## From the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors:

Dr. Ron Pardini, Professor of Biochemistry, University of Nevada Reno, former AES Associate Director and Interim Dean and Director

Dr. Pardini's career at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) spans 45 years. He supervised 15 graduate students and published more than 104 papers while rising to the rank of Professor and Department Chair. He became Associate Director of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station (NAES) 1988. Dr. Pardini has been an active member of the Western Directors Association and ESCOP, chairing both groups. In the latter role, he was instrumental in developing The ESS Leadership Award for Excellence. He was a strong supporter impact writing as well as the Communications and Marketing effort. In September 2010 he was named Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources and Director of NAES. Dr. Pardini provided essential leadership in this interim role at a time of crisis in the college, the university, and indeed in the state. He has returned to his academic department as Professor of Biochemistry.