Dr. Paul Jepson, Director of the Integrated Plant Protection Center and a Professor in the Environmental & Molecular Toxicology department, was presented the 2014 OSU International Service Award at University Day on September 18.

Dr. Jepson has been serving as the Director of the Integrated Plant Protection Center (IPPC) and as State IPM (Integrated Pest Management) Coordinator for Oregon since 2002. The IPPC delivers certification programs for pesticide applicators and develops and delivers tools, services, research and education programs that enable IPM adoption. Four program areas developed by Dr. Jepson provide important biosafety and biosecurity programs both nationally and internationally: 1) biological control and biologically-based pest management; 2) enhanced diagnostic and forecasting tools; 3) pesticide management, rational use, and risk mitigation; 4) information delivery, decision support, and outreach. Under Dr. Jepson’s leadership, the IPPC has become one of the leading research and extension organizations in integrated pest and production management (IPPM) systems, both nationally and especially internationally.

Nationally, Dr. Jepson has lead IPPC to contribute towards ensuring food security and environmental safety for millions of people by meeting the goals of the US National Roadmap for IPM. He has leveraged and expanded his national efforts to extend his accomplishments to the international agricultural community as well, by assisting in meeting three of the eight UN Millennium Development Goals: 1) the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger; 2) the establishment of environmental sustainability and; 3) the creation of a global partnership for development. Dr. Jepson has been working in West Africa to further extend his programs to new audiences and stakeholders and is also in the process of establishing similar programs in South East Asia.

Nominees for the International Service Award were evaluated on how they have helped internationalize the teaching, research, or service programs of Oregon State University; the extent to which they have benefited OSU students by promoting international education and cultural outreach; the impact of their efforts in fostering international awareness in the university and community, and the extent to which their activities have enhanced OSU’s reputation as an international university.