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## **THREE GENEVA EXPERIMENT STATION SCIENTISTS TO RECEIVE HONORS FROM AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE**

GENEVA, N.Y.-- Dr. Michael H. Dickson, a vegetable crop breeder and researcher, has been named a "Fellow" by the American Society of Horticultural Science, one of only six scientists in North America to be similarly honored this year.

Two colleagues at Cornell University's NYS Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. Robert C. Lamb and Dr. Norman F. Weeden, also have been honored, as co-authors of a prize-winning scientific paper related to fruit crops.

The three will be feted during the Society's annual meeting awards ceremony in East Lansing, Michigan, August 8. The ASHS, with more than 5,000 members in a variety of horticultural-related fields, has representation from some 80 countries. The Society is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia.

Born in London, England, Dickson received a B.S. degree from MacDonald College of McGill University in Montreal. He continued his studies at Michigan State University and received M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from MSU. He spent six years with the Ontario (Can.) Agricultural College before immigrating to the U.S. in 1964. That same year, he joined Cornell at Geneva as an assistant professor of vegetable crops. Five years later, he was named associate professor and, in 1976, was appointed a professor.

Among his many accomplishments are research efforts into improvement of the important NYS crops of snap beans and "crucifers," (cabbage, broccoli, brussel sprouts and cauliflower). Significant results include insect-resistant and higher-solid cabbage for sauerkraut as well as cold-tolerant and disease-resistant snap bean lines. For 11 years he served as president of the Bean Improvement Cooperative.

Other "fellows" named by the ASHS for 1988 are from Nebraska, Maryland, Vancouver (B.C.), Colorado State and from the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, Md.

Lamb and Weeden were feted for their scientific paper, "Genetics and Linkage Analysis of 19 Isozyme Loci in Apple," one of four selected as most outstanding among agricultural papers published in ASHS journals for the year. The paper details a study of the genetic background of apples through study of their molecular character using isozyme analyses.

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Weeden, an associate professor, joined the Station in 1982. The native of Oakland, Ca., is a graduate of Stanford University. He holds a master's degree from Humbolt State and a Ph.D. (Genetics) from the University of California-Davis.

Canadian born, Lamb has a B.S. from the University of Saskatchewan and an M.S. and doctoral degree from Minnesota. He has been at the Geneva Experiment Station since 1948.

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