

Gene Elden Likens

Professor Gene E. Likens is an ecologist best known for his discovery of acid rain in North America, for co-founding of the internationally renowned Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study and for founding the Institute of Ecosystem Studies, a leading, international ecological research and education center.

Dr. Likens is an educator and advisor at state, national, and international levels. He has been an advisor to two governors in New York State and one in New Hampshire, as well as one U.S. President. He holds faculty positions at Yale, Cornell, Rutgers Universities, SUNY Albany, and the University of Connecticut, and has been awarded nine Honorary doctoral Degrees.

In addition to being elected a member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences and the American Philosophical Society, Dr. Likens has been elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, Austrian Academy of Sciences, and an Honorary Member of the British Ecological Society.

In June 2002, Dr. Likens was awarded the 2001 National Medal of Science, presented at The White House by President Bush; and In 2003 was awarded the Blue Planet Prize (with F. H. Bormann) from the Asahi Glass Foundation, considered to be the Nobel Prize of Ecology. Among other awards, in 1993 Dr. Likens, with F. H. Bormann, was awarded the Tyler Prize, The World Prize for Environmental Achievement, and **in 1994, he was the sole recipient of the Australia Prize for Science and Technology. In 2004, Gene Likens was honored to be in Melbourne, Australia with a Miegunyah Fellowship.**

Dr. Likens was awarded the Naumann-Thienemann Medal from the Societas Internationalis Limnologiae, and the Ecological Society of America's Eminent Ecologist Award in 1995. Dr. Likens just stepped down as President of the International Society of Theoretical and Applied Limnology, and was also the past president of the American Institute of Biological Sciences, the Ecological Society of America, and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography. Dr. Likens is the author, co-author or editor of 17 books and more than 490 scientific papers.

Dr. Likens is currently in Australia on a Flagship Fellowship in Water for a Healthy Country Flagship and will be with CSIRO until the end of May.