



The Robert Allerton Award for Excellence in Tropical Botany or Horticulture is given by the National Tropical Botanical Garden either for a specific achievement, or to reflect an entire career in science. This award was initiated in 1975. The honor roll of past recipients of the Allerton Award includes:

- Dr. Richard E. Holttum (1975), Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, world authority on ferns and the ginger family.
- Prof. C.G.G.J. van Steenis (1977), Rijksherbarium, The Netherlands, renowned biogeographer and editor of the monumental *Flora Malesiana*.
- Dr. A.C. Smith (1979), Honolulu, HI (formerly NTBG), botanist who wrote the monumental *Flora Vitiensis Nova* (New Flora of Fiji).
- Dr. Harold St. John (1981), Bishop Museum, Honolulu, specialist in Hawaiian flora; and Dr. E.J.H. Corner (1981), Rijksherbarium, The Netherlands, world specialist in the large and taxonomically complex genus *Ficus* (the figs).
- Dr. F. R. Fosberg (1983), Smithsonian Institution, world authority on Pacific Islands floras.
- Prof. J. P. Brenan, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, world authority on the bean family (Fabaceae), and Prof. Otto Sleumer (1985), Rijksherbarium, The Netherlands, specialist in the heath or blueberry family (Ericaceae).
- Dr. Peter H. Raven (1988), director of Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, environmentalist and voice for conservation, specialist in evening primrose family (Onagraceae)
- Prof. Armen Takhtajan (1990), Russia, one of the most important figures in 20th Century plant evolution and systematics and biogeography.
- Dr. Sherwin Carlquist (1992), Santa Barbara Botanical Garden, specialist on plant evolution on islands and plant anatomist extraordinaire.
- Dr. Warren L. Wagner (1994), Chair of Botany at the Smithsonian Institution, specialist in the Hawaiian and Marquesas floras and the evening primrose family (Onagraceae).

- Dr. Alwyn H. Gentry (1996 posthumously), Missouri Botanical Garden, research on diversity of tropical forests, conservation, Bignoniaceae systematics, with a legendary knowledge of tropical plant families.
- Dr. William McK. Klein, Jr. (1998, posthumously), former director of NTBG, specialized in floristics and landscape and botanical garden design and history.
- Dr. Charles Lamoureux (2001, posthumously), University of Hawaii, Manoa, specialized in Hawaiian botany, ferns of the Hawaiian Islands.
- Dr. Natalie Whitford Uhl (2003), Cornell University, anatomy and systematics of the palm family (Arecaceae).
- Professor Sir Ghilleen T. Prance (2005), The Eden Project, UK, extensive work in biology and conservation of tropical Amazonian rain forests, tropical plant systematics, and ethnobotany.
- Dr. William R. Anderson (2007), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, specialized in systematics of the Barbados cherry family (Malpighiaceae), and Editor of Rogers McVaugh's *Flora Novo-Galiciana*, a guide to the vascular plants of southwestern Mexico.
- Dr. Kunio Iwatsuki (2009), Museum of Nature and Human Activities, Hyogo, Japan, Systematics and floristics, especially of ferns and fern allies.
- Dr. David Mabberley (2011) RBG Sydney, Australia, systematics of Rutaceae, Verbenaceae, and author of Mabberley's Plant-Book.
- Mr. Michael J. Shea, Esq. (2013), Washington, D.C., General Counsel since the Garden's inception.
- Dr. Bruce Baldwin (2015), University of California, Berkeley. Systematics, floristics, evolutionary and conservation biology.
- Dr. David H. Lorence (2017), National Tropical Botanical Garden. Systematics of Rubiaceae, Monimiaceae, and ferns; floristics of Pacific Islands.

