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Doug is a graduate in botany and forestry from the Australian National University where he specialised in quantitative genetics. Working initially with the Research School of Biological Sciences, he worked on the forerunner to “Global Warming” before moving to the CSIRO Division of Wildlife and Ecology.

In 1978 Doug moved to the Department of Agriculture as part of the Lucerne Breeding Team and released the widely acclaimed series of varieties starting with ‘Nova’, ‘Aurora’ and ‘Aquarius’. In the 1990s he turned his attention to conservation issues and joined the then Department of Conservation and Land Management to direct their programs related to revegetation and salinity control including work on developing more than 100 native and introduced species for land and water reclamation.

After a stint as Senior Examiner, Doug has, for the last 11 years, been Chief of the Australian Plant Breeder’s Rights scheme and the Chairman of the Plant Breeder’s Rights Advisory Committee. He has been a regular delegate in UPOV sessions since 1996, a member of the Editorial Committee, Chairperson of the session on Plant Variety Protection at the Second World Seed Conference and, from 2006 until now, President of the UPOV Council.