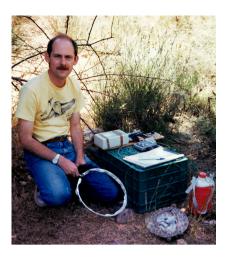
HONORARY MEMBER AWARD



Carlos Herrera

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, Canada, and Mexico. The 2002 Honorary ESA Member is Professor Carlos Herrera, from the University of Seville in Spain.

Dr. Herrera's research has consistently been at the forefront of fieldwork linking ecological and evolutionary perspectives. Year after year for more than two decades, he has developed experiments and field observations that have shaped our ideas about the ways in which plants interact with herbivores, pollinators, and seed dispersal agents within complex biological communities. He has confronted the problem of evolutionary constraints in how natural selection acts on evolving interspecific interactions, and he has explored how variation in the outcome of interspecific interactions affects the ecological and evolutionary dynamics of interacting plants and animals. His studies are forcing evolutionary ecologists to evaluate more closely the most appropriate spatial and temporal scales in analyses of interspecific interactions and their affects on patterns in biodiversity.

Dr. Herrera showed great foresight early in his career by establishing research programs that he has carried through for the long term, and that have repeatedly demonstrated the importance of long-term data sets for interpreting ecological questions. Few ecologists have personally generated more—and more important—long-term data sets on the evolutionary ecology of interspecific interactions than Dr. Herrera.

Finally, Dr. Herrera has been an undoubted inspiration to a whole generation of new ecologists working on plant-animal interactions worldwide, with special impact in Europe, Central America, and South America. Many young ecologists in Spanish-speaking countries point to Dr. Herrera's impressive career as a major inspiration to them. He has led field courses in multiple countries and has given his time generously to new students. This contribution as role model has helped bright students choose to become ecologists, and many of his former students are now in the ecological vanguard around the world. The ESA is most pleased to award Carlos Herrera Honorary Membership.

Honorary Membership Award Subcommittee: Laurel R. Fox (Chair), Edith Allen, Richard Ostfeld, Sandra Tartowski, and Denise Dearing.

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