

## Phillip W. Stahlman honored with Weed Science Society of America Fellow Award



The Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) honored more than two dozen individuals for their outstanding contributions to the field of weed science. The awards were presented during the organization's annual meeting, held this year in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

The organization presented Phillip Stahlman with its highest recognition of Fellow.

"These are true innovators from academia, government and private industry who are making a significant mark on our profession through their research, teaching, publishing and outreach," said Michael Barrett, Ph.D., outgoing president of WSSA and host of the award ceremonies.

Phillip Stahlman is Professor and Research Weed Scientist at the Kansas State University Agricultural Research Center-Hays where he has directed weed management research in dry land cropping systems the past 35 years. Previously he was Agronomist-in-Charge of the Harvey County Experimental Field at Hesston, KS for 16 months and Assistant Agronomist at the North Central Branch Experiment Station at Minot, ND for three years (1972-1975). His research focuses on crop weed interactions and integrated weed management with recent emphasis on herbicide-induced weed spectrum shifts and the ecology and management of glyphosate-resistant kochia.

Phil was raised on his family's small grains and dairy farm in northwest Oklahoma. He received a BS in Agronomy from Oklahoma Panhandle State College, an MS in Agronomy (Weed Science) from North Dakota State University, and a PhD in Weed Science from the University of Wyoming. He has authored or co-authored 70 referred journal articles and book chapters, more than 450 scientific abstracts, proceedings, and citable research reports, several popular press articles, and is co-holder of a U.S. patent. He has no extension or teaching responsibilities, but has spoken at more than 100 grower meetings and field tours, including several internationally, 80 industry and business group meetings, numerous civic organizations and schools, and three invited plenary session papers at scientific conferences in Kazakhstan and Australia. He has trained eight graduate students and mentored four post-docs and one visiting scientist. In the early 1990s, he consulted with Monsanto in the establishment of training centers in Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan and hosted eight groups of government officials, scientists, and land managers from those countries over a five-year period. Recently, he served as a Citizen's Network for Foreign Affairs volunteer on a project co-sponsored by Crop Life International and endorsed by WSSA to educate and train agro-dealers in Malawi on herbicide application and helped establish 25 demonstration sites throughout the country to show the benefits of herbicide use in maize and groundnuts.

Phil is an active member of the North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS), Weed Science Society of America, Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS), Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST), and American Society of Agronomy. He has served on numerous university and society committees including six years as Associate Editor of *Weed Technology*, was President of the WSWS in 2004-2005, and currently is President-Elect of CAST. He has received numerous honors and awards including Fellow and Distinguished Research Awards from the NCWSS, Fellow and Outstanding Weed Scientist – Public Sector Awards from the WSWS, Professorial Performance Award from Kansas State University, and Visiting Fellowship in Weed Science from the University of New England and New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, Australia. He was featured on the front cover of *Australian Grains Magazine* in 2009. He and his wife of 42 years have two grown sons.