

Art Schroeder Memorial Award



Joseph Morse

2006 Art Schroeder Memorial Award Recipient

Dr. Joseph Morse, Professor and Entomologist in the Department of Entomology, UCR, is the 2006 recipient of the California Avocado Commission's Art Schroeder Memorial Award for his outstanding contributions to avocado research.

Dr. Morse's research program over the last two decades has been critical to the industry and has bridged both applied and fundamental research to address the challenges posed by exotic pests of avocado such as avocado thrips, perseia mite, avocado lace bug, and Diaprepes root weevil.

Since the first introduction of a succession of serious avocado pests in the early 1990's, Dr. Morse took on a vital leadership role, not only in our efforts to understand the behavior, biology, biological control and chemical control of each pest, but through his sincere modesty and respect for other scientists, he has been key in the coordinated efforts to build relationships and efficiencies in research efforts to find solutions to some of the most serious economic pest threats the industry has faced.

Joe received his Ph.D. in 1981 from Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. His research interests include integrated pest management, biological control, parasitoid behavior, insectary rearing of natural enemies, the acute and sub-lethal impact of pesticides on both target pests and non-target organisms, modeling and computer simulation, pesticide resistance, invasive species and phytosanitary policy.