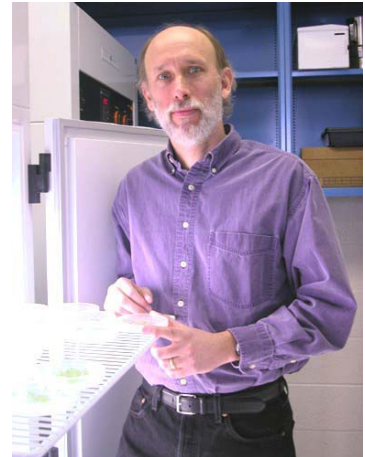


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MSU Professor Thomashow Leads American Society  
of Plant Biologists as President

ROCKVILLE, MD -- Michael F. Thomashow, University Distinguished Professor, Michigan State University, assumed office as President of the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB) October 1, 2005. Thomashow was elected to this office by his peers in ASPB, a non-profit science society of nearly 6,000 members.



“It is a great honor and privilege to have been elected to serve in a leadership role for the American Society of Plant Biologists,” Thomashow commented. “For more than three quarters of a century, ASPB has helped the plant biology community define and fulfill its aspirations. Over the course of my year as president-elect, I experienced first hand the dedication of the Society’s membership and staff and the excellence of their contributions in a variety of areas ranging from the publication of our eminent scientific journals, to education and outreach efforts, to organizing scientific meetings and providing input into public affairs issues. These are exciting times for plant biology, filled with promise and opportunities for the future. I look forward to assisting ASPB continue making vital contributions in support of the plant biology community that help it move into the future.”

Thomashow has received many distinguished honors from the science community. He was elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences in 2003. The same year, he was appointed University Distinguished Professor. In 2002, Thomashow was recipient of the Michigan State University Distinguished Faculty Award. In 2001 Thomashow was elected Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology and was the recipient of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Award.

These distinguished honors coincide with Thomashow’s outstanding research findings published in many of the world’s leading science journals. A holder of many patents, Thomashow has contributed substantially to new knowledge of plant responses to cold and other environmental stresses.

In addition to being University Distinguished Professor, Thomashow is a member of the Michigan State University Department of Energy Plant Research Laboratory and member of the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences.

Thomashow earned his doctorate degree in Microbiology from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1978. His undergraduate degree in Bacteriology was awarded in 1972 also from the University of California, Los Angeles.

ASPB publishes two of the most frequently cited plant science journals: The Plant Cell and Plant Physiology. ASPB's membership spans the United States and nearly 60 other nations. The Society is headquartered in Rockville, Maryland.

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