



Frank Hawksworth Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship

In Tree pest management and forest ecosystem management

Research Plant Pathologist and former Project Leader with the U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Expt. Station, died January 8, 1993, in Fort Collins.

Dr. Hawksworth, a highly respected and admired scientist, retired from the Station in 1990, with 43 years of federal service. He authored more than 250 scientific publications on forest diseases, and was the world's authority on dwarf mistletoes, the most damaging parasites in forests of western North America.

Dr. Hawksworth's work on these pests did not stop with the publication of scientific information. He maintained constant contact with foresters, scientists, and practitioners at all levels of government, industry, universities, and private practice to assist them with on-the-ground management problems. His kindness, concern for others, and quality work were especially appreciated by Mexican foresters, who affectionately knew him as "Dr. Frank." His unique combination of brilliance, humility, and endless wit earned him a special place in the hearts of graduate students, forest scientists and managers internationally.

Dr. Hawksworth's commitment to the science of forest pathology did not stop with retirement. He maintained an office at the Station headquarters and volunteered more than 1,000 hours of his time each year since retirement. He also completed drafts of two books and the 40 year history of the Western International Forest Disease Work Conference, one of the many professional organizations in which he maintained an active role. His love of science was an inspiration to the numerous students and colleagues who were fortunate enough to have known and worked with him. His enthusiasm for science carried over into other aspects of his life as he was an active birder with a personal sighting list of more than 500 species, and avid post card collector, and an all-around family man.

Dr. Hawksworth was a member of the Society of American Foresters, International Union of Forest Research Organizations, International Council on Parasitic Seed Plants, Western International Forest Disease Work Conference, and Sigma Xi. He received Superior Service and Technology Transfer Awards from the US Department of Agricultural, and the Outstanding Forestry Research Award from the Society of American Foresters.

Frank is survived by his three sons.