

## Acceptance of the Enrico Fermi Award by Martin Kamen (April 24, 1996)



**Dr. Martin D. Kamen (1913–2002)**

On the occasion of the presentation to him of the ENRICO FERMI AWARD at the Department of State of the United States on April 24, 1996.

In the background are his sister, Mrs. Lillian Smith, and his coworker for many years, Dr. Leo Vernon (only partially visible). One famous piece of advice by Martin Kamen has been: *'Avoid Crowds!!'* Well, there was a great turnout on this occasion, congratulating Martin Kamen on his many scientific accomplishments and his contributions to the welfare of mankind. There must have been more than 100 friends, family members, former coworkers, students, and others who found his elegant books most useful, as well as high government officials. Among those present were the son of Sam Ruben, Andy Benson, Henry Linschitz, and other notables.

This picture of Martin Kamen, co-discoverer (with Sam Ruben, see Gest, this issue) of radio carbon 14, and the above text were provided by Albert Frenkel, discoverer of photophosphorylation in photosynthetic bacteria. Other photographs of Kamen appear on p. 3 of Photosynth Res 73 (2002) and p. 114 of Photosynth Res 76 (2003).