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**The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC)** is proud to announce the appearance of **Dr. Robert Linderman** at the **International Giant Vegetables Growers Convention (IGVGC)**. March 8 & 9, 2008.

Dr. Linderman received his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from UC-Berkeley in 1967 and joined ARS in Beltsville, MD, as a Plant Pathologist working on Ornamental Crops. In 1973, he transferred to Corvallis, OR, as Research Leader at the Ornamental Crops Research Laboratory (now the Horticultural Crops Research Laboratory), and he served as research leader for 27 years. Throughout his career, Dr. Linderman's research and vision have continuously had significant impact on the agriculture community with his greatest impact in the Pacific Northwest. Dr Linderman is recognized for his expertise on diseases of nursery crops, mycorrhizae symbiosis, and other beneficial plant-associated microorganisms. He has authored over 160 publications, including more than 100 refereed publications and 20 book chapters. He has stressed research that addresses problems faced by growers.

This is the second grant provided by the GPC in the inaugural award segment devoted to grower education. The funds are provided by the GPC's current fund raising campaign of seed auction sales. The GPC is raising funds to help educate and recognize grower achievements, while constructing the new GPC web site, and donating to charity (Orange Angel Foundation - coats for kids). The GPC strives to better help all clubs and growers by fostering a stronger unified Commonwealth. Directly involved in the 2008 Niagara Convention

(IGVGC) and organizing guest speakers while aiding financially with the annual event. The GPC is always looking for ways to better educate growers and recognize outstanding achievements by growers and clubs.

**About the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC)**

The GPC is the major organizer and sanctioning body overseeing Giant Pumpkin and vegetable growing in the United States of America, Canada, Europe and the world. Now with more than fifty eight weigh-off locations throughout the world the GPC and it's sponsored sites are attended by hundreds of thousands to the ever popular annually run festivals and weekend events held each summer and fall. For sponsorship details and more information please contact President Dave Stelts by email to [buckipoln8r@yahoo.com](mailto:buckipoln8r@yahoo.com)  
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