

# Dr. Harry V. Wiant



Dr. Harry V. Wiant is a graduate of Burnsville High School, attended Glenville State College, West Virginia University, University of Georgia and has a Ph.D. from Yale University. He has also had extensive postgraduate special training and has spent the last 34 years serving the forest industry by his involvement in the educational and professional areas.

He has been employed by the USDA Forest Service, Humboldt State University, Stephen F. Austin State University and WVU. He has been the major professor for 26 graduate students. In conjunction with his research and teaching responsibilities he has authored or coauthored approximately 200 technical papers.

Dr Wiant has taught courses in dendrology, silvics, silviculture, regional silviculture, tree improvement, mensuration, biometrics, sampling and computer programming. He developed and administered grants from the USDA Forest Service for a continuing education course for federal employees for a mountain silviculture short course; designed and directed the 3P inventory of 2 800 acres of old-growth redwood involved in an expansion of the Redwood National Park, probably the most intensive inventory ever conducted on such a large area and for timber of such high value; participated in preparation of a proposal to the Empire State Electric Energy Research Corp., which was accepted to conduct a study on cost comparisons of right-of-way treatment methods; obtained numerous grants from Hatch, McIntire-Stennis and USDA Forest Service funds: consulted on mensurational, sampling and statistical matters with Environmental Consultants, Inc., Westvaco Corp., Boise Cascade Corp. and numerous other companies and individuals.

Dr. Wiant was the outstanding teacher at Humboldt State University, 1963, and West Virginia University, 1981-1995 and member of the West Virginia Board of Registration for Foresters. He is a registered and certified Forester of the Society of American Foresters and served as the organization's president in 1997. He is listed in "Who's Who in American Education," "Who's Who in Texas Today," "Who's Who in Society," "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," Oxford's "Who's Who," "American Men of Science," "Dictionary of International Biography," "Outstanding Educators of America," "Personalities of the South," "Notable Americans of the Bicentennial Era," "Men of Achievement," "Directory of Distinguished Americans," "International Directory of Distinguished Leadership:" and "Biographical Roll of Honor."

Dr. Wiant has been a positive force for all aspects of forestry and has strived to do his best and represent the industry and education well. He has always been a professional when working with students, faculty and the public or industry. He injects humor into these settings, which encourages cooperation of all individuals. He has been an inspiration for many graduate and undergraduate students at West Virginia University and other institutions. His lively character has encouraged students to do their best while making his classes enjoyable.