

mercer award for 1968

The George Mercer Award for 1968 was awarded to Edward Broadhead and Anthony J. Wapshere for their paper "Mesopsocus Populations on Larch in England, The Distribution and Dynamics of two closely related co-existing species of Psocoptera sharing the same food source" published in *Ecological Monographs* 36 (4) pages 227-388, 1966.

The award was announced at the Annual Banquet in Bloomington, Indiana on August 25, 1970. The \$100 prize goes with the award. The George Mercer Award was established in 1948 by a member of the Ecological Society of America in honor of a young naturalist and ecologist who was killed in World War I. Its purpose is "to encourage others to publish papers comparable with those it is reasonable to suppose he would have published if he had lived." The Award is made each year to a young man who in the previous two years, has published an outstanding paper in ecology.



Dr. Broadhead (left) being presented with 1968 George Mercer Award by Lord Boyle, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University (right).

Dr. Edward Broadhead is Reader in Animal Ecology at the University of Leeds, England. He is an authority on the Psocoptera, not only in the taxonomic and general biological field but also in their population dynamics, and has been particularly concerned with problems of the coexistence of related species. His studies have been published in various entomological and ecological journals. The paper which won him the Mer-

cer Award in conjunction with his research assistant, A.J. Wapshere. His present research interests include problems of species diversity and niche differentiation in tropical Psocoptera in Jamaica and in host-parasite interactions between psocids and their mymarid parasites. Edward Broadhead is also at present co-editor of the British Ecological Society's *Journal of Animal Ecology*.

