The Honorary Membership Award of the Ecological Society of America is a lifetime membership to the Society. This award is the most prestigious recognition given to a distinguished ecologist who is not a citizen or resident of the U.S. or Canada. This year, the award is given to Dr. Syunro Utida, Honorary Professor at Kyoto University, Japan. Dr. Utida received his Ph.D. in 1943 from Kyoto University in Agricultural Science, and has received a number of awards including the Prize for Agricultural Science by the Japanese Society of Agricultural Science. He has published over 120 papers in the area of insect population dynamics, and has been a major contributor to the understanding of the causes of population fluctuations and the behavior of interacting populations. While Dr. Utida has made significant contributions in the study of insect dynamics, the influence of his work goes beyond this field. His studies of parasitism provide the principal foundations for models of functional responses and competition, and many of his papers have become classics. The Ecological Society of America is pleased to present Dr. Utida with the Honorary Membership Award.

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The objective of the Corporate Award of the Ecological Society of America is to identify and recognize a corporation, business, division, program, or an individual of a company for accomplishments in incorporating sound ecological concepts, knowledge, and practices in planning and operation procedures. This award was designed to serve as an encouragement for business and industry to do what is ecologically best and to enhance communication among ecologists at universities, in government agencies, and in the private sector for the improvement of applied ecology.

The Ecological Society of America Corporate Award is an annual award with six subcategories. This year's category is "Sustainability of Biological Resources in Terrestrial Environments." This includes organizations concerned with forestry, wildlife management, range management, and agroecosystems, including areas such as soil conservation, integrated pest management, fertilization, irrigation, hybridization, and genetic engineering.

This will be the third time that the Society has given a Corporate Award, which indicates that they are not given out lightly. The first one was given to the Public Broadcasting Service for Environmental Education in 1988. The second was to Norcal Solid Waste Systems for Resource Recycling in 1990. This year's recipient is Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco, California.