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2010 CAWS Medallist



Professor Jim Pratley, Strategic Researcher Professor at Charles Sturt University, has recently been honoured with the award of the prestigious CAWS Medal for Leadership in recognition of his distinguished career in weed management.

The Council of Australasian Weed Societies (CAWS) confers this medal in peer recognition of sustained and nationally influential contributions in the fields of weed management research, teaching, administration and extension.

Jim's research career commenced with a doctorate through the University of New South Wales investigating plant and soil factors affecting livestock selenium nutrition. Further research during his career has focused on long term studies on tillage systems, allelopathy of crops and weeds, and herbicide resistance. The first worldwide report of glyphosate resistance was made by his research team.

An academic career paralleled these research activities, commencing in 1972 with a position as lecturer in plant science at the then Wagga Agricultural College. With the formation of Charles Sturt University in 1989, Jim became the foundation Dean of Science and Agriculture, a position held for 16 years. Around 70% of the current agronomists in southern and central NSW would have been taught by Jim as CSU undergraduates.

Publication of four books, 20 book chapters and over 60 refereed journal papers is testament to the productivity of his career in research and teaching. The value of the research was recognised in 2008, with Jim receiving the Molisch Award from the International Allelopathy Society for continued excellence in the field of allelopathy research.

Jim has contributed extensively to weed management administration and extension through service on the boards of several Co-operative Research Centres, chairing several national and international conference committees, and continued participation on government and industry councils which influence the direction of agricultural policy.



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