

## NEWS RELEASE

### **CSTA Celebrates the Contribution of Peter Bonis with its Honorary Life Membership Award**

**Ottawa July 15, 2008** – He has been involved in the seed industry for over 50 years, and for more than 30 of those years has been a strong and active contributor to, and supporter of the Canadian Seed Trade Association. At its 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in St. John's Newfoundland, the family, friends and many colleagues of Peter Bonis were there to see him receive the CSTA Honorary Life Membership Award.



Peter Bonis, the founder of Seed-Link, an International Seed Brokerage Company, and Bonis and Company Limited, has worked in all aspects of seed from research and development to marketing and trade; and with all crop kinds from cereals and oilseeds to garden seed and forages. He has worked in all regions of Canada and internationally in Japan and Europe.

Peter's contributions to the Canadian Seed Trade Association have also been outstanding. He served on the CSTA Board of Directors for 20 years, from 1971 to 1991 and was CSTA's President in 1989-90. He served on most of CSTA's committees and was the Chair of the Turf Grass Committee.

According to one of his nominators, Cathy Breder of Canadian Seed Laboratories: "Peter has contributed in so many ways to this industry. He has and continues to mentor many of our upcoming seeds men and women, providing extensive knowledge and education about this very complex industry. He always listens, contributes and participates with thoughtful direction."

CSTA congratulates Peter Bonis, and looks forward to his contribution for many years to come.

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