News and Announcements

Mid-Atlantic Soil Scientists Honor
Roy W. Simonson

At the June 14 annual meeting in Annapolis, the Mid-Atlantic Association of Professional Soil Scientists (MAPSS) elected Dr. Roy W. Simonson (retired director of Soil Classification and Correlation, USDA-SCS) as the first honorary member of the association. After a brief recital of his major accomplishments (provided by Dr. Delvin Fanning), Dr. Simonson was cited for his “outstanding contribution to the profession,” elected to honorary membership, and given a plaque to commemorate the event (Fig. 1).

As part of the morning program, Dr. Simonson spoke on the “History of Soil Classification with Emphasis on the United States.” Also part of the program was Dr. John Witty (national leader, Soil Classification, Soil Survey Division, USDA-SCS), who spoke on “Changes to Soil Taxonomy,” and Mr. Cliff Stein (Div. of Residential Sanitation, Maryland Dep. of Environment) who described a pilot program for private sector involvement in the Maryland State program for on-site evaluations. Also included were reports from the State Soil Scientists from Maryland and Delaware and the Maryland Agric. Exp. Stn. representative to the National Coop. Soil Survey.

During the afternoon business meeting, the following officers and council members were elected: Mr. James Brewer—President Elect; Mr. Richard

Fig. 1. Dr. Roy Simonson (left) received a plaque citing his outstanding contribution to the soil science profession from Dr. Daniel Wagner (right), Past-President, MAPSS.