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HANSELKA RECEIVES FREDERIC G. RENNER AWARD from the Society for Range Management (SRM)

Dr. C. Wayne Hanselka of Corpus Christi, Texas, was presented the Fredric G. Renner Award at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 70th Annual Meeting held in St. George, January 29 – February 2, 2017. The Renner Award is the most prestigious award bestowed by the Society. It was made possible by a generous contribution from Frederic G. Renner, a Charter and Life member and SRM's second President (1949). The award is presented with the belief that such recognition will foster better use of rangeland resources and a broader understanding of the contributions that these

resources make to the welfare of all people.

During his career, Dr. Wayne Hanselka has written over 163 publications, made hundreds of presentations, and secured over \$1 million dollars in grants to support his programs. Dr. Hanselka's exceptional talent and ability to build multidisciplinary partnerships across students, professionals, landowner groups, disciplines, societies, agencies, states and countries is very well recognized. These successful broad based partnerships range from teams involving the use of native plants and ecological processes to repair the dynamic cycles on rangeland, to Spanish goats in South Texas, to Project Range Care; all of which serve as models for partnership building. Dr. Hanselka's efforts are not limited to Texas alone. He has extended educational efforts to Mexico as well, and has close relationships with universities and cattlemen south of the border. Over the years he has worked closely with Mexico in their efforts to reorganize the Mexico Chapter of the Society for Range Management and to create a future Agriculture Extension Service in the State of Tamaulipas.

Wayne is also active within the Texas Section and the Society, serving on numerous committees in 40+ years, including; the International Affairs Committee, Advisory Council (Chair), the 1988 Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi (Co-Chair). He also served as a liaison between SRM and Mexico for the 1990 summer meeting in Monterrey.

During his 40+ years' tenure as an Extension Rangeland Specialist, Dr. Hanselka has served South Texas and Northern Mexico ranchers, as well as mentored students and professionals from both countries. Very few individuals have his ability to visualize production systems holistically, and the knowledge to integrate all the way from the soils, to vegetation communities, domestic animals, wildlife and economics. No doubt about it, he has made the difference for the valuable natural resources that we all attempt to protect. In his retirement, Dr. Hanselka continues doing what he loves as a consultant.

In gratitude for his many years of service, and for his many accomplishments and sustained contributions to the profession of rangeland management, as well as the Society for Range Management, it is with great honor that we proudly presented Dr. C, Wayne Hanselka with the 2017 Frederick G. Renner Award.



L to R: Dr. J Alfonso "Poncho" Ortega-S (nominator), with SRM's 2017 Fredric G. Renner recipient, Dr. C. Wayne Hanselka and SRM President (2016) Dr. Val Jo Anderson.



MISSION: Providing leadership for the Stewardship of Rangelands based on sound ecological principles.

VISION: A well-trained and highly motivated group of professionals and rangelands users working with productive, sustainable rangeland ecosystems.