# Honoring Air Quality Achievements



HAAGEN-SMIT
CLEAN AIR AWARDS

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THE HAAGEN-SMIT CLEAN AIR AWARDS

ARE GIVEN ANNUALLY TO SCIENTISTS, POLICY MAKERS,

COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND EDUCATORS

FROM CALIFORNIA AND AROUND THE WORLD

WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT LIFETIME

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADVANCEMENT

OF CLEAN AIR AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE,

TECHNOLOGY, AND POLICY.

"We should have learned by now that we cannot hope to change the laws of nature, but we can change human institutions. The road is not an easy one, but the reward ... is worth the effort."

- Dr. Arie Haagen-Smit

## Dr. Arie Haagen-Smit

Dr. Arie Haagen-Smit, a native of the Netherlands, was a leader in developing air quality standards based on his research efforts. Known by many as the "father of air pollution control," Dr. Haagen-Smit was a graduate of the University of Utrecht and a biochemistry professor at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena for 16 years before beginning his air pollution research in 1948. At Caltech, Dr. Haagen-Smit studied the physiological aspects of natural products like rubber and pineapples. This work led to studies with his colleagues investigating the flavor components of wine, onions and garlic. His training and expertise in chemistry, along with his natural curiosity, brought him to the forefront of air pollution research when he was asked by the county of Los Angeles to investigate the chemical nature of what we now call smog. Noticeably different from earlier accounts of haze and dust in London, which was caused by coal, the eye-irritating haze in Los Angeles was brown and almost odorless. Dr. Haagen-Smit applied his technique of studying plant chemistry in enclosed clear chambers exposed to sunlight to figure out what caused smog in the Los Angeles air basin.

Through a series of experiments, he concluded that most of California's smog resulted from photochemistry – when substances in the exhaust from motor vehicles and the smokestacks of industrial facilities react with sunlight to create ozone. This breakthrough provided the scientific foundation for the development of both California's, and the nation's, air pollution control programs. In recognition of this contribution, Dr. Haagen-Smit received the National Medal of Science in 1973, the nation's highest scientific honor.

He became the California Air Resources Board's first chairman in 1968 after serving eight years as an original board member of Air Resources Board's predecessor, the Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board. Dr. Haagen-Smit passed away in 1977, but his legacy lives on.

Since 2001, the California Air Resources Board has annually bestowed the distinguished Haagen-Smit Clean Air Awards. The awards are given to extraordinary individuals to recognize significant career accomplishments in at least one of these air quality categories: research, environmental policy, science and technology, public education and community service. Over the years, there have been 59 acclaimed recipients. In light of the global connection between air quality and climate change, the scope of the program has now expanded to include an international focus and a focus on climate change science and mitigation.

### PAST WINNERS

#### Alphabetical Order by Last Name (\* indicates Legacy Award)

Stephen O. Andersen · 2019 Janet Arey · 2011 Roger Atkinson · 2004 David Bates · 2004 Timothy Belian · 2005 Leon Billings · 2004 John Birks · 2019 Donald Blake · 2014 James Boyd · 2006 Tom Cackette · 2012 Junji Cao · 2019 William Carter · 2005 Judith Chow · 2011 Paul Crutzen · 2018 William B. DeMore · 2019 Joan Denton · 2010 Anne Douglass · 2018 Bradley Edgar · 2010 Alex Farrell · 2008 Barbara Finlayson-Pitts · 2013 Chet France · 2016 Axel Friedrich · 2006

John Froines · 2010 Daniel Greenbaum · 2016 Hal Harvey · 2018 James Hansen · 2007 Jiming Hao · 2015 David Hawkins · 2017\* John Holmes · 2001 Andrea Hricko · 2012 Timothy Johnson · 2009 James Lents · 2013 Alan Lloyd · 2007 Ron Loveridge · 2012 Gina McCarthy · 2017\* Mario Molina · 2017\* Curtis Moore · 2005 Mary Nichols · 2002 Janice E. Nolan · 2019 Margo Oge · 2009 Teruyuki Ohno · 2013 Fran Pavley · 2007 Joyce Penner · 2016 John Peters · 2009

James Pitts · 2002 Kimberly Prather · 2015 Michael Prather · 2015 Veerabhadran Ramanathan · 2016 Anumita Roychowdhury · 2016 Robert Sawyer · 2008 Arnold Schwarzenegger · 2017\* John Seinfeld · 2003 Jananne Sharpless · 2011 Byron Sher · 2001 Kirk Smith · 2014 Donald Stedman · 2015 Karl Taylor · 2019 John Wall · 2014 Barry Wallerstein · 2018 Michael Walsh · 2003 John Watson · 2018 Henry Waxman · 2017\* Henry Wedaa · 2008 V. John White · 2003 Joy Williams · 2019

Arthur Winer · 2006

#### 2020-2021 HAAGEN-SMIT CLEAN AIR AWARD RECIPIENTS



David Kittelson, Ph.D.
University of Minnesota
Air Quality Science & Technology



STEPHEN E. SCHWARTZ, Ph.D. Brookhaven National Laboratory

Air Quality Research



Kunsheng Li
Beijing Ecology and Environment
Bureau, China
International Air Quality Leadership



RICHARD C. J. SOMERVILLE, Ph.D.
Scripps Institution of Oceanography,
University of California San Diego
Climate Change Science



PAUL M. ONG, PH.D.
Center for Neighborhood Knowledge,
University of California Los Angeles
Air Quality Community Service
& Environmental Justice



JÜRGEN RESCH
Environmental Action Germany
(Deutsche Umwelthilfe)
Environmental Policy

#### David Kittelson, Ph.D.

Frank B. Rowley Distinguished Professor, Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota

#### Air Quality Science & Technology

Professor David Kittelson is considered "the" world leader and pioneer of diesel emission research. Very early on, in the 1970s, Professor Kittelson began lecturing auto manufacturers and agencies on the human health impacts of diesel particulate pollution and the need for mitigation. His research, at the frontier of combustion engine emission studies, provided the fundamental foundational knowledge of diesel particle formation that enabled today's current stringent regulations. He has also worked tirelessly on technologies to reduce emissions from engines while also improving performance. Professor Kittelson has been a professor at the University of Minnesota since 1980.



