



The Rovira Rhizosphere Symposium



9 – 5 Friday, 15 August 2008
SARDI Plant Research Centre, Waite Campus, Adelaide

A Symposium to explore the latest in rhizosphere research and honour the 50-year contribution of Dr. Albert Rovira AO FTSE

PROGRAM

The Hon Neil Andrew, Chairman, The Crawford Fund
Opening remarks

THE RHIZOSPHERE – morning session

Prof Richard Burns, Univ of Queensland
Albert Rovira and half a century of rhizosphere research: are we any the wiser?

Then several shorter research talks

Prof Jim Tiedje, Michigan State University
New technologies for more in depth understanding of the soil and rhizosphere communities

Lunch

PLANT HEALTH AND FARMING SYSTEMS - Afternoon session

Prof Richard Smiley, Oregon State University
Root diseases, plant health and farming systems

Neil Smith, Maitland, SA
A farmer's perspective

Then several shorter research talks

Maarten Ryder / Prof Wenhua Tang
Cooperative research on soilborne diseases between China and Australia

Dr Julie Nicol, CIMMYT
The outcomes of the Root Disease Master Classes -Training a new generation of scientists in developing countries

Dr Albert Rovira
The biology of the Rhizosphere: Past, present & future



Registration \$55 or \$40 for retirees - includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea, copy of abstracts and copy of all papers after the Symposium

The Proceedings of the Symposium will be published by the Crawford Fund www.crawfordfund.org
Evening Celebratory Dinner \$50 - Venue TBC

To get a registration form please contact Rosemary.Warren@csiro.au



Prior to his formal retirement, Dr Albert Rovira was a Chief Research Scientist in the CSIRO Division of Soils and foundation Director of the CRC for Soil and Land Management, which was one of the pioneering "first round" Cooperative Research Centres. He continues to mentor current students and scientists and is still publishing. Dr Rovira has continued as the Coordinator of the ATSE Crawford Fund in South Australia since its inception.