

## **Art Schroeder Memorial Award**



**Dr. John Menge**

### **2004 Art Schroeder Memorial Award Recipient**

Dr. John Menge, Professor and Plant Pathologist in the Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Riverside, is the 2004 recipient of the California Avocado Commission's Art Schroeder Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to avocado research.

John received his PhD in Forest Pathology from North Carolina State University in 1974 after completing his BS and MS degrees at the University of Minnesota.

During his tenure at the University of California John has worked exhaustively on diseases of avocado and citrus, the taxonomy of fungi, the biocontrol of root rotting diseases of avocado and citrus, and most notably the control of *Phytophthora* ssp.

His leadership in avocado rootstock breeding has led to the release and industry adoption of several *Phytophthora* root rot resistant rootstocks that have changed the industry.