Richard G.F. Visser

Prof. Richard G.F. Visser received his PhD from the state University in Groningen in 1989 and then started to work as an assistant professor at the laboratory of Plant Breeding of Wageningen University. He was appointed professor on personal title in 1998 and became chair of Plant Breeding in 2002. In 2005 he became head of Wageningen UR Plant Breeding which is the merger between the DLO Business Unit Biodiversity and Breeding, the University chair group of Plant Breeding and the applied group on Mushroom Breeding (at any time around 200 members including 110 staff (scientists, technicians, etc), (30) MSc and (60) PhD students and guest workers). He coordinated several large programs such as the potato program within the CBSG and The International Potato Genome Sequencing Consortium.

He is chairman or member of various (inter)national committees dealing with breeding, potato and bioinformatics in breeding such as EUCARPIA, EAPR, VLPB, TTI Green Genetics, TKI-U, Veenhuizen-Tulp Foundation, Broekema Foundation, Preduza Foundation, etc.

He is editor in chief of Euphytica, and editor of Theoretical Applied Genetics, Molecular Breeding and Potato Research. His current research interests are in the field of designing climate resilient crops and precision breeding.

He is Honorary Professor of Zhoukou Normal University, Zhoukou (China) and of the Institute for Vegetables and Flowers of CAAS, Beijing.

Academic quantitative indicators.

1) several book chapters, editor of two books on Pectins and Pectinases.
2) supervised and concluded Master's dissertations **> 50**,
3) supervised and concluded Internship reports **> 75**,
4) supervised and concluded Doctoral theses, > **105 till this date**
5) Published over **400 papers** in peer reviewed journals
6) number of citations received in the international scientific literature according to Google Scholar >**17000**.
7) Over 20 patents in different fields mostly resistance genes, cell wall modification and starch modification in crop plants.
8) **H factor 63** in Google Scholar; **45**in WOS