HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD



Philip Grime

Honorary membership in the Ecological Society of America is awarded to individuals who have

made outstanding contributions to the field of ecology and who live and work outside of the United States and Canada. This year the Society is honored to welcome Professor Philip Grime from the University of Sheffield as Honorary Member.

Grime is a plant community ecologist. He is perhaps best known for his 1979 book, "Plant strategies and vegetation processes," in which he explored relationships among plant functional types, disturbance, fertility, and competition. In 1973 Grime offered one of the first explanations accounting for both increases and decreases in diversity as disturbance increases. In 1965 he called for large-scale screening of plant responses as a key to understanding vegetation, a prescription still widely followed. More recently, Grime's research has also addressed genome size, the exploitation of resource patches, and ecosystem resilience.

Grime's ideas are sometimes con-

troversial and have generated discussion in journals and books. This discussion has generated critical evaluations and experimental tests and has moved forward the field of plant ecology.

Grime has served as Vice-President of the British Ecological Society and as an editor of the *Journal of Ecology*. He is Director of the Unit of Comparative Plant Ecology, a group of 30. He continues to be very active in research, publishing several papers and book chapters annually.

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