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Cornell Scientist Receives Distinguished Mycologist Award

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GENEVA, NY: Harvey C. Hoch, professor and chair of the Department of Plant Pathology at Cornell's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, has received the Distinguished Mycologist Award for 2006 from the Mycological Society of America (MSA).

Granted annually, the award is one of the highest bestowed by the MSA. Nominees for the award are evaluated on the basis of quality, originality, and quantity of their published research and their service to the MSA or to the field of mycology in general. The award was made at the joint meeting of the MSA, the American Phytopathological Society, and the Canadian Phytopathological Society which was held July 29 - August 2 in Québec City, Québec.

"Harvey Hoch has been recognized throughout his career for innovative research and excellence as a mycologist," said Experiment Station director Thomas J. Burr. "The Distinguished Mycologist Award is yet another honor for which Harvey is highly deserving."

"Harvey Hoch is always described by phrases like 'the most creative,' 'the most innovative,' 'the most original in the history of the MSA,'" said Jim Anderson, past president of MSA. "His work on how fungal pathogens sense the physical characteristics of their host plant surfaces is most famous. His leadership in micro fabrication and nano technology provided wonderful and elegant tests of specific hypotheses of how pathogens interact with their plant hosts. The MSA is proud indeed to make this award."

During his distinguished career, Hoch has published more than 100 peer-reviewed papers and chapters in scientific journals and books. In 1994 he received the Ruth Allen Award from the American Phytopathological Society (APS) and was elected fellow of that society in 2002. He has supervised numerous students and post-doctoral fellows and has hosted an international cadre of visiting scientists. He has also served professional societies and journals, including terms as associate editor for Phytopathology and the Canadian Journal of Microbiology, membership on the editorial board for Mycologia, panel membership on the NSF Cell Biology program, MSA and APS representative to the Biological Stain Commission, councilor on Cell Biology/Physiology for MSA, chair of the MSA Committee on Phytopathology, and various other committees on plant protection, diseases, nanotechnology, root infections, collections, and germplasm.

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