

# Excellence in Teaching Award

This award was established in 1987 by the APS Council in recognition of excellence in teaching plant pathology. The award is presented to individuals with active responsibility for one or more courses in plant pathology and recognizes the individual's distinguished proficiency in teaching, as indicated by development and effectiveness of courses taught.

## Antonius B. A. M. Baudoin



**Antonius B. A. M. Baudoin** was born at Vught, The Netherlands. He earned his M.Sc. degree in plant protection at the Agricultural University, Wageningen, and his Ph.D. degree in plant pathology at the University of California, Riverside.

Dr. Baudoin joined the faculty of the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1981. He has developed and taught six undergraduate and graduate courses and has served on and chaired the department's Teaching Committee. Dr.

Baudoin also has carried out research in several areas, including postharvest pathology, weed pathogens for biological control, and management of grape diseases.

Comments on course evaluation sheets and unsolicited letters from Dr. Baudoin's students attest to his teaching abilities,

enthusiasm, and dedication. One student wrote, "I would rank Dr. Baudoin as one of the top professors I have had at this school. He is very concerned about the students and the educational benefits they can receive." Another wrote, "He is always available—before class, after class, after regular teaching hours, on the phone . . . anytime he is needed." Also, "This instructor has the very desirable ability to make difficult concepts palatable to the student. His teaching method and approach is super." His commitment to teaching is documented by his many activities directed at improving courses. He obtained several teaching development grants from Virginia Tech, developed autotutorial slide sets, established a departmental disease herbarium, and developed many new laboratory exercises.

Through APS, Dr. Baudoin has developed and edited the manual *Laboratory Exercises for Plant Pathology*, an instructional kit used in introductory plant pathology courses. Dr. Baudoin has chaired the APS Teaching Committee and participated in the Graduate Student Paper Judging Committee of the APS Potomac Division. He also served as an associate editor for *Plant Disease*.

Dr. Baudoin received the Henderson Award for outstanding service by a faculty member to the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science and the Teacher Fellow Award of the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.