



### **Retirement of A. Bruce Roskens**

Bruce Roskens retired as Director of Crop Sciences for Grain Millers, Inc. on January 1 of 2020. During his 45 year career in the oat and corn milling and plant breeding industries, Bruce traveled to 45 US states, 7 Canadian provinces, and 23 countries, reviewing oats and corn breeding and agronomy research programs, making countless farmer visits internationally, and making a LOT of friends in the farming community, grain milling, and plant breeding industries.

Bruce began his career in the grain industry in 1975 as a Field Representative/Agronomist for The Quaker Oats Company, as well as working on the grain-trading floor of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. His involvement in the oat breeding industry began while a student at South Dakota State University and continued with many, many oat breeding and agronomy programs around the world for his entire career. Bruce joined Grain Millers in the summer of 2012 and ably represented them throughout North America until his retirement.

Over the years, Bruce received many awards and honors from the plant science, grain milling, and agricultural education industries, as well as professional agronomic certifications. A couple of his proudest recognitions were the selection and naming of an oat variety for him in Canada by Dr. Weikai Yan at AAFC, as well as receiving the [\*Award for Distinguished Service to Oat Improvement\*](#) from the American Oat Workers in 2018. He has also been recognized as an author of several articles and book chapters and many farmer and industry publications regarding profitable and safe food quality grain production.

Bruce is very grateful for the wonderful friendships he has developed with the people of the oat and corn industries during his career, and remains “*passionate about the continued improvements yet to be made in breeding, agronomy, and milling for some of the most nutritious foods in the world*”.



Iowa State University, June 1993



Ottawa RDC Oat Day, 18 Jul 2019

Ottawa Research and Development Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, July 2019



AOWC 2018, Seattle, WA

Bruce with his wife Nadine, after receiving the Award for Distinguished Service to Oat Improvement, American Oat Workers Conference, Seattle, 2018.