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at the Garden!

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN RECEIVES SCIENCE LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE –ST. LOUIS

(ST. LOUIS): The Missouri Botanical Garden is the recipient of the Science Leadership Award from the Academy of Science-St. Louis. The award was presented to Dr. Peter H. Raven, president of the Missouri Botanical Garden, on behalf of the Garden during the 16th annual Academy of Science-St. Louis Awards dinner held Apr. 15th at the Chase Park Plaza.

The Science Leadership Award honors an individual or organization that has played an important leadership role in the development of science and scientists in the region.

“The Garden has been a source of inspiration, admiration and international acclaim for over 150 years,” said Mary Burke, executive director of the Academy of Science-St. Louis. “Under Peter Raven’s leadership, it has received global recognition for leadership in botanical research.”

The Science Leadership Award was also presented to Dr. Carolyn Baum, director of the Occupational Therapy (OT) program and a professor of OT and neurology at Washington University School of Medicine.

The Academy of Science-St. Louis lifetime achievement award, named after Garden President Peter H. Raven, recognizes local scientists with a distinguished career in science, engineering or technology. The 2010 Peter H. Raven Lifetime Award was presented to Dr. Roger Beachy, director of the National Institute of Food & Agriculture and vice chairman of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.

The Academy of Science-St. Louis is a 154-year-old organization dedicated to promoting the advancement and understanding of science, engineering and technology in the St. Louis region.

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The Missouri Botanical Garden's mission is "to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment in order to preserve and enrich life." Today, 151 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in St. Louis, just south of I-44 at Vandeventer-Kingshighway (exit #287B). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Dec. 25. Grounds open at 7 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays (exception: special admission rate events). Admission is \$8; free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis City and County residents are \$4 and free Wednesdays and Saturdays until noon (exception: special admission rate events - third weekend of May, Labor Day weekend, and first weekend of October). Park for free on site and two blocks west at the Shaw-Vandeventer intersection. The Garden is easily accessible by taking the MetroLink commuter rail line to the Central West End station and picking up a Metro bus (www.metrostlouis.org). For general information, log on to www.mobot.org or call the 24-hour recording at (314) 577-5100 or 1-800-642-8842. For membership information, visit www.mobot.org/membership call (314) 577-5118 during weekday business hours. For volunteer opportunities, visit www.mobot.org/volunteer or call (314) 577-5187. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free environment.