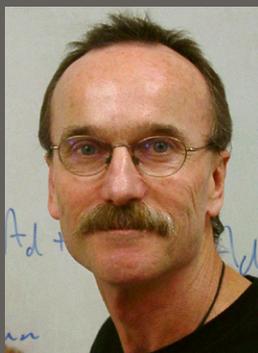


2013 Associate Editor Excellence Awards and Editor's Citations for Excellence in Review

The *Vadose Zone Journal* Editorial Board has selected three individuals for recognition for excellence in performing their work as associate editors. The recognition is based on their efforts in establishing a quality review process—for timely and professional manuscript editing, for fair and rigorous integration of reviewer comments, and for overall excellence in managing a professional review process. The Editorial Board has also chosen three individuals for the Editor's Citation for Excellence in Review. Members of the VZJ Editorial Board want to express their deepest appreciation for these associate editors and volunteer reviewers, who have benefitted our journal, our community, and our sciences through their outstanding work.



Associate Editor Excellence Awards

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Editor's Citations for Excellence in Review

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