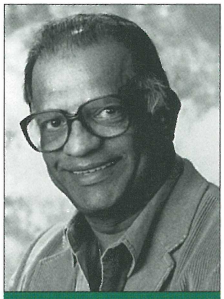
Robert E. Wagner Award Recipients Announced

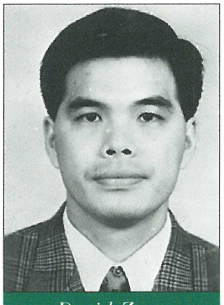
Two outstanding agronomic scientists have been selected to receive the 1995 Robert E. Wagner Award by PPI. The Award allows for worldwide candidate nominations and has two categories...one for a senior scientist and one for a younger scientist under the age of 40. The recipient in each category receives a monetary award of US$5,000.



Dr. L.D. Bailey

Dr. Loraine D. Bailey of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Brandon Research Centre was selected in the senior scientist category. Mr. David Qiupeng Zeng, Soil and Fertilizer Institute of the Guangdong Academy of Agricultural Sciences, People's Republic of China, received the honor in the young scientist division.

The Robert E. Wagner Award recognizes distinguished contributions to advanced crop yields through maximum yield research (MYR) and maximum economic yield (MEY) management. The Award honors Dr. Wagner, retired President of PPI, for his many achievements and in recognition of his development of the MEY management concept...for more profitable, efficient agriculture.



David Zeng

"To honor Dr. Wagner through the selection of Dr. Bailey and Mr. Zeng truly exemplifies the purpose of this award," said Dr. David W. Dibb, President of PPI. "With nominations received from all over the world, these two individuals represent the high standards of the Robert E. Wagner Award."

Dr. Bailey is located at Brandon, MB, Canada. Through his research on fertilizer use efficiency, he has contributed significantly to improved fertilizer management practices for various crops. His research on phosphorus, potassium, sulfur, growth stage, and time of harvest for alfalfa showed that growers could greatly increase yield and quality. He has acted as an advisor on graduate student committees and has been involved with the training of scientists through the Canadian International Development Agency and World University Service Canada. Dr. Bailey is a leader in agronomic research in Canada and an accomplished writer and speaker.

Mr. Zeng is presently working on mineral nutrition of fruit crops as a visiting scholar at the University of California-Davis. He is dedicated to research with fertilizer use for maximizing agricultural production. In collaboration with local scientists, Mr. Zeng has conducted greenhouse and field research on soil fertility and plant nutrition. As a result, more farmers are adopting higher fertilizer application rates where MYR demonstrated MEY could be obtained by combining higher plant populations, tissue culture planting and high N and K application rates with stable P fertilization. Mr. Zeng is steadfast in promoting the concepts of balanced fertilization to local agronomists and farmers in south China. BC