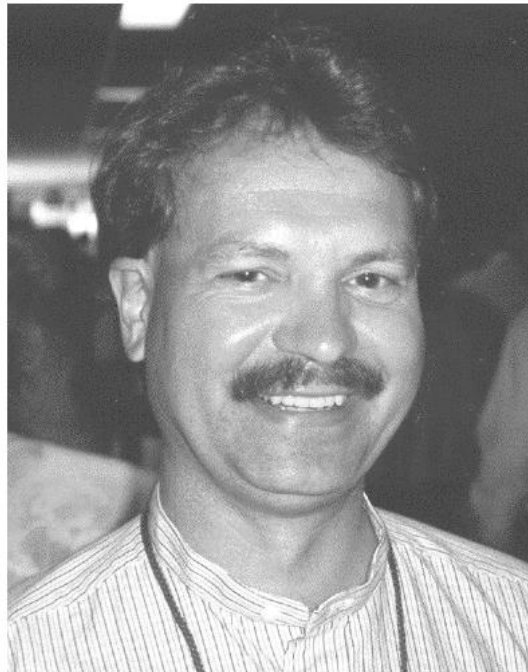


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Dr. David Lee Hoffman (deceased)
Award for Distinguished Service to Oat Improvement



David Hoffman was born Aug. 9, 1955 in Moscow Idaho and grew up on a family farm in the Thorn Creek area near Moscow. Dave's early experience working on his father's farm influenced his career as a scientist as he sought to produce research of practical benefit to growers. As many people would attest, Dave had a real passion for genetic research, especially oat, and enjoyed discussing his work with both colleagues and laymen.

Dr. Hoffman graduated from the University of Idaho with honors in plant science in 1977. His master's degree in agronomy and plant breeding was from New Mexico State University where he was involved in alfalfa breeding and genetics. He received a Ph.D. in plant breeding from Washington State University in 1985 where he worked on lentil. He began his work on oat when he joined the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Small Grains and Potato Germplasm Unit in Aberdeen, ID in 1986.

While with the ARS Dave's work focused on developing genetic maps for oat and barley. He co-developed the Ogle X TAM-O-301 mapping population, which is now being used to map disease resistance and other traits in oat. In addition, Dr. Hoffman assisted in the improvement of the original Kanota x Ogle (KxO) hexaploid oat map.

Dave authored or co-authored more than 30 peer-reviewed scientific publications during his career, the last being accepted for publication in April 2006. In spite of a physically

debilitating illness, Dave worked nearly every day until a few weeks before his death in January of 2006.