

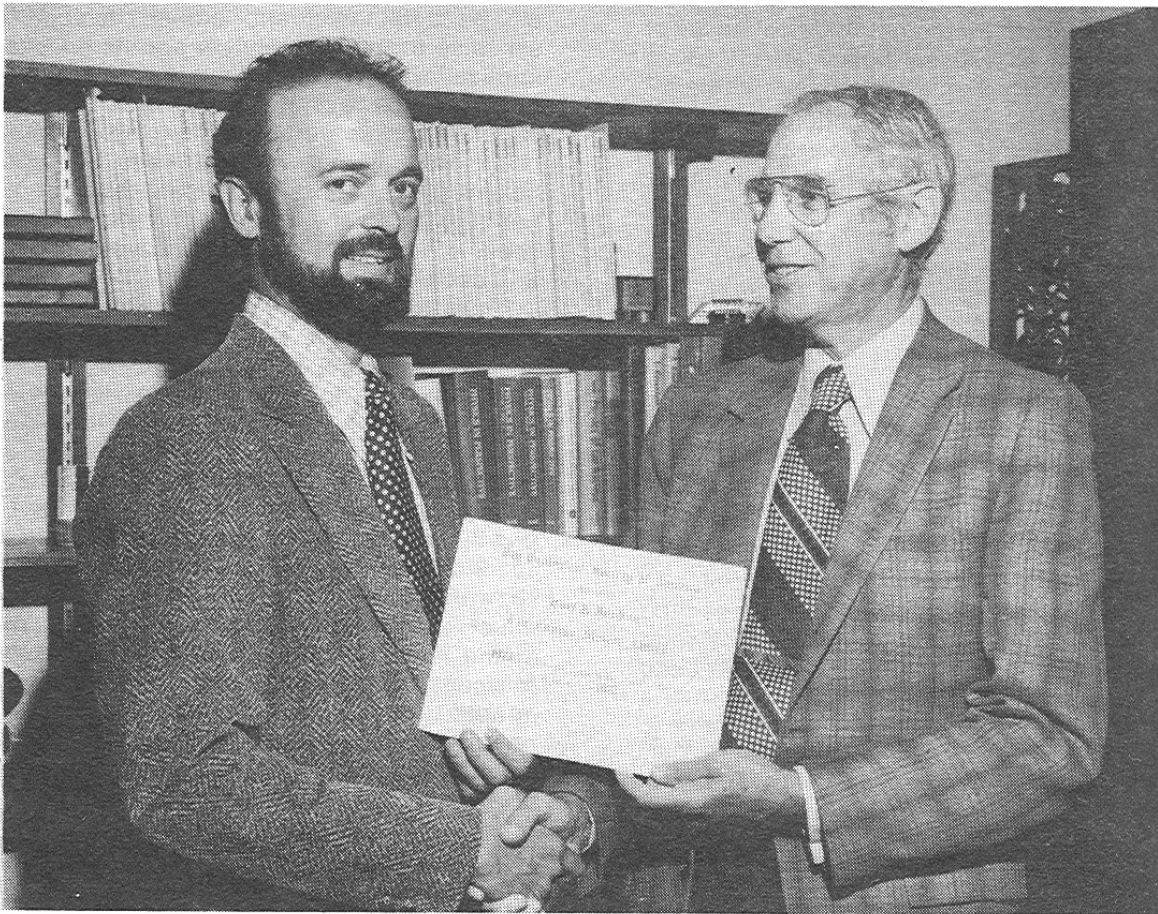
mercer award for 1973

The George Mercer Award for 1973 was awarded to Carl F. Jordan for his papers on mineral cyclings in forest ecosystems.¹ The award was announced at the Annual Banquet in Amherst, Massachusetts, on June 19, 1973. 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. Carl Jordan is ecologist in the Radiological and Environmental Research Divi-

sion, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois. His research since the late 1960's has been concerned with mineral cycling in forest ecosystems especially in the tropics. The papers which won him the Mercer Award set forth models for predicting relative stability of mineral cycles in forest ecosystems and especially their application in the tropics. He is currently working on the economic cost of air pollution in terms of crop production in Illinois.

¹Relative stability of mineral cycles in forest ecosystems. *The American Naturalist* 106 (948) 237-253 1972 (with J.R. Kline & D.S. Sasser) Mineral cycling: Some basic concepts and their application in a tropical rain forest. *Annual Review of Ecology and Systematics*. 3:33-50. 1972. (with J.R. Kline)



Dr. Carl Jordan (left) is being presented with the 1973 George Mercer Award by Dr. R. G. Sachs, Director, Argonne National Laboratory.