmore

1983

Bruce H. Anderson

Hon. Paul Findley

John A. Hannah

Robert Alexander

Jackson A. Rigney

D. Woods Thomas

J. T. Scott

Irving R. Wyeth

1984

Donald C. Kimmel

Earl R. Lang

William E. Reed

Marvin G. Smith

Gerald W. Thomas

1985

H. Dean Brunch

John T. Murdock

William Thompson

1986

Frederick Hutchinson

Bennie D. Mayberry

Lewis Gulick

1987

Evan J. Long

E. Paul Creech

Margaret P. Fahs

1988

J. Wendell McKinsey

1989

Verso Larson

Eugene W. Adams

E. T. York

1990

Earl D. Kellog

Kenneth L. Turk

1991

Donald R. Isleib

Harold R. Matteson

1992

Robert W. Kleis

Morris D. Whitaker

1994

James B. Henson

Tom W. Westing

1995

Larry W. Zuiderma

Thomas A. McCowen

1996

David D. Bathrick

Winfrey S. Clarke

1999

Susan G. Schram

2001

Pat Barnes-McConnell

Ed Shuh

2002

Michael Deegan

2003

Reed Hertford

2004

Oval Myers, Jr.

2005

Edwin Price

2006

John B. Swanson

2007

Hiram Larew

David J. Sammons

2008

David O. Hansen

2009

Joy Odom

2010

Michael J. McGirr

2011

Kerry D. Bolognese

2012

Ikbal Chowdhury

2013

John M. Yohe

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SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Given the history of success of international agriculture and rural development and the challenges currently facing this sector, we are especially appreciative of special efforts by persons who are not members of AIARD but whose efforts and accomplishments support agriculture and rural development causes. The Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development gives its Special Service Award in recognition of significant contributions involving a variety of activities, each crucial to the success of AIARD's efforts. The criteria used in judging a candidate include:

- A career-long commitment to the goals of AIARD through active support for international agriculture and rural development initiatives over a professional career of at least 25 years;
- Significant contributions to international agriculture and rural development through research, teaching, practice, service or leadership;
- A previous recipient of at least one other career recognition award from a public sector, professional, or civil society organization or a university;
- At least 45 years of age during the calendar year in which the nomination is made; and
- A non-member of AIARD.

AMBASSADOR TONY P. HALL



The 2014 AIARD Special Service Award is presented to United States Ambassador Tony P. Hall. Ambassador Hall graduated from Fairmont High School, Kettering, Ohio, and received his A.B. degree from Denison University, Granville, Ohio. He is currently the executive director of the Alliance to End Hunger, which engages diverse institutions in building the public and political will to end hunger at home and abroad.

Three times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, Ambassador Hall is one of the leading advocates for hunger relief programs and improving international human rights conditions in the world. In 2002, President George W. Bush asked him to serve as the US Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture and was confirmed by the US Senate. As the chief of the US Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome – the World Food Program (WFP), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) – Ambassador Hall was responsible for “putting into action America’s commitment to alleviate hunger and build hope in the world.”

Prior to entering the diplomatic corps, Ambassador Hall was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He represented the people of the Third District of Ohio for almost twenty-four years, their longest serving representative in history. He was the author of legislation supporting food aid, child survival, basic education, primary health care, micro-enterprise, and development assistance programs in the world’s poorest countries.

Ambassador Hall’s dedication to fighting world hunger is unparalleled. In response to the abolishment of the Select Committee on Hunger in April 1993, *he fasted for 22 days to draw attention to the needs of hungry people in the United States and around the world.* Thereafter Ambassador Hall founded and chaired the Congressional Hunger Center, a non-governmental organization dedicated to fighting hunger by developing leaders. He leads the Alliance to End Hunger’s engagement with the International Alliances against Hunger and other civil society initiatives and recently helped secure the Alliance’s first USAID grant.

