



AAWRE Board of Trustee and Diplomate, Bert Clemmens Receives ASABE Award



Board of Trustee and AAWRE diplomate, Albert J. Clemmens, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, was awarded the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) Award for Advancement of Surface Irrigation for leadership and contributions that have advanced surface irrigation by integrating theory, evaluation and management. ASABE's Award for Advancement of Surface Irrigation seeks to recognize and publicize the efforts made by practitioners that use and practice efficient surface irrigation methods. The award is an engraved hardwood plaque and \$500 cash stipend.

Bert Clemmens has more than 250 publications to his credit and has more than 25 years of experience in all aspects of water conservation in irrigated agriculture through research, consulting work, and involvement in technology transfers. In addition to a strong research program in surface irrigation practices, flow measurement, and water delivery system operations, his experience has included multidisciplinary evaluations of irrigation project performance, the development and application of water conservation practices and policies, and the elaboration of criteria for water user organizations. Much of his research has focused on the use of computer technology in the design and operation of irrigation systems.

Dr. Clemmens is the laboratory director, research leader for irrigation and water quality, and supervisory research hydraulic engineer with the USDA Agriculture Research Service in Arizona, and also has served on the AAWRE Board of Trustees since the Board was formed in fall 2004. Dr. Clemmens has been recognized for his outstanding work and research in the water resources field and has earned numerous awards, including last year's Royce J. Tipton Award for vision and research that resulted in technical advances in surface irrigation modeling and design and performance analysis. Mr. Clemmens presently lives in Arizona with his family and actively participates and volunteers in professional societies.