

# Outstanding Achievement Award Citations

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### **Dr. Edmundo Garcia-Moya**

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Dr. Edmundo Garcia-Moya is one of the most prominent international members of SRM. He is an authority in rangeland and arid land research in Mexico and Latin America. He received his education from Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro, University of California, Riverside, and Oregon State University. His germinal and highly cited paper: "*Garcia-Moya and McKell. 1970. Contributions of shrubs to the nitrogen economy of a desert wash plant community. Ecology 51:81-88*" proposed for the first time the now classic concept of "islands of fertility" to explain spatial heterogeneity in soil resources of desert ecosystems. He is also a world authority on productivity of agaves and halophyte grasses in semiarid areas.



Dr. Garcia-Moya has been a distinguished member of the Society for Range Management for 43 years and has taught rangeland ecology in the Colegio de Postgraduados and Universidad Autonoma Chapingo, two highly respected Mexican universities for 36 years. He has been a pioneer in Mexico, formalizing the post-graduate education curriculum in rangeland ecology and management.

Aside from his numerous and highly influential publications, his career has fructified in the formation of 59 professionals: nine PhD, 39 MS, and 11 BS who are now leaders in rangeland and natural resource management in Mexico and Latin America. Dr. Garcia-Moya has had a tremendous beneficial impact in range and natural resource management and belongs to a select group of range researchers and educators with unparalleled positive influence in our profession.