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is German, born 1965, married and father of three boys.

His professional education and career is that of a lawyer, he also holds a diploma in business administration.

He worked for 5 years in an international law firm and is specialized in Intellectual Property Law – and here especially Plant Breeders' Rights, in which he also wrote his doctorate thesis. As a lawyer he advised mainly agricultural breeders, inter alia in questions of farm saved seed, including several hundreds of court cases up to the European Court of Justice.

In January 2004, Dr. Krieger took over the position as Secretary General of CIOPORA. In this position he shapes the position of breeders of asexually reproduced ornamental and fruit varieties in regard to IP protection and advises governments worldwide on the requirements of effective protection for these varieties.

Dr. Krieger is member of

- the IP Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC),
- the Special Committee on Biotechnology (Q 114) of the International
- Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI),
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- German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR) and
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Dr. Krieger is author of several articles on Intellectual Property Protection for plant innovations, and sought-after speaker on conferences and seminars on that matter worldwide.