

## **Dr. Stephen J. Molnar retires from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.**

After 35 years of public service, Steve Molnar retired from AAFC in Ottawa on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. A physicist-turned-plant geneticist, Steve worked on a number of different plant species, most notably oats, barley, and soybean. With a change in mandate, his most recent work focused on the latter two, but, fortunately for us, Steve continued to collaborate with members of the oat team in Ottawa and elsewhere.

Steve received two awards for his oat genomics work from AAFC: an “Outstanding Collaborative Research Award” in 1994 and the “AgCellence Award for Innovation” in 1999. He also received the award for “Distinguished Service to Oat Improvement” at the AOWC meetings in Fargo, ND, in 2006. More details concerning Steve’s career are given in the biography written for that event: [http://www.oatnews.org/oatnews\\_pdfs/oatfame/HofF\\_DSOI\\_Molnar.pdf](http://www.oatnews.org/oatnews_pdfs/oatfame/HofF_DSOI_Molnar.pdf)

Steve will continue to work part time at AAFC for the next year or so, when he is not out fishing or playing with his grandson. Thank you, Steve, and all the best in your retirement!



Nick Tinker decorated the cake!



Steve receives his retirement certificate from Dr. Michèle Marcotte, Director, Research, Development, and Technology.



Steve with the members of his lab (L to R): Martin Charette, Doris Luckert, Biniam Hizbai, and Bahram Samanfar.