

TOM RANNEY NAMED A FELLOW OF THE IPPS EASTERN REGION



Dr. Tom Ranney was elected as a Fellow of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society at their annual meeting in Brandywine Valley, Pennsylvania. The Fellows Award is an honor the Region awards to its members for exceptional service to the Society and to the advancement of the field of propagation and production. Only members of IPPS - Eastern Region, with at least 10 years membership are eligible. The total number of Fellows of the Region does not exceed 15% of eligible membership

An IPPS member since 2001, Tom Ranney has provided extraordinary service to the Society and provided significant contributions to the North American nursery industry. He has served on the Eastern Region's board of directors and numerous committees including Chair of the Area Meeting committee.

Tom Ranney received his undergraduate degree at the Ohio State University before moving on to receive his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at Cornell University in New York in 1989. He is currently a Professor at North Carolina University and has worked at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center in Western North Carolina since 1989.

His research program focuses on the evaluation, selection, and development of new landscape and bioenergy crops. This involves the ongoing search for new plants that provide economic opportunities for the green industry. Recent plant developments from his program include new hybrids of *Albizia*, *Calycanthus*, *Chaenomeles*, *Clethra*, *Exochorda*, *xGordlinia*, *Hydrangea*, *Hypericum*, *Illicium*, and *xSchimlinia*.

Ranney has published more than 230 research and popular articles on diverse horticultural topics. He has advised and served on committees of 30 graduate students. He has served in editorial positions for *Tree Physiology*, the *Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science*, and the *Southern Nursery Association Research Conference*.

Recent awards include the Publication Award, Extension Educational Award and Distinguished Achievement Award for Nursery Crops from the American Society for Horticultural Science; the Research Friend of Extension Award from NC State University; the Porter Henegar Memorial Award for Research from the Southern Nursery Association, and the H. Marc Cathey Award for outstanding scientific research from the American Horticultural Society.

The International Plant Propagators' Society is a non-profit organization of nearly 1100 members organized into eight separate regions around the world. The membership is made up of those with a professional interest in plant propagation and production from businesses, colleges and universities, botanic gardens and arboreta. The motto of this non-commercial organization is "To Seek and To Share" knowledge and experience in plant propagation and production.