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Biography

Born in 1962 in Morón, Argentina.

Married, three children.

I am an agronomic engineer and have postgraduate studies in intellectual property rights and new technologies. I started my career as assistant of the seed testing laboratory of Northup King Seeds Argentina in 1983, running seed quality tests, mainly germination and vigor tests; whilst studying at the University of Buenos Aires. In 1990 entered as a staff of the Central Laboratory of Seed Testing, of the National Institute of Seeds (INASE), Argentina. At the end of that year, I moved to become an examiner of applications for national list and plant breeder's rights of the Plant Variety Register of the INASE. In 1993, I became the director of the Plant Variety Register, responsible for the National Catalogue of Plant Varieties: i.e. the national list of varieties as well as for the granting of plant breeder's rights in Argentina. Since 1994, I represented Argentina at UPOV meetings, in particular at the Technical Committee and Council of UPOV. In 1998, I took up a position as Senior Program Officer of the International Union for the Protection New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) and, in 2000, I was promoted to Senior Counsellor. I was responsible for the programs for cooperation and assistance in the development of plant breeder's rights systems in conformity with the UPOV Convention for countries in Latin-America, the Caribbean and Africa; the establishment and running of UPOV distance learning courses; coordination of the sessions of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA), the Technical Working Party for Automation and Computer Programs (TWC) as well as Spanish linguistic issues related to technical areas. In 2010 I was promoted to Director. In 2012 I came back to Argentina. Since January 2012 I am Plant Variety Director of the National Institute of Seeds (INASE) again. I am responsible for National List and Plant Breeder's Rights in Argentina and the coordination of 7 Technical Committees: (cereals, maize-sorghum, oil crops, cotton, forage crops, variety denomination and biotechnology). I also represents Argentina at UPOV meetings.