

Certificate of Merit Citation for R. Owen Jones

Richard Owen Jones received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1972 and started his career working in Manitoba's feed industry.

In 1984, he founded Canadian Bio-Systems Inc. which manufactures a wide range of products utilized in feed, food, industrial and environmental applications. Today, Canadian Bio-Systems Inc. has its headquarters in Calgary, manufacturing operations in Calgary and Oshawa and product distribution across Canada, the United States, Asia and Europe.

Owen has been a long standing supporter of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. For the past 20 years, he has contributed to an internationally recognized research program in the area of feed enzyme development and application, and has applied innovative enzyme technology to improve production efficiencies in livestock and poultry feed industries while reducing environmental contaminants.

In recognition of these achievements, Canadian Bio-Systems Inc. along with Bogdan Slominski and other academic staff within the Department of Animal Science received the prestigious NSERC Synergy Award for Innovation in 2002, and the National Research Council/Alberta Science and Technology Innovation in Industrial Research Award in 2006.

Through his company, Owen has been a strong benefactor of graduate student training. Canadian Bio-Systems' funding of enzyme research contributed to the training of five Ph.D. and nine M.Sc. students, with more students participating in current research. Owen approached the Faculty in 2010 to establish a scholarship in nutritional biochemistry for Animal Science graduate students, the first of which was issued in 2011.

In addition to the financial support by Canadian Bio-Systems, Owen's intellectual contribution to our research has resulted in his co-authorship on nine peer-reviewed articles in publications such as the Canadian Journal of Animal Science and Poultry Science.

He has also supported Faculty fundraising initiatives such as the T.K. Cheung Centre for Animal Science Research, a large animal facility located on the University of Manitoba Fort Garry Campus for research, undergraduate and graduate training and extension/outreach activities.

“This Certificate of Merit is presented to Richard Owen Jones by the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba, in recognition of leadership with agricultural organizations and outstanding service to the community at large.”

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