

Crop Science Recognizes Outstanding Reviewers

Five individuals have been named recipients of the 2010 Editor's Citation for Excellence in Manuscript Review for *Crop Science*. Awardees are **Gilles Lemaire**, INRA, Lusignan, France (*not pictured*); **Maria Otegui**, IFEVA UBA-CONICET, Buenos Aires, Argentina; **Peter Stamp**, ETH Zentrum, Zurich, Switzerland; **Dana Sullivan**, TurfScout, LLC, Tifton, GA; and **Jeff White**, USDA-ARS, Maricopa, AZ.

All journals published by ASA, CSSA, and SSSA depend on the commitment and dedication of volunteer reviewers and editors to maintain the high level of quality articles. These five individuals provided particularly noteworthy reviews for *Crop Science* during 2010.

If you are interested in reviewing manuscripts, volunteer by contacting the *Crop Science* editor, Dr. Shawn Kaeppler (smkaepl@wisc.edu), with your contact information and your areas of expertise.



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Peter Stamp



Dana Sullivan



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The Faces and Places of the Agronomic Science Foundation

As I embark on the journey of creating a new monthly column that reports on the activities of the Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF), I am reminded of a piece of advice that my grandmother gave me when I was in high school. She was able to live a healthy and happy life for more than 88 years, so you can say that she mastered the strategy of longevity. She simply used to say to me, "Never stand when you can sit, and never sit when you can lie down."



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As a young and naive high school student who played three sports, I originally thought this mantra was for a lazy person, but as I grew older, it took on a different meaning. Now I believe it is really the mantra of a wise person who realizes how to take his or her time in life while always being aware of the things that can help make life a little easier.

After 35 years, I have come to understand that life is not a race to reach a specific destination or to achieve a certain prized possession; but rather it is a journey made up of experiences that you can learn from and relationships that are developed along the way. In the end, I believe those are the only real things you can take with you or leave behind for that matter.

My goal for this column is to share my experiences traveling to distant places to meet with the people who make up the ASF. Most of these people are current and past members of the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA, but some are students and family members of great scientists who have truly made a difference in the world through the agronomic, crop, and soil sciences.

These scientists are among the best in the world and include those who have won such famous designations as the Nobel Peace Prize or the George Washington Carver Distinguished Service Award. Others have committed themselves so diligently to their profession over the years that their names are engraved on large buildings and they have their own bronze statues out front. Some have even been credited with saving millions of lives through their research.

It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to meet with these individuals, and so far I have been humbled in my understanding of just how much knowledge there is to be gained. I only hope to be able to share some of these stories with the readers of this column so that you can learn as much as I have.

Over the coming months, I will share personal stories about the individuals who are making a difference in the agronomic, crop, and soil sciences through scholarships and grants, service travel, talent development, and so much more. Some of these stories might make you laugh, and others might even make you cry, but it is my hope that you will enjoy reading about these fine individuals and the contributions they make everyday.