

## **ENVIRONMENTAL/RADON SECTION ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Environmental/Radon section of the Health Physics Society is dedicated to promoting students within our discipline. To this end, the Environmental/Radon section is proud to announce the F. Ward Whicker Scholarship. This scholarship will provide \$2,000 per year (\$1,000 for the first semester and \$1,000 for the second semester-dependent on successful completion of the first semester). Eligible candidates must 1) be students accepted into a graduate program in the United States though exceptions to this requirement will be considered in some circumstances, and 2) candidates must have projects and academic coursework focusing any of the following: radon (e.g., measurement, health impacts, epidemiology, etc.), environmental health physics, measurements of environmental radioactivity (including radiochemistry), or radioecology. One scholarship is awarded annually and the award is rotated to a different student each year.

Applications for this year can be submitted to the HPS Academic Educations Committee at the address below and are due by August 1, 2012. Email submissions with electronic files are preferred. Award will be announced by August 31, 2012.

The application will consist of the following:

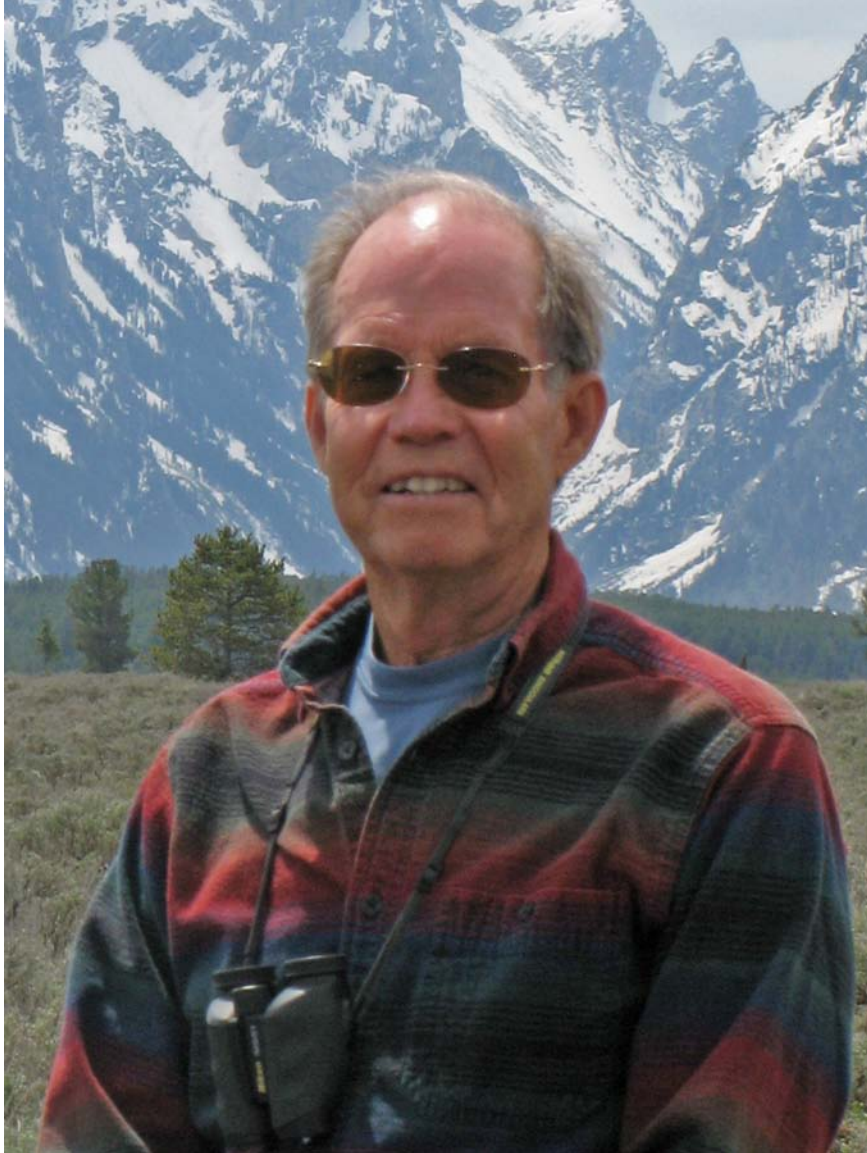
- 1) Cover letter with statement describing academic interest related to pursuing study in topics related to radon (e.g., measurement, health impacts, epidemiology, etc.), environmental health physics, measurements of environmental radioactivity (including radiochemistry), or radioecology.
- 2) Current official transcript
- 3) Resume
- 4) Two brief letters of support not to exceed a couple of paragraphs. Letters should be from academic advisor, program director or equivalent.

Please email all applications materials to Bobby McDaniel at [Bobby\\_A\\_Mcdaniel@rl.gov](mailto:Bobby_A_Mcdaniel@rl.gov). Questions can be directed to Pat Scofield at [scofieldpa@ornl.gov](mailto:scofieldpa@ornl.gov).

Through this scholarship, the Environmental/Radon Section is formally recognizing the lifelong (and continuing) achievements of Dr. F. Ward Whicker in the field of Radioecology.

Dr. F. Ward Whicker, a native of Utah, received a B.S. degree in Chemistry and a Ph.D degree in Radiation Biology from Colorado State University. He did his post-doctoral research training at the University of Hannover, West Germany, on the Use of Radioisotopes and Radiation in Forestry. Currently Ward is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Environmental & Radiological Health Sciences at Colorado State University, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1965. Ward has made tremendous contributions to the field of Radioecology both in the United States and Internationally through his research and teaching of graduate level courses in the areas of Radioecology and Environmental Contaminant Modeling. Ward has held numerous positions on National and International scientific committees and working groups including the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements, National Research Council, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Cancer Institute, NIH, and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Ward has received numerous awards for his broad contributions to understanding the distribution of radio-nuclides in the environment, for his

role in education and training radio-ecologists, and for his development of the Pathway model to predict ingestion of radio-nuclides. A few examples of such awards include the E. O. Lawrence Award from the U.S. Department of Energy in 1990 and in 2005 he was the first recipient of the V.I. Vernadsky Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Development and Dissemination of Radioecology given by the International Union of Radioecology.



Ward Whicker in the Tetons.