

## ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1991 – Scott Dolling

Scott Dolling (RDA, 1947, MAgSc 1959) had an outstanding research and administration career in the area of sheep breeding and genetics.

For over forty years, Scott's work with bodies such as the CSIRO, the SA Department of Agriculture, United Nations and the Australian Development Assistance Bureau earned him an international reputation.

After his retirement from the SA Department of Agriculture in 1986, Scott established a successful breeding consultancy, working on projects in China, India, South Africa, Spain, France and Scotland.

Apart from the Award of Merit, one of his biggest achievements was being elected President of COGNOSAG, an international body charged with the responsibility of the identification and naming of genes in sheep, goats and cattle.

Although much of Scott Dolling's career was devoted to the research of complex scientific matters, his ability to communicate with the rural community, and his untiring efforts to make research results more applicable to the local farming situation, made him one of this country's most outstanding contributors to agriculture.

His research on the genetics of horns in sheep enabled him to become the genetic adviser to those Dorset Horn breeders who developed the Poll Dorset. His research on the inheritance of pigmentation enabled him to assist breeders of naturally coloured sheep, and he has pioneered the mill processing of naturally coloured black, grey and fawn wools into hand-knitting yarns and soft handling fabrics.



Scott Dolling was an active worker for the community. His interest in the welfare of Aborigines culminated in his being a joint initiator of the Cunnamulla Australian Natives Welfare Association. He has been a long-term member of the board of the Epilepsy Association of South Australia and the Northern Territory.