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## **Seattle consulting arborist receives ISA Honorary Life Membership** *Scott Baker focuses on science, technology, adventure parks and treehouses*

**CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (August 8, 2018)** – Scott Baker of Seattle, Washington, is the recipient of the 2018 [International Society of Arboriculture's \(ISA\)](#) Honorary Life Member award. This Award of Distinction recognizes ISA members who have contributed substantially to the progress of arboriculture and have given unselfishly in their efforts to support the industry.

[Click here for video on Scott Baker.](#)

Baker's Seattle-based company, Tree Solutions, Inc., employs nine field consultants and is a leader in the industry. A consulting arborist who has worked in the arboriculture industry for 45 years, he is highly regarded presenter and educator who is known for using a science-based approach in his work.

"Scott has an extensive knowledge of tree biology," says Paul Ries, ISA board president. "He has partnered with international scientists to help implement new tools and techniques and consults on how to sensibly build a proper treehouse that won't impact the tree – all in an effort to advance the use of science and technology in arboriculture."

Aerial adventure parks and treehouse have gained in popularity in recent years. Baker has dedicated his expertise to assist those who build treehouses and challenge courses, including the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT). His goal is to make sure adventure parks are built properly so people can enjoy the trees. "ACCT told me that no one had talked to them about trees the way I do," says Baker. "If treehouses and adventure parks get people outdoors, then it's a plus for society," he adds. "If it teaches people about the forest and the trees, then it's even better." He is currently writing a series of columns for *Adventure Park Insider*.

Baker, and Tree Solutions, Inc., has also been involved with implementing technological advances including the micro-resistance drill, sonic tomography, and statics integrated assessment (pull testing). "I am not a tool developer, but a tool advocate and user," explains Baker who looks for tools that will help him in his work. He has presented extensively on their usage internationally. One of his favorite presentations focused on showing arborists ways that they could use technology in their work. "I had all of the testing devices demonstrated during my presentation and people were able to see them and touch them," explains Baker. "I also asked my colleagues from all over the world to send me examples of their work product to share, enabling me to show the variety of reporting methods that are used internationally."

Baker was recognized during the opening ceremony of the ISA Annual International Conference and Trade Show on Sunday, August 5 in Columbus, Ohio. "By recognizing individuals who have a positive impact on arboriculture, ISA helps provide role models and learning opportunities for all of us," added Robert Bartlett Jr., chairman and CEO of Bartlett Tree Experts. "We applaud Scott Baker and all of the honorees for their contributions in research, education and mentoring."

ISA serves more than 30,000 members and credential holders worldwide, and has been honoring members and industry professionals with the Awards of Distinction since 1963. The winners are selected by the ISA Awards Committee, a diverse group of experts in arboriculture, and are approved by ISA's Board of Directors.

#### **ABOUT ISA**

*The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world. To promote the importance of arboriculture, ISA manages the consumer education web site, [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org), which fulfills the association's mission to help educate the public about the importance and value of proper tree care. Also, as part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information on ISA and Certified Arborists, visit [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com).*

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