

EDITORIAL

Thomas C. Moore

1936–2002

Dr. Thomas C. Moore, the first Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Plant Growth Regulation*, passed away on August 30, 2002, at the age of 65. At the time of his death, Dr. Moore was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Oregon State University. He was Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal* from 1981 through 1994. He had been in poor health for some time.

Dr. Moore was born on September 22, 1936, in Sanger, Texas, and he spent his youth in that state, graduating with a B.A. in Biology from North Texas State University in 1956. He received an M.A. in Botany from the University of Colorado in 1958 and his Ph.D. from the same institution in 1961. After a brief period of employment at Arizona State College at Flagstaff, he accepted a position as a faculty member in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Oregon State University in 1963. He was promoted to Professor in 1971 and served as Assistant to the Vice-President for Research and Graduate Studies at OSU in 1972–73. He was appointed Chairman of the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at OSU in 1973, and he served in that capacity for 13 years (until 1986). He retired from the University in 1993.

Dr. Moore's research interests were in the regulation of plant growth and development and focused particularly on the biochemistry and physiology of gibberellins. He authored over 40 publications in his field, including a popular text entitled *Biochemistry and Physiology of Plant Hormones* and a laboratory manual (*Research Experiences in Plant Physiology*) for introductory plant physiology courses, both of which went through two editions in the 1980's. He was known at Oregon State University as an effective and popular teacher and a strong advocate for the welfare of students. He received the University's Mosser Award for outstanding undergraduate



teaching in 1966. He was also an avid hunter and outdoorsman, the author of several popular articles in outdoor magazines, and a sportsman of some national reputation.

During his tenure at Oregon State University, Dr. Moore provided valuable leadership within the institution as well as important service to his profession through his activities as the founding editor of the *Journal of Plant Growth Regulation*. His death is a loss to his colleagues as well as his family.

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