

Dr. Rodney K. Heitschmidt

Dr. Heitschmidt has been a stalwart in the Society during his 37 years of membership. At the Section level, he has served on several committees. He has not only worked diligently for the Society, he has been exceptionally effective. To his credit, he consistently strives to work across disciplines to foster understanding of how the different components of rangeland ecology and management interact. He also applies an intellectual curiosity to understand the perspectives of the different users of rangeland resources. These traits have contributed to Dr. Heitschmidt's effectiveness both as a scientist and leader.



During Dr. Heitschmidt's 30+-year research career, he has authored or co-authored over 200 articles and 85 abstracts. As a grassland ecologist, he has focused his research largely on understanding livestock grazing processes both from an ecological and production agriculture perspective. Many of his successes are measured by the:

- large number of special invitations received to speak at a broad array of local, regional, national and international meetings & conferences,
- reprint requests from scientists around the world (current count is now from 30 countries, and
- the many times his work is cited in other state-of-the-art publications.

And lastly, his election as Director, 2nd Vice President, and President of the Society for Range Management is most certainly a measure of the esteem in which his professional colleagues hold Dr. Heitschmidt.

Dr. Heitschmidt's leadership and vision have resulted in very significant tangible impacts in terms of influencing scientific insight which then was translated into policy and practice. His important contributions to range management programs both in terms of research and human resource development have been exemplary; thus the Society is proud to present Dr. Rodney Heitschmidt with its Fellow Award.