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Dr. Peter Sikkema Honoured with T.R. Hilliard Distinguished Agricultural Extension Award

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The Ontario Agricultural College's highest recognition for agricultural extension, the T.R. Hilliard Distinguished Agricultural Extension Award, was presented to Dr. Peter Sikkema this week at the Southwest Agricultural Conference at the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph. This illustrious award, named in memory of the late T. R. Hilliard, former Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food, annually recognizes an individual whose agricultural work and results are extensively shared with producers, students and/or researchers for the benefit of Ontario agriculture.

"Dr. Sikkema is highly regarded locally, provincially, nationally and internationally for his applied research in field crop weed management. His work is respected by his academic peers, but more importantly is valued by Ontario growers and agribusiness for its real impact on agriculture crop protection" said Dr. Rob Gordon, Dean, OAC, who presented the award to Sikkema on behalf of the OAC Alumni Foundation. "For the past 20 years, Peter has annually made 25 -30 presentations to grower organizations, academic conferences, and special agricultural events. It is truly a pleasure to have Peter as a colleague in OAC and the University of Guelph."

"I'm honoured to have the privilege to work in such a great industry in a capacity that allows me to enjoy academic research study, classroom teaching and field extension. I have an amazing staff team and I want to share this honour with each of them," noted Sikkema.

Sikkema joined the Ridgetown Campus staff in 1988 and has developed one of the largest field crop weed management programs in North America. Sharing his research knowledge with Ridgetown Campus agriculture diploma students is one of his favourite roles, and many alumni now contact Peter for sound and practical weed management advice for their farms.

Sikkema is a Professor in the Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph located at the University's Ridgetown Campus.

"We all share in this celebration for Dr. Sikkema and his team at Ridgetown Campus. It is a much deserved honour," said Dr. Art Schaafsma, Ridgetown Campus Director.

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Dr. Rob Gordon, OAC Dean presents distinguished T. R. Hilliard Distinguished Agricultural Extension Award to Dr. Peter Sikkema, Professor, Plant Agriculture, Ridgetown Campus

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