John Letey, Jr.

University of California–Riverside (UCR) Distinguished Professor of Soil Physics and Soil Physicist Emeritus John Letey, Jr. passed away on 14 September. He was 81 years old.

He received his B.S. degree at Colorado State University and Ph.D. degree at the University of Illinois. He joined the faculty in the Department of Irrigation and Soil Science at UCLA in 1959, but with the phasing out of agriculture at UCLA, he elected to join the Department of Soil Science at UCR in 1961 and enjoyed a distinguished career in research, teaching, administration, and service at the university. During his tenure, Dr. Letey served as chair of the Department of Soil and Environmental Science from 1975 to 1980, director of the Kearney Foundation of Soil Science from 1980 to 1985, and director of the University of California Center for Water Resources from 1999 to 2003. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Environmental Sciences undergraduate major at UCR, which was one of the first of its kind in the United States. He recognized and appreciated the critical link between science and policy and built teams and research to address it.

Letey’s research focused on all aspects of water quantity and quality related to irrigated agriculture that provided both applied and basic information critical to establishing sound water resource management. Topics of research included irrigation, drainage, salinity, pesticide transport, plant–water relations, nitrogen, soil aeration, and polymers. He was also recognized as one of the world authorities on water-repellent soils and the utilization of surfactants. He continued next page

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Applied Turfgrass Science, Crop Management, Forage & Grazinglands to Form One Journal in 2015

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Beginning 1 Jan. 2015, the journals Applied Turfgrass Science, Crop Management, and Forage & Grazinglands will cease publication as separate journals and will combine to form a new journal: Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management. We are confident that this change will benefit our core audience of readers and authors and will allow the journal to streamline processes as well as put it on the road to achieving an impact factor.

Moving Forward

Some of the changes you’ll notice during this transition will be a new journal website (www.crops.org/publications/cftm) that will launch early 2015 and a combined editorial board that will allow for three co-editors, in addition to technical and associate editors that focus on turfgrass, crop management, and forage and grazinglands, offering the opportunity for specialization as well as collaboration across disciplines. Despite the structural changes to the original journals, the primary focus of content published in Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management will remain the same, concentrating on publishing research, briefs, reviews, perspectives, and diagnostic and management guides that serve the professions related to the management of crops, forages and grazinglands, and turfgrass.

By combining our journals, we combine our resources and expertise to better serve our audiences of researchers, practitioners, educators, and industry representatives. As we make these changes and set ourselves on a path of growth with the hope of acquiring an impact factor, we hope you will consider being part of the journey by submitting your manuscript at http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/plantmanagement.

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