

Speaker Profile – Professor Brian R. Jordan

Professor Brian Jordan has over 30 years experience in plant biochemistry and molecular biology.

He received his Doctorate on plant amino acid metabolism from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne University and carried out his post-doctoral research on lipid biosynthesis at Cardiff University. He was a scientist at Horticulture Research International UK for 14 years and was promoted to Principal Scientific Officer. Brian has carried out research at the Carnegie Institute, Stanford University, North Carolina State University and CSIRO, Australia. Brian acted as a United Nations Environmental Programme reviewer in 1998 on the impact of UV-B radiation.



Since coming to New Zealand in 1994, Brian has worked for Crop & Food Research as a programme leader in genetic engineering and as the Food Science & Technology Divisional Manager. In 1998, Brian became Director, Nutrition and Health in the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health at Massey University. He is an expert advisor on genetic engineering to ANZFA and has acted on a number of industry R & D committees.

In 2000, Brian attended the OECD conference in Edinburgh on the “Scientific and Health Aspects of Genetically Modified Foods” to provide scientific and technical support to the New Zealand delegation. Brian was appointed Director of the Soil, Plant and Ecological Sciences Division and Professor of Plant Biotechnology at Lincoln University in January 2001.

In 2002 Brian was appointed onto the Board of the Marlborough Wine Research Centre.

In 2005 Brian was part of a New Zealand science delegation to the EU to discuss a range of topics including: sustainable agriculture, biotechnology and food. From this visit, he is involved in a EU/NZ collaboration called FOOD FRENZ.

Brian is presently Director of Agriculture and Life Sciences Division at Lincoln University which is the biggest Division with approximately 150 staff.

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