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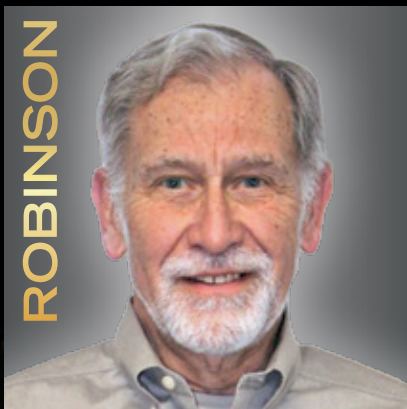
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Welcome to the 25th *PMP* Hall of Fame

Tonight, we gather to honor four exceptional individuals who have propelled our industry forward with their innovation, leadership and dedication. This year, we are proud to induct the following pest management professionals into the *PMP* Hall of Fame:

1. Dr. Harold Harlan, BCE, an Army entomologist and educator whose eponymous bed bug strain has been the benchmark for specimens in research.
2. Patricia Hottel, BCE, whose talent for industry training and mentoring has aided the careers of countless pest management professionals nationwide.
3. Dr. William H. Robinson, whose research and presentations have enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of our industry's practices.
4. Posthumously, we honor Austin Kness, who successfully founded a multi-generational manufacturing business based simply on "building a better mouse trap."

These inductees join the ranks of 106 other visionaries who have shaped our industry. Their contributions will be immortalized on a "Wall of Fame" at Purdue University, generously sponsored by Bug Off Pest Control Center.

The *PMP* Hall of Fame serves as a testament to the ingenuity, perseverance and passion that drives our industry forward. It reminds us of the shoulders we stand on and inspires us to reach even greater heights.

As we celebrate their achievements, let us also applaud the continuous improvement and professionalization of pest management. Our industry protects public health, preserves property and contributes to the well-being of community residents worldwide.

Thank you for joining us this evening to honor these exceptional individuals. Their legacy will continue to guide and inspire us for years to come.



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Congratulations to the
***PMP* Hall of Fame**
Class of 2024

DR. HAROLD HARLAN, BCE

PATRICIA HOTTEL, BCE

DR. WILLIAM H. ROBINSON

AUSTIN ENOS "BRICK" KNESS

2024 PMP Induction Ceremony Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception
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- 6:45 p.m. Doors Open to Ballroom
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Remarks
- 7:15 p.m. Dinner Served
- 8:00 p.m. Awards Presentation Begins
Class of 2024 Inductees
Dr. Harold Harlan, BCE
Patricia Hottel, BCE
Dr. William H. Robinson
Austin Enos “Brick” Kness

Visit **PMP's Hall of Fame** website to learn more about the program and past inductees, or to make a nomination.

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INDUCTEES**

Dr. Harold Harlan, BCE

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Dr. Harold Harlan, BCE

After earning his bachelor's degree in entomology from The Ohio State University in 1967, Dr. Harold Harlan was drafted into the U.S. Army. He pursued a master's degree to become an Army Entomologist, leading to a successful 25-year military career.



Following his military service, Dr. Harlan became an adjunct professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He has been an active member of the Entomological Society of America for 56 years, notably coining the term Associate Certified Entomologist (ACE) and helping develop related certification procedures.

Dr. Harlan is best known for his work with bed bugs, which began in 1973 when he encountered an infestation at Fort Dix. He became fascinated with these insects, collecting and maintaining a population that he carried with him throughout his career. This population, known as the Harlan strain, is still widely used in insecticide resistance research.

From 1996 to 2005, Dr. Harlan served as a staff entomologist for the National Pest Management Association, addressing the growing concern about bed bugs and other pests. His expertise and dedication have made him a respected figure in the fields of entomology and pest management.

"Harold is one of the smartest scientists to ever be part of the industry, but he has never spent a minute trying to maneuver himself into the spotlight. His goal is always to quietly share his skills and knowledge with others. We are a better industry thanks to Harold, and we are grateful for his dedication."

— Greg Baumann, PMP Hall of Fame Class of 2013



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Dr. William H.
Robinson

Dr. Harold
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BCE

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"Brick"
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**Hall of Fame Inductees
and thank you for your
service to the industry.**

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Patricia Hottel, BCE



Pat Hottel, BCE, is a respected pest management trainer and leader whose career was shaped by Dr. Austin Frishman, a fellow *PMP* Hall of Famer (Class of 2002).

Hottel's journey in entomology began at The State University of New York at Farmingdale, where she switched from biology to entomology under Dr. Frishman's guidance.

