

## **APPS Honorary Member**

### **Dr Helen Ogle**



Dr Helen Ogle is a Foundation Member of the APPS. She has made a significant contribution to the Society's growth and wellbeing.

After graduating with a BSc (with First Class Honours and University Medal) and PhD from the University of New England, Helen joined the Plant Pathology branch of Queensland Department of Primary Industries, working on diseases of ornamental plants. From 1974 to 1992 she held a part-time lecturer/tutor/demonstrator position at the Queensland University of Technology. During that time she also held research and senior research assistant positions at the University of Queensland. In 1993 she accepted a position as Associate Lecturer and then Lecturer in the Department of Agriculture at Queensland University. She retired from the University in 2004.

Throughout her career, Helen has been highly respected for her research and university teaching. She has conducted research on diseases of diverse crops such as winter cereals, cotton, ornamental and vegetable crops. She has also investigated many aspects of disease management, ranging from disease resistance to biological control strategies. She has published widely on her research, both in national and international journals, industry articles and authored, co-authored and edited book chapters and books.

As the Executive Secretary of the APPS from 1991 to 1993, when the committee was based in Queensland, Helen was a prominent member of the small team which guided the Society to incorporation in 1994. Helen continued to act as Secretary to the Society (as required for incorporated associations by the Queensland Department of Equity and Fair Trading) until she retired.

Helen served as the Queensland Councillor of APPS from 1995 to 1999. During this time she regularly reported plant pathological activities that occurred in the State in APPS News. She was instrumental in organising a joint seminar program between QDPI and APPS in Queensland to give all State members an opportunity to participate in a regular seminar program. This gave APPS a strong presence in the discipline in Queensland as well as ensuring that information about current research was disseminated between University researchers and students, Queensland Government Plant Pathology staff and CSIRO researchers.

She was the Scientific Program Coordinator and organised the editing of abstracts for the 13th Biennial Conference held in Cairns in 2001. The success of this conference was largely due to the diverse and stimulating program developed by the Scientific Program Committee. Her enthusiasm and practical involvement in our Society has been admired and appreciated by all her colleagues.

Joe Kochman with the assistance of John F Brown November 2007.