

## HONORARY MEMBERS, 1985

This year the Ecological Society of America bestows its first awards of Honorary Membership on three foreign scientists, each of whom has made outstanding contributions to several different areas of ecology. The Honorary Membership Subcommittee feels that with these precedent-setting awards we have taken an important step toward honoring distinguished ecologists from outside North America and focusing attention on their work.

Eduardo H. Rapoport

Eduardo Hugo Rapoport was born, grew up, and was educated in Argentina. Since receiving his doctoral degree from the Universidad Nacional de la Plata in 1956, he has held faculty positions in Argentina, Venezuela, and Mexico. Currently he is a Professor at Fundacion Bariloche, a research institute in the foothills of the Andes in southern Argentina, where he has done much of his research. Eddie, as he is affectionately known to all his associates, has had a major impact as much through his stimulating personal interactions as through his numerous publications.

Among North American ecologists and biogeographers, Rapoport is probably best

known for his exceptionally original book, *Aerography*, which was recently translated into English. Although his treatment of diverse aspects of the spatial distributions of organisms illustrates Rapoport's unique creative, analytical, and synthetic abilities, it is not able to reflect the full breadth of his interests and contributions. He is the coauthor of a book (in Spanish) on the urban ecology of Mexico City. His numerous papers in both Spanish- and English-language journals address such diverse, additional subjects as the systematics, ecology, and biogeography of Collembola, the ecology of soil and freshwater ecosystems, and the transport, establishment, and impact of exotic species.