



Biography

David Nevill, Head of R&D for Cereal Seeds, Syngenta, Switzerland

With over 30 years of experience in agricultural R&D, David has broad knowledge of the Seeds, Biotechnology and Crop Protection areas. His initial qualifications in Applied Biology, comprising Masters and Doctorate degrees from Cambridge University, England, led him to an international career, first in public research and later with industry. David worked in plant breeding in Nigeria, India and the USA, before moving to Switzerland to join Ciba-Geigy. There he worked in Seed Technology research, and subsequently moved into chemical crop protection through R&D in seed treatments, foliar fungicides and finally weed control. During this time, he led R&D teams not only in Switzerland but also in Indonesia and the USA. Since 2002, David has focused his research interests on plant biotechnology and breeding for Syngenta. His work has included the leadership of teams to develop novel GM traits as well as in the responsible management and stewardship of GM products. Most recently he has led seeds R&D in field crops with current focus on cereals. Currently he not only leads our global programs in cereals genetics, but also ensures integration of seeds and crop protection R&D, interfacing with Syngenta's global business team for cereals.