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Dr. Louis A. Magnarelli

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Dr. Louis A. Magnarelli, 1976

The Louis A. Magnarelli Fund commemorates the life and work of Dr. Louis A. Magnarelli

Throughout his career at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. Magnarelli maintained his unwavering commitment to the Station's motto "Putting science to work for society."

Dr. Magnarelli was born in Syracuse, New York on March 27, 1945 and graduated from West Genesee Central Senior High School, Camillus, New York, in 1963. He was a good baseball player and had the opportunity to play professional baseball, but decided instead to attend college. He graduated from the State University of New York at Oswego in 1967, where he majored in biology and secondary education. Dr. Magnarelli received his Master of Science Degree in biology in 1968 from the University of Michigan. He returned to New York for a brief career teaching high school biology. During the summers, he fulfilled his interest in mosquitoes and other biting arthropods by working as a public health sanitarian for the Onondaga County Health Department. In 1971, he began graduate studies at Cornell University and received a Ph.D. in medical entomology in 1975.

Dr. Magnarelli joined the Experiment Station in July 1975 and started his career in a laboratory in Jenkins Building. Over the years, his research expanded, with collaborators at the Station and throughout the U.S. His work on ticks, tick-associated diseases, and serological testing for vector-borne pathogens, in addition to his many other accomplishments are recognized internationally. Through the course of a career that spanned four decades, he published over 218 scientific articles



Dr. Magnarelli served as Chief Entomologist and State Entomologist from 1987-2004, Vice Director from 1992-2004, and was appointed the Station's eighth Director in 2004.

Regulatory responsibilities came with these positions, which required that Dr. Magnarelli establish and enforce quarantines to protect Connecticut. He fully recognized the

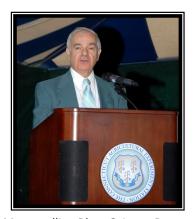
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economic impacts these decisions had on citizens and always listened intently to those who voiced their concerns at hearings. During his career, he oversaw quarantines on many insect pests, plant pests, and plant pathogens. He capably juggled administrative responsibilities with his research.



Drs. Waggoner, Magnarelli, and Anderson at the Jenkins
-Waggoner Laboratory renovation groundbreaking 2013

The Louis A. Magnarelli Memorial Fund will be used by the Station's Board of Control to create a physical memorial on the New Haven campus to honor Dr. Magnarelli and to support the Board of Control's Louis A. Magnarelli Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship program.



Dr. Magnarelli at Plant Science Day 2011

"Dr. Magnarelli was a pioneer in the field of medical entomology and is internationally renowned for his prodigious research in identifying and treating Lyme disease. He was an indispensable resource to the State of Connecticut in the areas of insect-borne diseases and pathogens, infestation, pests, and parasites."

—Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut

"Lou made it a habit to speak with me usually twice or more every week on plant diseases and pests. He's perhaps the most responsive and caring public servant I've ever worked with."

—Robert Heffernan, Executive Director,

Connecticut Green Industries