

Dr. Phil Carpenter made the Award of Merit presentation.

EASTERN REGION AWARD OF MERIT

Wayne Lovelace received the Award of Merit at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Region-International Plant Propagators' Society. Wayne is currently Vice-President and General Manager of Forrest Keeling Nursery, Inc. in Elsberry, Missouri. Wayne joined IPPS in 1963 and has served the Eastern Region in many capacities including President during 1979-80. He has been local site committee chairman for the annual meeting and currently is co-chair for the 1992 meeting that will be held in St. Louis. He is a past member of the International Plant Propagators' Society Board of Directors. Wayne has presented many papers at the annual meetings and continues to be a very active supporter of IPPS.

Wayne was born in Missouri on January 13, 1936, and obtained his education in the "show me" state. He received his BS degree, majoring in horticulture, from the University of Missouri in June, 1958. Since being a student at the University of Missouri, Wayne has continued to support education at the college level. He has been the University coordinator for the Missouri Association of Nurserymen, Horticulture Department Advisory Council of the University of Missouri, Co-chaired the Technology Task Force on Rural Missouri 1995 Challenges and Issues, and served on the Agricultural Leadership of Tomorrow Advisory Council.

Besides the activities associated with the University of Missouri, Wayne has been active in State Government having served on the Governor Bond's Task Force on Rural Development, Governor Bond's and Governor Ashcroft's Council on Agriculture, and Senator Bond's Advisory Committee on Agriculture. He also has been a member of the Missouri Financial Advisory and Resource Management Support Board of Directors.

Wayne has been very active in his professional organizations and besides serving as Eastern Region-IPPS President he has been President of the Missouri Association of Nurserymen, President of the Wholesale Growers of America, and he has been on several American Association of Nurserymen committees, including the Education, the Nursery Exposition, and the Long Range Planning committee.

Wayne has received numerous awards including the Wholesale Growers of America New Ideas Award, the University of Missouri Alumni Citation of Merit Award, and the Missouri Nurserymen "Nurserymen of the Year". In 1990 Wayne was elected a Fellow of the Eastern Region-International Plant Propagators' Society.

Wayne's wife, Judy, was present at the Eastern Region-IPPS Banquet when the Award of Merit was presented. Congratulations to Wayne for a well-deserved Award.