

Speaker Profile: Tony Conner



Tony Conner is a senior scientist from the New Zealand Institute for Crop & Food Research. He also holds a position of Professorial Fellow at Lincoln University where he is primarily responsible for supervising post-graduate students in plant genetics and biotechnology.

Tony has over 25 years research experience on the integration of biotechnology and genomics into breeding programs of arable and vegetable crops. His primary research focus involves the genetic manipulation of plant cells, especially using gene transfer vectors, and the environmental and food biosafety of GM crops. He has authored over 150 refereed publications on a wide range of plant science subjects and currently serves as an editor of three international plant science journals.

Tony has acted as a consultant/scientific expert on the environmental risk assessment and food safety evaluation of GM crops for major international agencies and made a major contribution to the public debate on GM technology, especially in New Zealand.

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