



Dr. Robert Miller Receives ISA Honorary Life Membership

CHAMPAIGN, IL – Dr. Robert Miller, a retired college professor from Oriental, NC, is this year’s recipient of the International Society of Arboriculture’s (ISA) prestigious Honorary Life Membership Award.

The honorary lifetime membership is awarded to ISA members who have contributed substantially to the progress of arboriculture. ISA President Tim Gamma honored Dr. Miller at a ceremony on Sunday, July 24, in Sydney, Australia, as part of the ISA Annual Conference and Trade Show, held July 23–27, 2011.

“Dr. Miller is a past ISA director and winner of several awards from the industry,” says Gamma. “He may have retired from teaching, but is engaged in a lifelong commitment to arboriculture.”

Miller, who retired from teaching in the College of Natural Resources at UWSP, is recognized for inspiring his students as a distinguished instructor with his depth of knowledge in urban forestry and arboriculture. He has also written several books on tree history and forestry. Miller is chair of

the town tree board in Oriental, planting and caring for the town’s trees.

“I was very surprised and feel honored,” says Dr. Miller. “Over many years, ISA has been a source of professional pride for me. I can’t say enough about how much it has meant to be part of such a dynamic society.”

Miller is one of eight distinguished professionals who make up the circle of winners for ISA’s Awards of Distinction, sponsored by Bartlett Tree Experts. Robert Bartlett Jr., Chairman and CEO of Bartlett Tree Experts explains, “By recognizing those individuals who have a positive impact on arboriculture, ISA helps provide role models and learning opportunities for all of us. The Awards of Distinction raise the bar, pushing us to continue to learn and grow.”

ISA has been honoring members and industry professionals with the Awards of Distinction since 1963. Nine categories recognize candidates in such areas as research, publishing, education, and advancing the cause of the organization. The winners are selected by a diverse group of experts in

arboriculture. More than 20,000 members make up ISA’s organization worldwide.

About ISA

The ISA, headquartered in Champaign, IL, is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world. To promote the importance of arboriculture, ISA manages the consumer education website, www.treesaregood.org, which fulfills the association’s mission to help educate the public about the importance and value of proper tree care. Also, as part of ISA’s dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally recognized certification program in the industry. For more information on ISA and certified arborists, visit www.isa-arbor.com.

Editor’s Note: Photos are available upon request. To arrange an interview with Dr. Robert Miller, contact Julie Gaier at 262-786-5970 or julie@trg-marketing.com.