

# WIPO-UPOV SYMPOSIUM ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY

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## JOHN GERARD

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- Degree: 1961 Purdue University- Ag Education Major
- 1961-1964: VoAg Instructor, High School- Pine Village, IN
- 1964-1965: Assistant Manager, Indiana Crop Improvement Association
- 1965-1970: Manager, Indiana Crop Improvement Association- Wrote MS thesis on Cold Vigor Soybean Testing.
- 1970-1979: Founder/Owner/President of V.R. Seeds- In 9 years, sales went from 0 to 1,000,000 unit sales of private soybean varieties. Sold V.R. Seeds to Agrigenetics.
- 1979-1982: Vice-President, Agrigenetics Corporation- Responsible for private label licensing and working with Biotech personnel.
- 1982-Present: Founder/Owner/Chairman, JGL, Inc.- A soybean and wheat genetics licensing business.
- 1984-1988: Founder/Owner/President, Plant Science Research, Inc.- A soft red winter wheat breeding company. Sold to Bio Technia, Inc.
- 1990-1995: Founder/Co-Owner/President, Seed Genetics, Inc.- A corn genetics licensing company. Sold my half of stock to partner.
- 1995-Present: Founder/Co-Owner/President, ACCESS Plant Technology, Inc.- A plant biotechnology licensing business.

- Past Regional Vice-President ASTA
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