



PETER BUTTON

Mr. Peter Button was appointed Vice Secretary-General of UPOV on December 1, 2010, having previously held the role of Technical Director at UPOV since 2000.

Mr. Button, a national of the United Kingdom, holds a B.Sc. Honors degree in Biological Sciences. From 1981 to 1987 he worked for Twyford Seeds Ltd., a UK plant breeding company, in the development of new cereal varieties. Between 1987 and 1994 he was the General Manager of Twygen Ltd., a company which developed micropropagation systems for the commercial production of seed potatoes and soft fruit stocks and continued as General Manager, following the change of ownership, of GenTech Propagation Ltd. in 1994. In 1996, Mr. Button joined the British Society of Plant Breeders as Technical Liaison Manager, where his responsibilities included the operation of officially licensed variety trials. In 1998, he became Technical Liaison Officer for the UK Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Plant Variety and Seeds Division), where he was responsible for the operation of the tests and trials associated with the UK Plant Breeders' Rights and National List schemes and Seed Certification in England and Wales and was the United Kingdom representative in the UPOV Technical Committee.