

Professor John Louis Dillon

The degree of Doctor of Agricultural Economics (honoris causa) was conferred upon Professor John Louis Dillon at the Agriculture ceremony held at 9.30am on 2 June 1995.

Citation

Presented by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor D McNicol

Chancellor

I have the honour to present Professor John Louis Dillon for the conferring of the Degree of Doctor of Agricultural Economics (honoris causa).

John Dillon graduated from The University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1952.

Professor Dillon has made major contributions to the academic and administrative life of the University of New England in Armidale since his appointment as Foundation Professor Farm Management in 1965, a period of nearly 30 years. He has been Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Dean of the Faculty of Economic Studies, Chair of the Academic Board, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Acting Vice-Chancellor. He has given the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management a very high international profile. Over his long career at the University of New England, he has been recognised for his administrative skill, intellectual leadership, incisiveness and his unique ability to get things done.

Professor Dillon has an international reputation of the highest stature in the field of agricultural economics and has contributed to the development of the profession of agricultural economics through his work on production economics, decision analysis and, more recently, in international development. He has major publications in all of these areas with some 190 professional articles, reports, monographs and textbooks.

In the area of international development Professor Dillon has held a number of highly influential positions in the international agricultural research centres. Professor Dillon has many awards but one of the most significant is his election as a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association. He was the first person so elected outside the North American profession at the time of his election. The award of the Distinguished Achievement Citation by Iowa State University in recognition of his professional contributions is also of great significance.

In Australia he has been recognised by the award, in 1987, of the Farrer Memorial Medal for distinguished service to agriculture and, in 1988, was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science.

Chancellor, I have the honour to present Professor John Louis Dillon for admission to the degree of Doctor of Agricultural Economics (honoris causa).