Ambassador Hall has aided food security advocacy work many times at critical times during the annual appropriations process. Among several inspirational statements by supporters of Ambassador Hall for the Special Service Award, the quotes below stand out:

“He (Ambassador Hall) is an exemplar of service and leadership for the least among us. His significant accomplishments and contributions in this field would require many more pages to list.” Max R. Finberg

“Tony Hall has served as the standard bearer for our movement and the model of a political leader committed to ending hunger.” David Beckmann, President, Bread for the World & 2010 World Food Prize Winner.

We recognize Ambassador Tony Hall’s outstanding contributions to fighting hunger, poverty and food insecurity around the world and his commitment to AIARD’s mission. We are pleased to honor him with our Special Service Award for 2014.

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KATERYNA (GOYCHUK) SCHROEDER



The 2014 (Golden Jubilee Edition) AIARD Young Professional Award is presented to Dr. Kateryna (Goychuk) Schroeder. Dr. Schroeder holds a Certificate in Agribusiness from Alabama A&M University; BS in Finance & BS in Plant Protection from the National Agricultural University, Kiev, Ukraine; MS in Finance, National Agricultural University, Kiev, Ukraine; M.S. in Agricultural Economics & MS in Management Science, University of Tennessee; and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Missouri. She is currently a post-doctoral researcher at the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Schroeder was a grantee for the AIARD Future Leaders Forum in 2012 and was elected by her peers to represent the Future Leaders group on the AIARD Executive Committee. On the Executive Committee, Dr. Schroeder contributes thoughtful suggestions and is an advocate for students. She surveys past and present Future Leaders Forum participants to gauge their opinions on AIARD matters. She also started a LinkedIn page for Future Leaders Forum Alumni, a great place to connect to other young professionals. Dr. Schroeder has been instrumental in our website redesign. She has worked hard to transfer information from the existing site and added critical design elements which help guide the user. This new website breathes new life into AIARD. She has continued to contribute to AIARD through ideas at the monthly meetings.

Supporters of Dr. Schroeder's nomination for the Young Professional Award wrote the following about her:

"Kateryna is one of the most outstanding young social scientists I have had the opportunity to work with in my 40 years at the University of Missouri." Kenneth Schmeerberger, Assistant Dean for Special Programs, University of Missouri

"She (Dr. Schroeder) is a very capable and competent individual." Christy Copeland, Assistant Director of CAFNR, International Programs, University of Missouri

"Kateryna is deserving of this award not only because of her contributions to AIARD but her potential to remain an engaged and active member of our association." Amanda Crump, Associate Director, Horticulture Innovation Lab & Secretary and Treasurer, AIARD

We acknowledge Dr. Kateryna (Goychuk) Schroeder's commitment to AIARD's mission. The energy she has brought to our organization is an inspiration for the younger generation and future leaders. We are pleased to recognize her with our 2014 Young Professional Award.

MILEY GONZALEZ



The 2014 AIARD Special Service Award is presented to Dr. I. Miley Gonzalez. Dr. Gonzalez holds BS and MS degrees from the University of Arizona and a PhD from the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Gonzalez is Professor Emeritus in Agricultural and Extension Education from New Mexico State University (NMSU). He retired in 2010 after a 42-year career in private and public sectors in education and agriculture; and currently serves as Deputy Director General at the Center for Tropical

Agricultural Research and Higher Education (CATIE), Costa Rica. At CATIE he has previously held the positions of Director of Development and External Affairs and Interim Dean of the Graduate School. His service spans the public (Federal and State governments) and University systems. Dr. Gonzalez's honors include, Governor's Distinguished Service Award, Pennsylvania State University Distinguished Alumni Award, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Extraordinary Leadership Award, and recognition by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the top 100 most influential US Hispanics.

For several decades in various faculty and administration appointments at the Pennsylvania State University, Iowa State University and New Mexico State University, Dr. Gonzalez consistently remained actively involved with international agricultural and rural development projects and programs. His commitment to Hispanic education is illustrated by his 1999 award for Federal Hispanic partnership building and establishment of the Dr. I. Miley Gonzalez Scholarship Award by HACU.

