

John manners



John Manners migrated to Australia from the UK in 1979 and worked as a researcher at The University of Queensland until joining CSIRO in 1985. As a researcher, initially based in Brisbane, his research focused on the molecular basis of disease resistance in plants, applications of biotechnology and genome analysis in agriculturally important crops and microorganisms as well as the development and regulation of genetically modified crops.

John was appointed as Chief of CSIRO Plant Industry in January 2013 and moved from Brisbane to Canberra for this position.

Following the restructure of CSIRO in 2014, John was appointed Director of CSIRO Agriculture which has a national distribution and coordinates and integrates all of CSIRO's research on plant animal improvement including aquaculture species, farming systems science for sustainable production and international research aimed at improving food security globally. In July 2016, CSIRO Agriculture became CSIRO Agriculture & Food when it was merged with parts of CSIRO Food & Nutrition.

John Manners has a BSc Hons from the University of Nottingham, a PhD from the University of London and a DIC from Imperial College, London. He has co-authored >200 refereed publications, with >6500 citations, and has been a co-inventor on ten patent applications. Recent significant positions include, Deputy CEO Cooperative Research Centre for Tropical Plant Protection, Honorary Professor in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at The University of Queensland, Board Director of the International Society for Plant Molecular Biology and Member of the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee of the Australian Government's Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR).