

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS DONALD J. HAGEDORN

Dr. Donald J. Hagedorn, age 87, passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Eloise, daughter-in-law Orlene and three granddaughters, Kristen (Brian Katulis), Erin (Andrew Graham) and Sarah. Don was born in Moscow, Idaho on May 18, 1919. He achieved his B.S. degree at the University of Idaho (1941) and his M.S. (1943) and Ph.D. degrees (1948) at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Don joined the UW-Madison faculty in 1948 as an assistant professor with a joint appointment in the Departments of Agronomy and Plant Pathology. He was promoted to associate professor in 1954 and professor in 1958. In 1964 he received a 100% appointment in the Department of Plant Pathology with focus on pea and bean pathology. He retired from the UW in 1987 and was awarded emeritus status upon retirement.

Don Hagedorn had a distinguished career as a vegetable plant pathologist and breeder. He was internationally known for his fundamental studies on virus and root diseases of peas and beans. He was a co-organizer of both the National Pea Improvement Association (1957) and the International Working Group of Legume Viruses (1960) with L. Bos of The Netherlands and L. Quantz of Germany. He was appointed to the US Plant Variety Protection Board in 1978 by the Secretary of Agriculture Robert Bergland. He was nationally and internationally recognized for his research on the development of pea and bean germplasm resistant to multiple diseases. His research efforts resulted in the release of three pea varieties and 14 pea breeding lines with various combinations of new and unique resistances to multiple diseases. His research led to the development of the first processing beans resistant to both races of the halo blight pathogen and the first bean breeding line resistant to the economically important bacterial brown spot disease. In cooperation with Robert Rand, he developed 16 snap bean lines and two red kidney bean cultivars with multiple disease resistances.

During his career, Don published 320 scientific papers, many of which he presented at meetings and conferences in every area of the world. He published the "Handbook of Pea Diseases" and "Handbook of Bean Diseases." Both publications continue to be used extensively by the vegetable processing industry in identification and management of diseases on these crops. Thirty-three graduate students received their Ph.D. degrees and 15 students received their M.S. degrees under his direction, including many international students. Dr. Hagedorn served as a consultant in Brazil and India and was the first United States plant scientist to lecture to the faculty of the University of Prishtina, Yugoslavia.

Dr. Hagedorn received many honors including the Fellow Award and Ciba-Geigy Award from the American Phytopathological Society, the Campbell Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Meritorious Service Awards from the National Pea Improvement Association and the Bean Improvement Cooperative, University of Idaho Hall of Fame, an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from the University of Idaho, the Forty-Niner Service Award from the Food Processing Industry and the Distinguished Service Citation from the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. During his career, he was also awarded sabbatical and study leaves from the UW-Madison to the Institute for Phytopathology in The Netherlands, University of Rio Grande de Sul in Brazil, Oregon State University, and Lincoln Agricultural Research Center in New Zealand.

He served his fellow man through work with the Boy Scouts of America, the Downtown Madison Kiwanis Club and as a Sunday school teacher at First United Methodist Church. Don was an avid fisherman, fishing the lakes and streams of Canada, Alaska, Idaho, Montana and Wisconsin. Don will be remembered by many for his devotion to his wife and family, his sense of humor and his great love for all people.

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