

## 2011 AATP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

American Association of Teachers of Persian (AATP) has set out, since 2008, to recognize those remarkable individuals who have dedicated their lives to the promotion and instruction of Persian language, culture and literature in the United States of America.



**Gernot Windfuhr** (University of Michigan) was the 2011 recipient of the AATP Award. A native of Germany, Professor Windfuhr studied at the University of Hamburg, the University of Tehran, and the University of Cologne and received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Hamburg in 1965. He joined the University of Michigan in 1969 as a Professor of Iranian Studies until his retirement in 2009. Professor Windfuhr's research focuses on the fields of Iranian languages and linguistics, Iranian dialectology and Zoroastrian studies, and his research has been funded by awards from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (1974- 75) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (1985-88).

Professor Windfuhr was the first President of AATP, and he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Zoroastrian religion, Avestan, Pahlavi, and modern Persian language and literatures, and served as chair of the Department of Near Eastern Studies for a decade (1977-87). He was an academic advisor to undergraduate students concentrating in AAPTIS (Arabic, Armenian, Persian, Turkish, Islamic Studies), and has supervised numerous doctoral students.

At the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East Studies Association (MESA) conference held in Washington DC in November 2011, Professor Windfuhr was honored by the American Association of Teachers of Persian (AATP) for his five decades of service in the fields of Persian language and literature. The event was co-sponsored by the International Society for Iranian Studies (ISIS), The Foundation for Iranian Studies (FIS), The Roshan Center at the University of Maryland, The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS), and the American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIIRs).