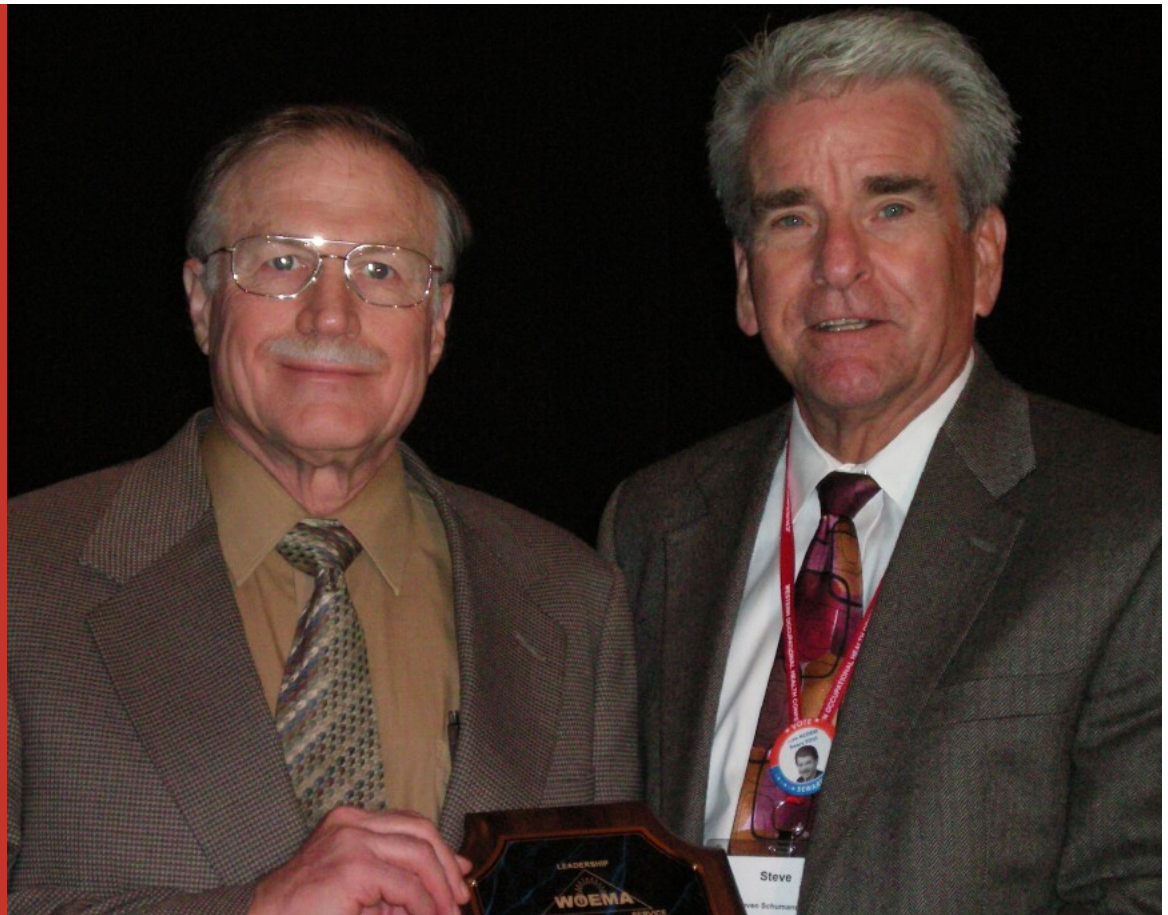


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Dr. James Lessenger (at left) was presented with the Jean Spencer Felton Award for Excellence in Scientific Writing and is shown here with Dr. Steve Schumann, President of WOEMA. Dr. Lessenger is the 29th recipient of the award



Jean Spencer Felton Award for Scientific Writing Presented to Dr. James Lessenger

James E. Lessenger, MD, has received the prestigious Jean Spencer Felton Award for Excellence in Scientific Writing from the Western Occupational and Environmental Medical Association. Given on September 11, 2009, in Scottsdale Arizona, the award is bestowed in memory of the late Dr. Jean Felton, Professor Emeritus of the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine.

The Felton Award was given to Dr. Lessenger for his writing in occupational medicine. He has written two books on Agriculture Medicine and Drug Courts, 29 scientific articles, 5 book reviews, and 14 chapters in books. However, the award was specifically given for his work on practice guidelines for the care of

chronic pain and low back injuries.

The subjects that Dr. Lessenger has written about include prisoner health care, agriculture safety, drug use and testing, farm chemical and pesticides, and the monitoring of pesticide applicators. Dr. Lessenger consulted to the Tulare County Drug Court for 10 years and authored an extensive study of the program that resulted in many important changes. His articles and books on Drug Courts are key resources for the programs worldwide.

The Western Occupational and Environmental Health Association is a component of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. The specialty of occupational medicine is

concerned with the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of occupational injuries. Recently, occupational medicine has expanded to include the effects of chronic diseases and aging on the workplace productivity. The goal of occupational medicine is to have active and productive workers at the workplace.

Dr. Lessenger was in practice in occupational medicine for 25 years in Porterville, California. After moving to Benicia, California, two years ago he has been working as a consultant for a major insurance company in an effort to improve the medical care provided to injured workers. Recently, he has applied his research, analytical and writing skills honed in scientific writing to history.