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PAUL CHRISTOPH MANGELSDORF

Is one of the world's outstanding botanists, whose achievements are not only scholarly: in application they now help the earth to sustain its population.

A native Kansan, Professor Mangelsdorf received his baccalaureate degree from Kansas State College, his graduate degrees from Harvard University. Quite early he became interested in corn, Indian maize. He conducted research into the origin and evolution of this grain throughout an academic career which took him from Connecticut to Texas and finally back to Harvard, where he was Director of the Botanical Museum and Fisher Professor of Natural History.

Professor Mangelsdorf served as President of the American Society of Naturalists, of the Genetics Society, and of the Society of Economic Botany; he was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences and the American Philosophical Society. His work on the origins of corn involved not only cytological techniques and plant breeding, but also archaeological digging at Pre-Columbian sites in Central and South America. Professor Mangelsdorf's work has had tremendous theoretical impact and so much practical value that he is recognized as one of the fathers of the Green Revolution.

The University is pleased to add its plaudits to the numerous high honors already bestowed on this distinguished scientist.