

## APPS Fellow



**Dr John Alcorn's** career and contribution to plant pathology and taxonomic mycology spanned nearly four decades. He identified and described over 150 species, and is an international expert on the helminthosporioid fungi. He supported his plant pathology colleagues with disease and pathogen identifications for many agricultural and horticultural crops, and played pivotal roles in the identification and eradication of black sigatoka in banana in north Queensland and the identification of sorghum ergot when first found in Australia. He initiated a computer database for disease records that catalogued the entire collection of about 50,000 specimens at the time of his retirement. John has published more than 60 papers in peer-reviewed journals, and a further 20 in technical and extension periodicals, and his research has been cited approximately 500 times.