NEW YORK STATE GIS ASSOCIATION

Recognition of

Lifetime Achievement

is hereby granted to

Lee Herrington

Dr. Herrington is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus at the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF). The designation gives Dr. Herrington an academic rank above that of full professor and recognizes faculty members who have demonstrated superior mastery of teaching skills, scholarship, professional growth, student services, academic standards, and evaluation of student performance. Dr. Herrington earned his bachelor's degree in Forestry from the University of Maine and his master's degree and doctorate from Yale University. He joined the ESF faculty in 1965, teaching meteorology. He later became interested in the newly emerging field of Geographic Information Systems and became a professor of information resources management. Growing interest in the technology at the college led him to establish and direct ESF's Laboratory for Applied Geographic Information Systems. The widespread use of GIS technology in New York is, in part, the result of Dr. Herrington's work developing course material and professional networks.

Dr. Herrington was one of the founders of the New York State Geographic Information Systems Conference more than 30 years ago, and saw it develop from a small user group to a major professional development opportunity for more than 500 practitioners each year. He was chair of the Advisory Council for the NYS GIS conference for over 12 years. Dr. Herrington was a founding member of the Board of Directors for the Regional Application Center of the Northeast (RACNE) at Cayuga Community College and also served on the Board of the Institute for Applied Geotechnology. Among his many research projects, he generated a geographic database for the northern forest lands area of New York state, creating a digital image of the six million acres north of the Mohawk River. Dr. Herrington has mentored numerous undergraduate and graduate students, leading to a long list of GIS professionals in the field, many who became active members of the NYSGISA as well as members of its Board of Directors.

It is with great pleasure that we recognize Dr. Lee Herrington for his hard work, dedication, and contributions to the NYS GIS community.

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Richard A. Reichert, President