



Bert Bohmont Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Extension Education

Eligibility: Any student who has completed at least one semester of graduate study at Colorado State University and is currently enrolled in a graduate degree program (M.S. or Ph.D.) in the Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management or students whose advisors are faculty members of BSPM.

Criteria: The candidate must have demonstrated high academic achievement and ability; dedication to entomology, plant pathology, weed science, or related field; demonstrated excellence in extension activities such as presentations at workshops or field days; participation in departmental and university activities; and proven ability to help and work cooperatively with others. This award is \$500.

Bert L. Bohmont was born December 12, 1932, in Wheatland, WY. He received his bachelor's degree in 1955 and master's degree in 1956 from the University of Wyoming. He was State Agronomist for the Wyoming Department of Agriculture from 1956 until 1965. He served in the Veterinary Corps of the U.S. Army during two years of this time.

Bert joined the Colorado State University faculty in 1965 in the newly created position of Agricultural Chemicals Specialist and later was promoted to Coordinator, Pesticide Programs. During the first five years, he not only developed an Extension educational program, but completed his Ph. D. at the University of Wyoming in 1970. He was named National Agricultural Spokesperson of the Year in 1973.

In 1976, Dr. Bohmont developed the Project IMPACT slide/tape training series that has been used nationally in almost every county to help train and certify pesticide applicators. He wrote the book, *The Standard Pesticide User's Guide*, which has received worldwide acceptance. He taught four correspondence courses taken by students across the U.S. He developed the Colorado Crop Protection Institute, a conference held annually for almost 25 years and also published the *Pesticide Pipeline* newsletter for 26 years. Dr. Bohmont had over 100 publications to his credit as well as his own book and contributions to other books and publications.

The Cooperative Extension Administration stated that "Dr. Bohmont's educational programs have benefited not only the agricultural segment of Colorado, but also the general public in understanding pesticides and in using them properly and safely." He was one of very few to have received all three awards available to campus Extension faculty: the F.A. Anderson Distinguished Service Award, 1977; the Epsilon Sigma Phi Professional Excellence Award, 1982; and the Epsilon Sigma Phi State Distinguished Service Award, 1993. He received many other awards, including the Western Society of Weed Science Fellow Award in 1982. Bert retired from Colorado State University June 30, 1993, after 37 years of public service.

Dr. Bohmont was 84 when he died May 19, 2017. He taught CSU Online courses for BSPM through Spring semester 2017.