American Society of Agronomy Announces 2019 Award Recipient

MADISON, WI, Apr 30, 2019 – The American Society of Agronomy (ASA) announces the following 2019 award recipient to be formally presented at the ASA Awards Ceremony on 2019-11-12 during the scientific society's Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Stars at Night Ballrooms 3 & 4, Ballroom Level. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.

Deli Chen, University of Melbourne, Victoria, VIC, AUSTRALIA – Kingenta Agricultural Science Award: Professor Deli Chen is the discipline leader in Soil and the Environment Research at University of Melbourne, Director of the Australia China Joint Research Centre, Healthy Soils for Sustainable Food Production and Environmental Quality.

He is an internationally recognized authority on studying N dynamics, particularly on gaseous N losses from intensive agriculture and the modelling and management practices to improve the efficiency of nitrogen fertilizers and minimize environmental impact. His studies have resulted in new concepts and analytical techniques that have had a significant impact on agronomic and environmental research worldwide. He has published over 270 publications.

In 2010 Professor Chen was awarded the JA Prescott Medal for excellence and achievement in Soil Science research by Australian Society of Soil Science, Fellow of Soil Science Society of America in 2015, Fellow of Soil Science Australia in 2016 and Fellow of American Society of Agronomy in 2017.

Kingenta Agricultural Science Award
The Kingenta Agricultural Science Award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to Chinese agriculture with an emphasis on soil in research, teaching, extension, and policy making, which result in securing better and sustainable food supply, implementing environmentally friendly management practices, and improving farmers’ working conditions and profitability. The award consists of a certificate, a complimentary ticket to the award ceremony, and $2,000 provided through the Agronomic Science Foundation by Kingenta Inc. and administered by the American Society of Agronomy.

Evaluation:
Creativity and innovation as reflected through the scientist's overall contribution.
Evidence of credibility, integrity, and professionalism.
Influence or impact of the nominee for a more efficient, environmental friendly and sustainable Agriculture in China.
Evidence of the nominee’s contributions that result in improved management practices or furthered understanding of agricultural sciences in China.
Educational contributions made either directly or indirectly through mentoring next generation of Chinese agricultural scientists.
In recognition of extraordinary efforts to promote the adoption of agricultural technology in China, nonrefereed types of publications will be recognized.

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For more information on the 2019 awards, including award descriptions, visit: [www.agronomy.org/awards/view](http://www.agronomy.org/awards/view).
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