



Biography / Bernard Le Buanec.

Bernard Le Buanec is a member and secretary of the first section of the French Academy of Agriculture, founding member of the French Academy of Technologies and Honorary Life member the International Seed Federation. From 1965 to 1975 he was a scientist at CIRAD, working in Africa; from 1976 to 1984 CEO of various seed companies; from 1984 to 1993, director of the research programs of the Limagrain Group and, from 1993 to 2008, Secretary General of the International Seed Federation. He has been the President of ASSINSEL, and a member of: the French High Council for Research and Technology; the French committee for the protection of plant varieties (CPOV); the scientific committees of INRA; the life sciences committee of the CEA; the scientific committee of the CTPS; the orientation committee of the Evry Genopôle; the working group of the World Bank on biotechnologies and intellectual property; and of the Plant Genetic Resource Committee of the CGIAR Centers.

In 2007 he was awarded the UPOV gold medal in recognition of his work for the plant breeding industry and, in 2008, the Medal of the Agricultural Marketing Service from the United States Department of Agriculture in recognition of his work for the United States and the international seed industry.