Hottel's career spans nearly five decades, starting at Bermuda Pest Control and later at McCloud Services. She now works for Rentokil Terminix following the acquisition of McCloud by Terminix and Terminix by Rentokil. Throughout her career, Hottel has focused on providing technical support and training for technicians.

As one of the founding members of Professional Women in Pest Management (PWIPM), Hottel has been a strong advocate for women in the industry. She earned her master's degree in instructional technology from the University of Missouri in her 50s, demonstrating her commitment to learning. She continues to build a wide network of professional relationships.

Hottel's career exemplifies the importance of mentorship, adaptability and lifelong learning in the pest management field. Her induction into the *PMP* Hall of Fame recognizes her significant contributions to the industry over her long, distinguished and continuing career.

"When you look at the landscape of urban entomologists today, you don't have to look far to see some incredibly talented women. When I came into the industry, women were extremely rare. But before I started my career, McCloud Services had made the bold choice of hiring Pat Hottel. So, I have always said that if there wasn't a Pat Hottel, there might not have been a Judy Black. I'm incredibly grateful to Pat for leading the way."

— Judy Black, BCE, *PMP* Hall of Fame Class of 2019



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who continue to



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for the professional pest industry.

**Congratulations on your induction
into the *PMP* Hall of Fame:**

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Dr. William H. Robinson • Austin Enos “Brick” Kness**



Dr. William H. Robinson



Dr. Bill Robinson is a renowned entomologist and pest management expert. Born in North Philadelphia, Pa., the eldest of four sons, his interest in insects did not develop until his college career.

Dr. Robinson's academic journey began at Maryville College in Tennessee. His path led him to Kent State University, where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees. He completed his doctorate at Iowa State University.

In 1970, Dr. Robinson joined Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), where he spent three decades teaching and conducting research on structural pests. He published nearly 100 research papers and served as the director of the Urban Entomology Research Center. His work expanded globally when he became a visiting professor at Zhejiang University in China.

Dr. Robinson has authored two seminal textbooks on urban entomology and developed five technician training manuals. After his academic career, he spent 20 years as technical director at B&G Equipment Co. and currently serves as technical products director for The Fountainhead Group. He also holds a patent for insect control in pallets, and is awaiting approval on a sprayer innovation.

Throughout his career, Dr. Robinson has emphasized the importance of pest control technicians, whom he considers unsung heroes in the industry. His work continues to shape the field of urban entomology and pest management.

"Bill Robinson is one of the most prolific writers of training manuals for our industry. He is also the driving force behind the inception of ICUP, the International Conference of Urban Pests, which will host its 11th gathering in Lund, Sweden, in 2025. Most of all, he is my very good friend. This honor is well deserved."

— Dr. Claude Thomas, PMP Hall of Fame Class of 2013

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Brick Kness, born in 1889 in Illinois, was a pioneering figure in the pest control industry. After a varied career as a farmhand, wrestler, logger and barber,

Kness settled into farming and raising a family. By 1924, however, he was a widowed father of six who took on a job as a high school custodian in Audubon, Iowa, to help make ends meet.

Faced with a persistent mouse problem at the school, Kness invented an innovative multiple-catch mousetrap using everyday items. This invention, which could capture several rodents without needing to be reset, became the prototype for the Ketch-All Multiple Catch Mousetrap, still in use today.

In 1927, Kness founded Kness Manufacturing Co. to produce his mousetrap and other inventions. Despite setbacks during the Great Depression, he revived the business in 1938 with the help of his three sons. After sons Lester, Mike and Arnold returned home from serving in World War II, they came back to the business and allowed Kness to slow down into semi-retirement. He remarried in 1938 and remained a tinkerer and inventor until his death in 1974.

The company's true breakthrough occurred around 1971, when federal regulations began to mandate the use of box traps in food-processing facilities. The Ketch-All trap soon became a go-to solution for the pest control industry.

A century later, Kness Pest Defense continues Brick Kness' legacy, producing about 100,000 Ketch-All traps annually as a family-owned company.

"I have let up a bit in the last few years and let the boys do most of the work. But I can still kick, don't worry about that."

— Brick Kness, age 65, as quoted in the May 1955 issue of *The Iowan* magazine



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Thank you all for your dedication
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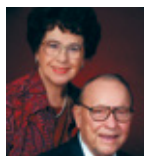
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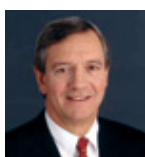
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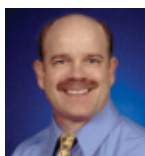
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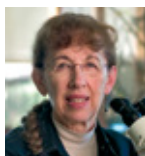
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