

## **Professor emeritus Egil Øyjord (b. 1928), Norwegian University of Life Sciences, presents the following results of his work:**

-1972. Received the Mexican "Green Revolution Medal" from the winner of Nobels Peace Prize 1970, Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

- 1994. Appointed Honorary Professor of China Agricultural University (CAU), Beijing.

- 1998. Received the Gregor Mendel medal and the honorary title, Prof. Dr. from Mendels University of Agriculture and Forestry, Brno, Czech Rep.

-2001. The Executive Committee of IAMFE nominated Øyjord to "World Food Prize".

- 2003. Received The "Kings Medal in Gold for Merits" from the King of Norway.

- 2004. Appointed Honorary Doctor, Dr. h.c. at St. Petersburg State Agrarian University.

-2013. Appointed Honorary Professor of Qingdao Agricultural University, Shandong Province, China.

- 2014. Received the Certificate of Honor from IAMFE: "The Lifetime Outstanding IAMFE Contribution Award".

The main reason for this honor is the "Øyjord batch type plot seeders" which multiplied the capacity in plant breeding and variety trials. From 1960 to 1976, the Øyjord plot seeders were manufactured by Jens A. Schou Mek Verksted, Drøbak. The machines were exported to 57 countries worldwide. Reports show that Øyjord plot seeders and copies of Øyjord's inventions are used in over 130 countries.

Since the introduction in 1958-61, Norway was the first country in the world to use the Øyjord batch type of plot seeders.

Four manufacturers in Europe, five manufacturers in China, and several manufacturers in the USA and other countries are copying the inventions of Egil Øyjord.

Another reason for the honors was his proposal for, and the foundation of IAMFE.

In 1963, Øyjord sent an application to NATO in Paris. In 1964, NATO granted USD 15,500 to the first IAMFE conference, which was arranged in Norway in 1964.

So far, 15 international and seven regional IAMFE conferences have been arranged.

In 2017, the Executive Committee of IAMFE nominated Øyjord to "World Food Prize". The nomination to this prize, which is USD 250,000, is a great honor. It is a very great competition for the prize, which is considered "The Nobel Prize in Agriculture".

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