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Dr. Stephen Smith (B.Sc. University of London), M.Sc. (Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources) and Ph.D. (Evolution of Maize), University of Birmingham (England), began his research on the evolution of maize at the University of Birmingham U.K. and North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC, USA. He was a research employed by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, then DuPont-Pioneer from 1980-2015 after which he took up academic pursuits at Iowa State University. In 2014 he received the Henry A. Wallace award for research and in 2015 the Lavoisier Award from DuPont. He continues to chair the IP committee of the International Seed Federation (ISF). He is a Fellow of the Crop Science Society of America and chaired the genetic resources division. Dr. Smith has served as a Board member of Bioversity International (previously the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute) of the CGIAR and Board President of the National Council of Commercial Plant Breeders. He currently serves on the US National Genetic Resources Advisory Council and in this role advises the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture on genetic resource issues. Dr. Smith secured a \$1m contribution to the Global Crop Diversity Trust soon after its inception and was instrumental in achieving U.S. support for the FAO Global Plan of Action in 1996 at Leipzig and U.S. ratification of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in 2016. He has published more than 100 peer reviewed scientific papers including on genetic resources and intellectual property protection.