

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

PAUL GILLAN RISSER



The Distinguished Service Citation is awarded to individuals whose contributions to the science of ecology and to the Ecological Society of America are truly outstanding, above and beyond the general, well-recognized call of teachers, researchers, administrators, or even the duties of elected office. Selfless dedication to making ecology better is the rule, and this year's honoree is a shining example of the criteria inherent in the Citation.

Our recipient has served ecology as a scholar, teacher, mentor, advisor, consultant, researcher,

writer, and editor. He has moved through the standard professorial ranks at major academic institutions, has been a director of a biological station, of a state biological survey, and of the Ecosystem Studies program at NSF. In 1981 he became Chief of the oldest Natural History Survey in the nation. At the time, he told me he always wanted to be a "chief"! He has been in great demand on advisory panels and committees for a wide array of agencies and institutions. More recently, he has moved into the highest echelons of academic administration.

The Ecological Society of America has been enormously enriched by his talent, abilities, and dedication. He has served the Society on numerous committees, and has always responded to requests from the leadership to undertake complex and sometimes onerous tasks that needed doing. He has served on our editorial boards, as Secretary from 1978-1981, and an exemplary term as President, 1984-1985. In each of these diverse endeavors he has brought skill, experience, tact, perspicacity, insight, and compassion to the enterprise. For all these reasons, and many, many more, the Ecological Society of America is most pleased to award the 1993 Distinguished Service Citation to the President of Miami University of Ohio, Paul Gillan Risser.

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