Below are quotes from some of his supporters:

"His career-long commitment to and active support for the goals of AIARD – advancing international agriculture and rural development initiatives – have proven to be invaluable to CATIE in our unique dual role as an international university based upon the U.S. Land-grant model and as an international scientific platform specialized in agriculture and natural resources." José Joaquín Campos Arce, Director General, CATIE

"Dr. Gonzalez is exceptional among international agriculture professionals -- both in a diverse background, and, in the levels of responsibility he has held. That background and his nature allow him to "talk shop" and gain confidence quickly at all levels -- from field workers to the highest leaders in the private sector, government and universities." David E. Hansen, International Agriculture Outreach and Engagement, New Mexico State University.

"Dr. Miley Gonzalez's contributions are too many to detail here. He has had an illustrious career of over 40 years in education, research, and Extension education. He has a true passion for agriculture, international agriculture, and rural development." Tom J. Bagwell, Deputy Director/Secretary (retired), New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

AIARD recognizes Dr. Gonzalez's lifelong commitment to excellence in agricultural research, education and outreach to solve the food security and economic problems associated with agriculture and rural development in Latin America. We are pleased to honor him with the AIARD Special Service Award for 2014.

JAMES E. SIMON



The 2014 (Golden Jubilee Edition) AIARD Special Service Award is presented to Dr. James (Jim) E. Simon. Jim holds a BS degree in Agriculture from Empire State College; MS in Plant Nutrition/Management from Oregon State University and PhD in Environmental Stress Physiology from the University of Massachusetts. He is Professor of Plant Science and Director of the New Use Agriculture and Natural Plant Products (NUANPP) program at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. He is author of over 150 peer-reviewed publications.

For over 20 years, Jim has been conducting collaborative research in sub-Saharan Africa and in 1999 he co-founded the USAID funded Agri-Business in Sustainable Natural African Plant Products (ASNAPP). He currently leads two USAID funded projects in Liberia; one recently completed MCA-funded project in Namibia, two USAID Horticulture Innovation Lab projects in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia; and another one in Zambia. Jim was the 2012 winner of the BIFAD award for research excellence and impact for USAID Innovation lab programs. He is internationally recognized as one of the leading global horticultural, medicinal & aromatic plant authorities with specialization in natural products and new crops.

Jim's major contributions to IA&RD are in the areas of using a market-first science-driven model to commercialize traditional and ethnic/indigenous vegetables, horticultural crops, botanicals and Non-Timber Forest Products in sub-Saharan Africa. He has also used techniques in genetic diversity; germplasm and varietal evaluation; breeding for health and nutrition; natural plant products chemistry; new uses of plants; production and postharvest systems; and new product development and standardization to add value to production agriculture at the small farmer level in Africa. Higher education curriculum development, training faculty and students for capacity building within colleges and universities; and facilitating linkages between public and private sectors are prominent components of Jim's activities in developing countries.

A supporter of Jim's nomination for AIARD Special Service Award described him as *"a 21st century_Indiana Jones", a true global leader in the exploration of exotic genetic resources of plant secondary products that offer promise in a wide range of therapeutic, cosmetic, nutritional and other uses.*" Robert Goodman, Executive Dean, Rutgers' SEBS.

Another supporter said this of Jim: *Dr. Simon's ability to build teams, to conduct science under tough conditions and to bridge the different fields of botany with horticulture/agronomy/food science to pharmacognosy and product development is a rare ability.*" Stephen Weller, Professor, Purdue University

A third supporter stated that *"Dr. Simon typically exceeds his own ambitious goals and delivers larger impacts than his projects originally propose."* Elizabeth J. Mitcham, Director, Horticulture Innovation Lab

AIARD recognizes the contributions of Dr. James (Jim) E. Simon to IA&RD in sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere around the world using innovative and transformative approaches that lift people out of poverty. We are pleased to bestow on him the 2014 Special Service Award.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The AIARD Young Professional Award was established in 1990. This award recognizes early career contributions to the goals and objectives of the Association. The criteria used in judging a candidate include:

- Demonstrated public service that has advanced AIARD's purposes;
- Innovative contributions to AIARD programs;
- Commitment to international agriculture and rural development and to AIARD; and
- Recipient must have been under 40 years of age during the calendar year in which the nomination is made .