

### *Appointments and Awards*

## **Martin Kamen Receives Enrico Fermi Award**

For his role in the discovery and applications of carbon-14, *Martin Kamen* will be a recipient of the **Enrico Fermi Award**. The White House announcement stated that "Martin Kamen's work changed biochemistry in a fundamental way: carbon-14 is used today to understand all biochemical reactions that involve carbon. Chemists, biologists, archaeologists, geologists and others use carbon-14 for applications as varied as dating archaeological finds to tracking carbon dioxide in the environment. Kamen discovered the long-lived radioisotope in 1940 in collaboration with the late Sam Ruben. He developed carbon-14 as a tracer in biological systems and used it in his own research to understand metabolism and photosynthesis."

(This news was relayed to the *PMBR* by Govindjee of the University of Illinois.)

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