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**Cornell Chemist Elected Fellow of American Chemical Society**

By Joe Ogrodnick

GENEVA, NY: Terry Spittler, a chemist in the Department of Horticultural Sciences at Cornell's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, was elected a Fellow of the Agrochemicals Division of the American Chemical Society (ACS) at their 231st National Meeting and Exposition held in the spring in Atlanta, Ga. Spittler, cited for "outstanding contributions to the endeavors of the division and to the science of pesticide chemistry," was the 49th fellow elected in that division.

"I wish to congratulate Dr. Spittler on being named Fellow of the American Chemical Society," said Experiment Station director Thomas J. Burr. "He is very deserving of this honor which recognizes his expertise and many accomplishments in the area of analytical chemistry."

Spittler joined the Experiment Station in 1977 as the chief chemist in the Department of Food Science and Technology's analytical division. He became a senior research associate in 1984, held several positions in the National IR-4 Program, and then joined the Cornell Center for the Environment in 2000.

In 2002 Spittler was appointed senior research associate in the Department of Horticultural Sciences, a position from which he retired in June 2005. He currently holds the title of visiting fellow in Horticultural Sciences, and is a cooperator in research programs for microencapsulation/controlled release of nematicides, and the identification of small peptides in plant vascular systems by anionic ion chromatography with pulsed amperometric quantitation.

Spittler is a co-founder in the company Terrenew, LLC, which will soon be located at Cornell's Agriculture and Food Technology Park in Geneva. His interests are in organically derived fibers for oil spill recovery and plant-based heavy-metal exchange media for ground water/brown fields remediation. In addition, he is a consultant for a local firm producing soil amendments from agricultural processing and municipal solid wastes.

The American Chemical Society has over 135,000 members. Agrochemicals is a medium-sized division among the 34 national divisions, with 1,700 members. An ACS member since 1968, Spittler has been active in Agrochemicals since 1980. He has been on numerous special panels, organized several national symposia and served as secretary, vice-chair, program chair, and chairman of the division. He has been treasurer since 2003.

Spittler received a B.A. in chemistry and English from Bowling Green State University (Ohio), an M.S. in biochemistry from SUNY Buffalo, and his Ph.D. in physical-organic chemistry, from SUNY Albany. He held post-doctoral positions at Syracuse University and Montana State University prior to coming to Cornell. He is the author of over 60 refereed publications including seven book chapters, and served as editor of one book. Spittler received the IR-4 Meritorious Service Award in 1989 and the USDA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Environmental Education in 1996.

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