

Ellis B. Cowling Lifetime Achievement Award – Rich Grant

In recognition of fostering successful relationships between the agricultural community and NADP, supporting new opportunities to advance atmospheric science, and

It is an honor to present **Rich Grant** with the **Ellis B. Cowling Lifetime Achievement Award** in recognition of his decades of leadership and dedication to the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) as the State Agricultural Experiment Station (SAES) representative to the Executive Committee. Rich's presence throughout the program's history fostered a vital and enduring relationship among the SAES managers, USDA, and the NADP--ensuring continued support from the agricultural community. Rich has shown considerable long-term expertise in navigating the reporting requirements of the ongoing National Research Support Project (NRSP). He has been instrumental in maintaining the broad support from the SAES representatives each renewal cycle for the past four decades.

Serving on the Executive Committee leadership team for 10 years, Rich navigated many challenges. He oversaw the successful transition of the program office from Colorado State University to the University of Illinois, a complex effort that required a comprehensive reorganization of the program functions and personnel. Throughout his service, Rich consistently sought opportunities to collaborate across NADP committees to advance atmospheric science and underscore the value of the long-term monitoring networks. He was a strong champion of the Effects Subcommittee, which later evolved into the Education and Outreach Subcommittee (EOS), recognizing the critical need to translate data into meaningful products that communicate scientific relevance and impact.

Equally important, Rich was a persuasive and trusted voice in demonstrating to the SAES how the NADP could fill critical gaps in atmospheric monitoring through the development of the Mercury Deposition Network (MDN) and later the Ammonia Monitoring Network (AMoN).

Rich's commitment to the long-term success of the NADP extended to mentoring new members. He generously took emerging leaders under his wing, quietly guiding new Executive Committee members in their roles and offering thoughtful counsel as they navigated challenges. Those who have worked alongside Rich describe him as kind, wise, and compassionate. His legacy within the NADP community serves as a lasting reminder that effective leadership can-and should-be grounded in these enduring qualities.