

## **2006 INTERNATIONAL RHODA G. SARNAT AWARD**

M.C. “Terry” Hokenstad, Ralph S. and Dorothy P. Schmitt Professor and Professor of International Health at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, received the 2006 International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award from the National Association of Social Workers. The award is given to an individual, group, or organization that has significantly advanced the public image of professional social work. The award was presented in Washington, DC, on August 5, 2006. It was accompanied by the following citation:

### **International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award**

Since M.C. “Terry” Hokenstad, Ph.D., ACSW, began his social work career, he has been working nationally and internationally to advance the provision of services to the elderly and to enhance doctoral program development.

Long active in international relations, Dr. Hokenstad served as a consultant to the United Nations and was a member of the United States Delegation to the U.N. World Assembly on Aging in 2002. In 2000, he was appointed by the Secretary General of the United Nations to serve on a Technical Committee responsible for drafting the International Plan of Action on Aging. He served as the chair of the International Committee at the National Association of Social Workers.

Dr. Hokenstad’s role in international aging is to promote the involvement of social workers in gerontological services at the international level. He noted that while the elderly in developing countries have traditionally relied upon their extended family for support, demand is growing for more organized supportive services by governmental and non-profit agencies.

In addition to his work with the United Nations, Dr. Hokenstad has focused much of his attention to doctoral program development, both domestically and internationally. He has worked with government agencies and universities in Canada, Hungary, the Philippines, and Sweden, as well as the United States, in the establishment and evaluation of Ph.D. programs in social policy and social work.

He has had a large impact on the education of social work professionals. Serving as the president of the Council on Social Work Education from 1986—1989, he directed the overhaul of the council’s policy making structure and stabilized the organization’s budget.

Dr. Hokenstad received his professional social work degree from Columbia University and his Ph.D. from Brandeis University, Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare. He is recognized as an NASW Social Work Pioneer by the NASW Foundation.

For his work in advancing the public image of professional social work, both nationally and internationally, the National Association of Social Workers Foundation is proud to confer the International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award on M.C. “Terry” Hokenstad, Ph.D., ACSW.