

## 2024 HANS KENDE MEMORIAL AWARD IN PLANT SCIENCE

Dr. Hans Kende was one of the preeminent scientists in the field of plant science, widely known for his work on the biosynthesis and mode of action of plant hormones. Hans had a strong sense of community and was a vigorous promoter of plant biology at MSU, as well as at national and international levels. He was recognized worldwide as a statesman in plant science. When Hans passed away on September 26, 2006, his former students, colleagues, friends and family members were moved to find a way to honor him and his legacy at MSU. Thus, the Hans Kende Memorial Award in Plant Sciences was created. Its mission is to recognize a recent graduate for an excellent dissertation in the plant sciences. The awardee will be invited to present their research at the **Molecular Plant Sciences (MPS) Fall Seminar Series**. This year, the award will be made during the **December 2** seminar of the MPS 2024 Fall Seminar Series and will include a cash stipend and a memento.

For the **2024** award, the recipient shall have submitted their dissertation, focusing on some aspect of science with photosynthetic organisms, in either **2022 or 2023**. Thesis topics may include any level of biological organization in photosynthetic organisms, ranging from molecules to ecosystems. Candidates may have studied in the following departments and programs, although this list is not meant to exclude qualified scientists in other departments:

- i. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- ii. Cell and Molecular Biology
- iii. Forestry
- iv. Genetics and Genome Sciences
- v. Horticulture
- vi. Microbiology, Genetics and Immunology
- vii. Plant Biology
- viii. Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences

The candidates must be nominated by a faculty member within their area of study. The nomination packet should consist of a nominating letter, curriculum vitae of the nominee, an abstract of the dissertation, either a copy of the dissertation or publications derived from it, and any supplemental material deemed appropriate by the person making the nomination. Nominations are due to **Keri Morris (morrisk@msu.edu)** 106 Plant Biology Building, no later than **October 10, 2024**.

Questions may be directed to the Chair of the PRL Personnel Affairs Committee, **Jianping Hu (huji@msu.edu)**.