

Peter B. Schultz receives Distinguished Service Award from Research Center Administrators Society

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HAMPTON ROADS, Va., March 5, 2013 – Peter B. Schultz, an entomologist and director of Virginia Tech's [Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center](#)^[2], was recently given the Distinguished Service Award by the [Research Center Administrators Society of the United States](#)^[3].

Schultz, a longtime member who has served on many of the society's committees, received the award at the group's annual banquet held this month in Orlando, Fla. This honor is for dedicated service, leadership, and outstanding contributions to the society over an extended period.

"I am very honored to receive this award from the Research Center Administrators Society, an organization that has been of such great help in my professional development as an Agricultural Research and Extension Center director," Schultz said.

"Pete displays a positive attitude and actively promotes the ideas and objectives of our organization," said Barry Sims, chair of the group's Awards Committee and director of the University of Tennessee's Highland Rim Agricultural Research and Education Center. "These include promoting effective research, fostering high standards of education, and striving to maintain high standards of ethics."

Schultz is currently the Research Center Administrators Society state representative and its technology officer. He also serves on the membership committee.

Born in Bucharest, Romania, and raised in Davis, Calif. Schultz earned his bachelor of science in entomology from the University of California at Davis, his master's degree in biology from Midwestern State University, and his doctorate in entomology from Virginia Tech.

Schultz began his career as an entomology-training instructor for the U.S. Air Force, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. After working for five years as a regulatory inspector for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, he joined the Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station (now the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center) as an entomologist in 1978. He earned tenure as an associate professor with Virginia Tech in 1985 and became a full professor in 1996. He has been director of the Hampton Roads center since 1992. He concurrently acted as interim director of the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center from 2010 to 2012.

In addition to his active membership in the Research Center Administrators Society, Schultz served the Entomological Society of America in many capacities since he first joined in 1966, including president of the organization's Eastern Branch from 2005 to 2006.

The Hampton Roads center's mission is to provide leadership for the vitality of the environmental

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horticulture industries nursery, landscape, urban tree care, and turf through programs in applied research, Virginia Cooperative Extension, graduate instruction, and continuing education programs.

Nationally ranked among the top research institutions of its kind, Virginia Tech's [College of Agriculture and Life Sciences](#)^[4] focuses on the science and business of living systems through learning, discovery, and engagement. The college's comprehensive curriculum gives more than 3,100 students in a dozen academic departments a balanced education that ranges from food and fiber production to economics to human health. Students learn from the world's leading agricultural scientists, who bring the latest science and technology into the classroom.



Peter Schultz (left), the director of Virginia Tech's Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, is presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Research Center Administrators Society of the United States from Walt Hitch, the outgoing president of the society.

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