

**J. Grover Shannon** was just elected to serve a three-year term on the Soybean Genetics Executive Committee (SoyGEC). Dr. Shannon is a Professor and David Haggard Endowed Chair in Soybean Genetics and Breeding in the Division of Plant Science at the University of Missouri-Delta Center, Portageville, MO. He received a B.S. degree in Agronomy in 1967 from Mississippi State University, an M.S. degree in 1970 in Crop Physiology from Purdue University and his Ph.D. in 1971 from Purdue University. He started out as an Assistant Professor in Small Grain Breeding at University of Maryland then moved on to an Assistant Professor in Soybean Breeding at the Delta Research Center then moving up to an Associate Professor. Later he went to work for Asgrow Seed Co in Marion AR as a Mid-South Soybean Breeder and Station Manager. Then he became a Senior Soybean Breeder at the Delta and Pine Land Co. He has spent 21 years of his 33 year career in industry with Asgrow Seed Company (now Monsanto) and Delta and Pine Land Co.

He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America in which he was recently elected as the Fellow of the Crop Science Society of America. He has had an outstanding career in soybean genetics and breeding in which he has developed 70+ cultivars. An array of these cultivars has been planted on large acreages across the mid-south and southeast. He has been a leader in the development of soybean cyst nematode resistant cultivars for both the northern and southern US. He has also been instrumental in research to determine the genetics of SCN resistance from promising sources. His expertise in research has been demonstrated in his being an author on 50 refereed articles even though 21 years of his career has been in the private sector where publishing is not a priority. He is well respected by his peers for his accomplishments in soybean breeding research and his unselfish service and dedication to serve others locally, nationally and internationally.