

Dedication:
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Volume 23 of *Plant Breeding Reviews* is dedicated to the brilliant career of Dermot Patrick Coyne, who tragically passed away on April 12, 2002, following complications from treatment of hepatitis while this review was being prepared. It is some consolation for us that Dermot was aware of this dedication and, in his quiet way, expressed pleasure with this recognition. Dermot was an inspired and talented plant breeder who devoted his life to the improvement of beans for the farmers of Nebraska and the world. He was intensely concerned with the task of making progress to achieve genetic improvement of crops. Dermot was a kind and gentle man who loved life. His loss was unexpected and he will be sorely missed by family, friends, students, colleagues, and by the many farmers in the Americas and Africa whom he tried to help and the billions of poor people of the world whom he strove to assist.