



**Nik Hulse**

In August this year Mr Nik Hulse was appointed Chief of the Plant Breeders Rights Office located in IP Australia, the Government agency responsible for administering Intellectual Property in Australia. Previously he held the role of Senior Examiner in the PBR Office since 1996.

Following his studies at the Australian National University in 1984, Mr Hulse joined the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia's leading Government agency for scientific research, where he was involved as a Technical Officer in the breeding of new plant varieties, particularly wheat and oilseeds. In 1995 he joined the PBR Office as an Examiner and became Senior Examiner in 1996. He has examined the DUS field trials of over 600 new plant varieties throughout Australia. He has been an active participant in UPOV meetings for many years including the TWO, TWF, TWC, BMT and the TC. He was the chairperson of the TWO (2012-2014) and is currently involved in several UPOV projects including the development of the Electronic Application Form and the working group on denomination searching.