Director of Vehicle Emission Management Division, Beijing Ecology and Environment Bureau, China

#### International Air Quality Leadership

Mr. Kunsheng Li has worked for more than 20 years on the management of vehicle emissions in China, with a focus on Beijing. Similar to the leading role on air quality that California has played for other parts of the U.S., Beijing has led the way toward greatly improved air quality for China. Mr. Kunsheng Li steadily promoted and implemented numerous mobile source emission control measures and coordinated legislation that significantly contributed to the improvement of Beijing's atmospheric environmental quality, with Beijing becoming China's leading city on mobile source emissions control. He is also a senior engineer and vice chairman of the Automotive Engineering Society of China, and a member of the Oil Produce Application and Development Professional Committee of China's Petroleum Society.

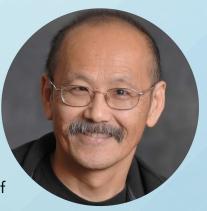
## Paul M. Ong, Ph.D.

Research Professor and Director, Center for Neighborhood Knowledge, University of California Los Angeles

#### Air Quality Community Service & Environmental Justice

Professor Paul M. Ong has engaged in a lifetime career of multifaceted commitment to air quality and community service. Specifically, he has worked for more than three decades as a scientist and educator on interdisciplinary social science and environmental teaching, policy-focused research, and community engagement. He is now the Director of the Center for Neighborhood Knowledge at the University of California Los Angeles that works to contribute to positive social change through information from applied research at regional and local scales. Professor Ong's more than 100 publications addressing racial inequalities have had an outsized influence on concerns for environmental justice. Dr. Ong is also a research professor at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.



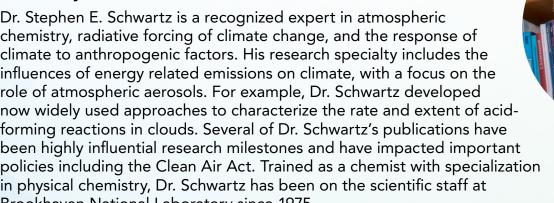


## Stephen E. Schwartz, Ph.D.

Senior Scientist Emeritus, Brookhaven National Laboratory

#### Air Quality Research

Dr. Stephen E. Schwartz is a recognized expert in atmospheric chemistry, radiative forcing of climate change, and the response of climate to anthropogenic factors. His research specialty includes the influences of energy related emissions on climate, with a focus on the role of atmospheric aerosols. For example, Dr. Schwartz developed now widely used approaches to characterize the rate and extent of acidforming reactions in clouds. Several of Dr. Schwartz's publications have been highly influential research milestones and have impacted important policies including the Clean Air Act. Trained as a chemist with specialization in physical chemistry, Dr. Schwartz has been on the scientific staff at Brookhaven National Laboratory since 1975.



## Richard C. J. Somerville, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego

#### Climate Change Science

Professor Richard C. J. Somerville is an internationally recognized climate scientist and an expert on communicating clearly to the public what scientists have learned about climate change. His research has led to many important innovations in climate computer models. He has copiously published research on myriad climate science topics including geophysical fluid dynamics, thermal convection, and radiative transfer, to name just a few. Professor Somerville has worked tirelessly to advance the science of climate change and its agency as a vehicle for public policy. Besides writing and co-authoring scientific reports to shape the public dialogue, his long list of contributions includes addressing fundamental science questions, and mentoring students who have gone on to become climate leaders. Professor Somerville has worked as a professor at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego since 1979.

## Jürgen Resch

**Executive Director of Environmental Action Germany** (Deutsche Umwelthilfe)

#### **Environmental Policy**

Mr. Jürgen Resch has worked tirelessly to create broad alliances across nongovernmental, scientific, and industrial organizations for bringing forward available technology to reduce air pollution. Mr. Resch also has persistently championed the need for legal jurisdiction of environmental rights, regulatory legislation, and strong market surveillance — and has not hesitated to uncover fraud. For example, he took action in Germany on the automaker diesel scandal by providing solid data on real-world emissions and taking legal action to get access to relevant information. Mr. Resch is currently an Executive Director of Environmental Action Germany, one of the most active nongovernmental organizations in Germany for clean air policy.



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## Martin Williams, Ph.D. (1947-2020)

Former Professor, Environmental Research Group at King's College London, UK

## Posthumous Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to Air Quality

During the Clean Air Leadership Talks, CARB also will provide special posthumous recognition for the late Professor Martin Williams for his long and distinguished career in air quality. His leading work on air pollution science and policy started in the late 1970s. He became a significant presence in the field and was the guiding force in almost all major international negotiations on air pollution in recent decades.





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