



Winston Trollope Wins the Henry Wright Lifetime Achievement Award

The Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) is pleased to announce Dr. Winston Trollope has been awarded the 2018 Henry Wright Lifetime Achievement Award for his significant contribution to fire ecology and management in grasslands and shrublands.

Dr. Trollope is from South Africa and obtained B.S. (1962) and M.S. (1971) degrees in Agriculture and a Ph.D. (1984) in Rangeland Science at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg. Winston held faculty and administrative positions at the University of Fort Hare in South Africa for 35 years, where he pioneered scientific work in fire ecology and fire management in savannah ecosystems of Africa and globally. He has presented at more than 70 conferences worldwide, often as an invited speaker, and has published 150 publications, chapters, or reports. His masters research resulted in burning programs that are still in use to control macchia vegetation in the mountainous areas of the Eastern Cape Province. His doctoral research had similar long-lasting effects and have improved the use of fire as a range management practice for both domestic livestock systems and wildlife management.



“Pioneers in fire ecology like Winston, has left us with a legacy of applied science that has laid the foundation for sound fire management practices in Southern Africa. These practices are what science should be about - not merely a scientific result of research on paper, but a result in the field where it makes a difference.”

~ Tian Pool, Nelson Mandela University

AFE honors career achievements in fire ecology and management by recognizing the pioneers and early advocates in our field. Each year, lifetime achievement awards are presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to fire ecology and management and who have inspired and mentored a generation of fire ecologists. The award for individuals who primarily work in grassland and shrubland ecosystems is named after Henry Wright of Texas Tech University. Henry’s extensive research in prescribed fire, along with his extension programs and university courses, helped fire become an accepted management practice for controlling brush and weeds and for restoring grasslands. Winston is particularly honored to receive this award, as he visited Henry Wright in 1971 and received invaluable advice on the characterization of fire intensity, which he applied extensively in African grasslands and savannas and which formed the basis of his research program.

Dr. Trollope is AFE’s first international recipient of a lifetime achievement award. He will be presented with the Wright Award at the 8th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress, November 18-22, 2019, in Tucson, Arizona.

A list of all Lifetime Achievement Award winners is available at <https://fireecology.org/afe-award-winners>.

About AFE

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