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WORF PRESENTED WGCSA "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD"

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Dr. Gayle L. Worf, Professor of Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been presented the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association's "Distinguished Service Award". The award was given at the WGCSA July meeting at Lake Wisconsin Country Club and formally acknowledged his formidable contributions to Wisconsin's golf courses for nearly a quarter of a century.

The DSA is not given on a regular basis, but rather when the officers and directors deem an individual's work in the Wisconsin golf course industry merits extraordinary and special recognition. In fact, five years have passed since a DSA was last made. Conservative selection has added special meaning to the award for those chosen to receive it.

Gayle Worf is a most worthy selection. Few people associated with Wisconsin's land grant college have been extended a warmer welcome from Golf Course Superintendents than Gayle has, and with good reason. He epitomizes the image of an effective extension specialist who works tirelessly enforcing his strong belief in the "Wisconsin Idea". This concept that the University has to serve the outside world, not simply by studying problems but by helping to solve them has guided Gayle throughout his time here. In the words of a late UW President, "The boundaries of the campus are the boundaries of the world." We are fortunate to be in Gayle's world; he turns those words into reality.



His contributions have gone beyond our own industry; he has given significantly to both the University and his profession. Dr. Douglas Maxwell, Chairman of the Plant Pathology Department, feels the following are worthy of particular note:

1. He has developed outstanding education programs on the diseases of ornamental and woody plants and field crops, and improved control recommendations now used by commercial growers and home owners for a wide range of disease problems.

2. He has chaired numerous committees and projects at all levels both in plant pathology and extension dealing not only with phytopathological problems, but with all facets of exten-

sion operations and administration. Currently, he is the extension district director for the southeast region of Wisconsin.

3. He was one of the first pathologists to recognize and describe the significance of the susceptibility of Texas male sterile cytoplasm corn hybrids to a fungal disease.

4. He has provided the leadership in this geographic region in initiating and administering programs for the control of Dutch Elm Disease.

5. He has identified the fungal pathogen of necrotic ring spot (previously named *Fusarium* blight) as *Leptosphaeria korrae*.

6. He has provided the leadership for the initiation of a fee structure for specimens submitted to the UW Plant Pathogen Detection Clinic.

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