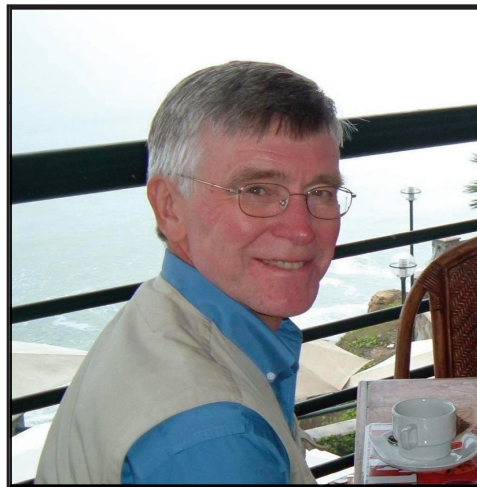




## Elizabeth Jester Fellows Award

Elizabeth Jester Fellows headed the Assessment and Watershed Protection Division in EPA's Office of Water until November 2000. She dedicated her career to natural resources management, environmental protection, and public service. She envisioned the creation of the National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC) and advocated for the development of a national framework for collecting, assessing, and communicating water quality monitoring information. In her memory, the NWQMC has established the Elizabeth Jester Fellows Award to recognize individuals for outstanding achievement, exemplary service, and distinguished leadership in the field of water quality monitoring.

***In recognition of his contributions to water quality monitoring,  
the National Water Quality Monitoring Council is pleased to present***



***the 2010 Elizabeth Jester Fellows Award to***

***Dr. Robert C. Ward***

*(Retired) Professor, Director  
Colorado Water Resources Research Institute  
Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, Colorado*

Dr. Robert C. Ward is dedicated to improving the state of the science of water quality monitoring through the delivery of quality education, development of coherent water monitoring systems, and promotion of the development of water quality information that the public and decision makers can understand, trust, and use to further improve water resources. Dr. Ward taught two generations of students in operations research, engineering design, and water quality monitoring during his 35-year tenure at Colorado State University (CSU) and through his "Short Course on Water Quality Monitoring Network Design." His seminal text on this topic and the monitoring network design he helped develop in New Zealand stand as testament to his work. His profession of goal-oriented monitoring was reflected in the Interim Task Force on Monitoring products,

as well as the National Water Quality Monitoring Council's (NWQMC) Framework for Water Quality Monitoring. Internationally he has served on the Scientific Organizing Committee for four Europe-wide conferences on water quality monitoring.

Dr. Ward represented academia on the NWQMC. He was a major contributor and editor of the September 2003 special report on "Seeking a Common Framework for Water Quality Monitoring," describing the Council's Framework for Water Quality Monitoring Programs that was published in the journal *Water Resources IMPACT*. He also chaired the Council's Water Information Strategies workgroup for its first eight years, on which his influence is still reflected.

In 2006, Dr. Ward received the University Council on Water Resources' (UCOWR) Warren A. Hall Medal in recognition of his distinctive scholarly accomplishments in the water resources field. UCOWR recognized Dr. Ward for his service as Director of the Colorado Water Resources Research Institute for fourteen years during which he also served as President of first UCOWR and then the National Institutes for Water Resources. He served as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of the CSU system and was designated a Life Member of the Colorado Water Congress. Nationally, he was a leader in the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (now known as the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities).

Dr. Ward was involved in American Water Resources Association (AWRA) for many years. He served as a Director for the Mountain District from 1995 to 1997. He also received the AWRA Icko Iben Award in 2006 for promotion of communication among disciplines concerned with water resource problems.

Dr. Ward provided the initial impetus to launch the Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council (CWQMC). Based on his involvement in the NWQMC, he approached the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the U.S. Geological Survey about starting a Colorado Chapter of the Council. Through his "behind the scene" support and guidance, a charter was written and the CWQMC was formed in 2000. This Council is still active today.

For nearly two decades, Dr. Ward served as an organizer and participant in the South Platte Forum. This forum provided an avenue for a timely, multi-disciplinary exchange of information and ideas important to resource management in the South Platte River Basin in Colorado. For his contributions, Dr. Ward received the 2006 Friend of the South Platte Forum Award.

***Congratulations, Robert!***