



Vern Burrows honoured once more by the people of China.

Vern Burrows, oat breeder emeritus at the Ottawa Research and Development Centre of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), has spent many years working with oat researchers in China. He has received a number of awards for this work, and a [statue of Vern](#) stands on the grounds of the Baicheng Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Jilin Province.

In December, 2014, Vern received word that he had been chosen to receive the International Scientific and Technological Cooperation Award of the People's Republic of China. [It was presented to him on February 25, 2016](#). The award is granted to foreign scientists, engineers, managers, or organizations that have made important contributions to scientific and technological cooperation with China.

Vern received the [Distinguished Service to Oat Improvement Award](#) from the AOWC in 1994, and was [inducted into the Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame](#) in 2014. Recently, AAFC [released a video about his work](#).

Congratulations, Vern!

-C.P. Wight, March, 2016

