

Citation for

2008 FRRL Service Support Award

Dr. Ronald Dean Plowman is awarded the FRRL Service Support Award based on his significant contributions that support the FRRL's mission and its increased stature. Dr. Plowman has functioned professionally and privately to provide long-term administrative support to the FRRL as an Area Director (1972-1983), Administrator of ARS (1990-1995), and then more recently (1995-2008) as its advocate where he has been instrumental in implementing actions leading to its substantial growth and increased professional stature. In the role of Area Director, he began several initiatives that allowed the FRRL to rise to international prominence in the area of germplasm collection, evaluation, and utilization. As a private advocate, he has played a significant role in the unprecedented recent addition of scientists and disciplines at the FRRL. These actions have increased and will continue to increase the national and international recognition of the laboratory.

Nominated by: Jack E. Staub

