

# Avy Awards



*Dr. Jean Delacour*

## 1976 GOLD AVY

All of the Gold Avy Awards except one were presented at the second annual convention aboard the Queen Mary. The award not presented belonged to Doctor Jean Delacour who was unable to attend the convention. During January 1977, however, Dr. Delacour was in this country and in attendance at the Avicultural Society Installation Dinner. A.F.A. President Lee Horton took this occasion to present Dr. Delacour with the highest award the A.F.A. offers. He received the honor most graciously.

Dr. Delacour has received honors from virtually all the important avicultural and ornithological organizations. For a brief history of this remarkable man, see Ex Libris, this issue.



## 1977

The time  
for the

Avy Awards  
is  
fast  
approaching



Member  
Clubs  
will be receiving  
the  
nomination  
forms  
shortly



Be ready to get  
your nominations  
in so that everyone  
has a fair chance



Awards will be  
presented  
at the  
Convention Banquet  
Saturday  
Sept. 17, 1977



*Marie Olssen*

## 1976 GOLD AVY

Marie Earle Olssen was presented with the Gold Avy Award for outstanding achievement in aviculture. Actually she has been working with birds for thirty seven years and says she looks forward to another three decades in aviculture.

During the past twenty five years she has specialized in hand feeding and taming baby parrots – primarily Budgies, Indian Ringnecks, Red-Rumped Parakeets and Cockatiels. This, of course, requires infinite patience and dedication.

Marie Earle Olssen is currently writing a book titled "Hookbills I Have Known" with a foreword by Dr. Jean Delacour. Dedicated aviculturists such as Marie Earle Olssen are the backbone of the bird fancy and a deserving recipient of the Avy Award.

