

THE WALLACE AWARD - COPY OF LETTER BY JAMES M. WALLACE

Riverside, California
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To: The International Chairman, Advisory Committee (Directors), Secretary-treasurer and other officers of the International Organization of Citrus Virologists

From: James M. Wallace

Subject: The JAMES M. AND ADELINE H. WALLACE RESEARCH AWARD

This is to inform you that I, JAMES M. WALLACE, have included in my LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, providing my wife has predeceased me, a bequest of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) to the International Organization of Citrus Virologists (IOCV) to establish a James M. and Adeline H. Wallace Research Award Fund, I request that this sum and any other cash which might come from other sources as a result of my death, be invested in long-term, high yield, guaranteed savings certificates from which the income earned during the period of years between the regular conferences of IOCV will be awarded as cash prizes to one or more members of IOCV for outstanding contributions in the field of citrus virus disease research.

It is my wish that each incoming International Chairman of IOCV will appoint an AWARDS COMMITTEE, with him, or her, serving as ex-officio member with four other appointed members of IOCV to consider possible awardees from the IOCV membership, who presented papers at the last-held International Conference, and who has prepared and submitted those papers for publication in the proceedings of that conference. The reason for selecting candidate papers from the previously-held conference is to provide time for the Committee to fully evaluate and authenticate research reports. I trust that the AWARDS COMMITTEES will accept their duties seriously and that they will consult with associates and colleagues of authors being considered for an award, so as to establish the worthiness and reliability of a given piece of research.

I suggest that the maximum for a single prize not exceed ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000). In the event that the AWARDS COMMITTEE is of the opinion that two (2) papers are deserving of prizes, they may award prizes to authors of both, dividing the available cash as they think is fair or justifiable. In case of winning papers having more than one author, the award is to be divided equally among the authors.

If any research paper on which a member is the AWARDS COMMITTEE is

involved as an author comes under consideration for a prize such persons shall resign from the COMMITTEE and the International Chairman shall appoint another person to the COMMITTEE.

I wish to emphasize that it is not obligatory that the AWARDS COMMITTEE grant cash prizes on the occasion of every International Conference. I wish prizes to be awarded only when the COMMITTEE is convinced that an outstanding contribution has been made. Any income not used for these AWARDS shall go into the treasury of IOCV for use as agreed upon by the International Chainman and other Officers of IOCV.

When cash prizes are awarded, I think that they should be announced and presented at the International Conference banquets. It would add to the occasion if the winner or winners are present at such banquets. Possible, after winners have been selected, the Awards Committee can determine if the winners plan to attend the forthcoming conference, and, if no other means of insuring their attendance is available, the awardees can be notified confidentially that they are to be honored. Such a procedure will not only encourage individual efforts to attend but it may, on occasion, assist an individual to obtain official help for travel from his institution. The objective of establishing this AWARD is to encourage high quality research in the field of citrus virus diseases. At the same time, it will serve to honor in a small way, those who have helped to make IOCV the outstanding organization it has become since it was founded in 1957 as well as those who are to carry on in the years to come. The small grant is made by us to express our gratitude to our many friends in IOCV and to thank them for the many kindnesses extended to us as we have met and visited with them in many countries throughout the world. In the event that my wife, Adeline, survives me, it is her intention to include this same bequest in her WILL, and if she so desires, she may establish this AWARD FUND prior to her death.

In closing I wish to put on record that throughout my scientific career, nothing has given me more satisfaction than the experience of seeing the growth and accomplishments of IOCV. Additionally, the close, personal friendships it has given us can never be equalled.

Respectfully,

James M. Wallace

P.S. In addition to the cash prizes to be awarded as instructed, I suggest that each winner be given a small, attractive plaque, suitable engraved, etc., so as to provide memento which will record accomplishment long after a cash award has been spent.