

Anne Kopecky Vidaver, Ph.D.

Dr. Anne K. Vidaver is a Professor in the Department of Plant Pathology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and will become Professor Emeritus in mid-July 2010. She was Head of the Department from 1984-2006, and also served as Director of the Center for Biotechnology, from 1997 to 2000. From July 1, 2000 to December, 2002, she was the Chief Scientist for the USDA's National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program.

Dr. Vidaver, a native of Vienna, Austria, graduated from Russell Sage College, N.Y. with a B.A. in Biology, followed by M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Bacteriology, with a minor in Plant Physiology at Indiana University-Bloomington.

Her career began with undergraduate summer employment at Brookhaven National Laboratory, followed by research associate experience in Plant Pathology at the University of Nebraska after obtaining her doctorate. She became a staff member of the Department of Plant Pathology and moved up the ranks to her present position. She has been very active in her major professional society, the American Phytopathological Society, including achieving the Presidency. She is featured in the APS Press book on Pioneering Women in Plant Pathology. She also served as President of the Intersociety Consortium for Plant Protection, and President of the Board of the H.A.W. Institute for Alternative Agriculture. She chaired the National Plant Pathology Board of the APS and chaired the Food and Agriculture Committee of the American Society for Microbiology's Public and Scientific Affairs Board. She is a former member of the USDA's National Agricultural, Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and served on the Board of Directors for the USDA's Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation. She currently serves on the Environmental Literacy Council and as the only member of the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity representing plant science.

Her research interests have focused principally on plant-associated bacteria. This work has included systematics, epidemiology and control, plasmid, bacteriophage and bacteriocin characterization and genetics. She has also been interested in research policy issues, including contributions to National Research Council publications. Her work has led to her being advisor or consultant to several companies and Federal agencies, including membership on the NIH-RAC (Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee) and USDA-ABRAC (Agricultural Biotechnology Research Advisory Committee). She has authored or co-authored over 200 scientific articles and a book. In collaboration with colleagues, she also holds two patents.