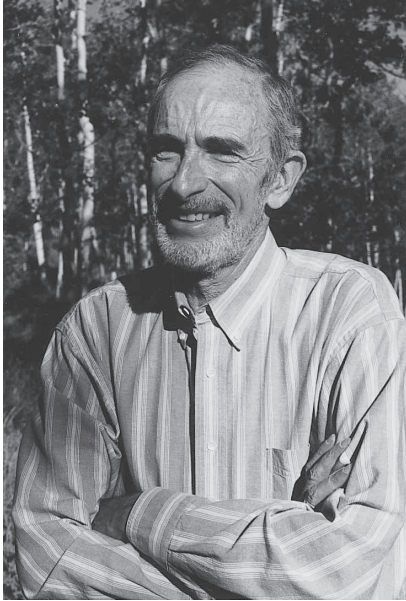


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EMINENT ECOLOGIST AWARD



Paul R. Ehrlich

The Eminent Ecologist Award is given in recognition of an outstanding body of ecological work or of sustained contributions of extraordinary merit. It is the highest honor bestowed by the Ecological Society of America. The winner of the 2001 Eminent Ecologist Award is Paul R. Ehrlich, Bing Professor of Population Studies at Stanford University. If Paul Ehrlich is not deemed “eminent,” who among our community would be? Paul is, first of all, a major scientist, whose contributions to the research literature have revolutionized our thinking about population biology, density dependence, and co-evolution. His paper with Peter Raven virtually initiated the study of co-evolution, and his long-term study of *Euphydryas* populations continues to this day. His passion for basic science has not waned at all in nearly a half-century of work.

Secondly, Paul has built on his own research, and his remarkable scholarship, to become perhaps the

most effective spokesman for the need to conserve our environment. For his entire professional career, Ehrlich has been a strong voice for the use of ecology in decision making, for the recognition of human interactions driving environmental change, for the importance of human population growth as an underlying cause of environmental change, for the recognition of ecologists in the National Academy of Sciences, for the need for ecological knowledge in the political arena, and so on. He has never been afraid to speak out, no matter how unpopular the cause. Paul is a prolific writer of everything from textbooks to popular treatises, and is surely one of the most visible ecologists in the world. He has received virtually every major international prize in the environment for his large body of path-breaking work, including the Tyler Prize, the Crafoord Prize, the Blue Planet Prize, The Volvo Environment Prize, and a MacArthur Prize.

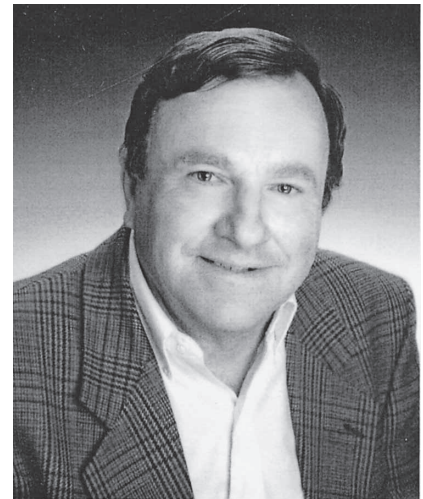
Paul Ehrlich is also a wonderful mentor and teacher. He is a fabulous lecturer, and his students are among the leaders in the academic and NGO communities. Paul has himself been a leader in developing conservation biology as a discipline, and in bringing attention to the need to value the services ecosystems provide us all. However, he has recognized the need to train others to help carry out the challenges, and students such as Michael Soulé and Gretchen Daily have gone on to help define or redefine these disciplines. Paul was in the forefront of those reaching out to economists to turn their attention to problems of the global commons, and the involvement of people such as Kenneth Arrow and Partha DasGupta in these areas owes much to Paul’s willingness to find common ground with them.

Above all, Paul is a mensch. His students and colleagues all swear by him, because they know how big his

heart is, and how hard he works for us all in the public arena, and in the halls of academia. Paul Ehrlich has perhaps done more for the discipline than anyone else, working often behind closed doors and without expectation of recognition. It is fitting, however, for the ESA to give him that recognition, long overdue.

Eminent Ecologist Award Subcommittee: Deborah Goldberg (Chair), Robert Holt, Pamela Matson, Bruce Menge, Judy Meyer, Steven Pacala

EUGENE P. ODUM AWARD



James H. Brown

The Eugene P. Odum Award for Excellence in Ecology Education is the newest award of the Ecological Society of America, recognizing an ecologist for outstanding work in education. This award draws the attention of the discipline to the education-related work of colleagues who, through teaching, outreach, and mentoring activities, relate basic ecological principles to human affairs.

The winner for 2001 is James H. Brown, Regents Professor of Biology at the University of New Mexico. Jim has a distinguished record of achieve-