

## DR. ROBERT W. SHEARD

The STA Scholarship established in 1993, was renamed the STA Robert W. Sheard Scholarship in 2007 in recognition of Dr. Sheard's immeasurable contribution and support provided to the STA over two decades. Bob's involvement with the fledgling organization began in 1990 upon his retirement as a Professor of Soil Science at the University of Guelph. He became the STA's first Executive Secretary and has played a role in most, if not all, association initiatives since that time. He was editor and a major contributor to the *Sports Turf Newsletter*, now the *Sports Turf Manager*. He edited and produced *An Athletic Field Managers' Guide* and penned the *Constructing the Sports Field* brochure and the text *Understanding Turf Management*, transferring ownership and donating all proceeds to the association. For the *Athletic Field Construction Manual* he took on the role of Editor-in-Chief. He has served on the boards of the International Turfgrass Society, the Guelph Turfgrass Institute and the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium, among others.

