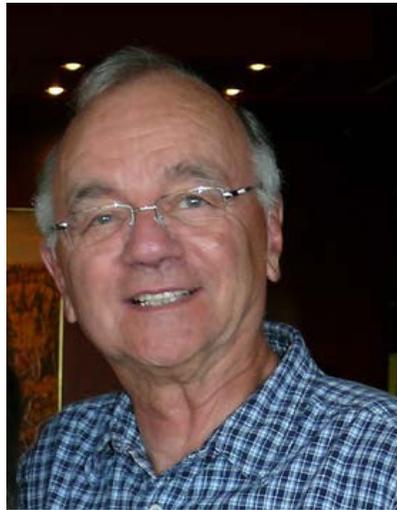


DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Canadian Section - 2012

The Wildlife Society Distinguished Service Award recognizes TWS members who have made a long-term commitment to the Society based on at least 20 years of membership and their actions to further the mission of the Society. The member is someone who is/was “always there” and could be counted on to serve the chapter, section, or international organization.



Dr. William Samuel
Professor Emeritus – University of Alberta

Dr. Samuel received a MSc from Pennsylvania State University and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He joined the faculty at the University of Alberta in 1971 where he taught courses in wildlife diseases, vertebrate biology and principles of parasitism. His university duties also included being the Coordinator of the ACA Grants in Biodiversity Program, Associate Chair of Graduate Studies in the Department of Biological Sciences and Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Science. His research focus on winter ticks on moose populations, meningeal worm in close relatives on various species of big game species, sarcoptic mange on wolf and coyotes, and ectoparasites of elk and pelicans. Bill has many published articles and is author of the book *White as a Ghost: Winter Ticks & Moose*. He has been an active member of the Wildlife Disease Association, held their office of Vice President, and was Associate Editor of *Journal of Wildlife Diseases* for 14 years. Dr. Samuel became a member of The Wildlife Society in 1964 and has remained a member ever since. Bill focused his early efforts on building up TWS in Canada, was a founder of the Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society and President from 1991-1992. The Chapter awarded Bill the *William Rowan Distinguished Service Award* in 1998 for his tireless efforts in support of the Chapter. He became a Canadian Section member of TWS in 2009 at its birth. Bill has always been an enthusiastic teacher and mentor to students, and in honour of this, the University of Alberta each year gives out *The William Samuel Dedicated Service Awards* to deserving students for their service to the university and community.