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Born in Alberta, Canada, Dr. McCalla received his first 2 degrees from the University of Alberta before moving on to the University of Minnesota where he received his doctorate in Agricultural Economics in 1966. Throughout his academic career he was associated with the University of California - Davis where he served as Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Associate Director of the California Agricultural Experiment Station (1970-75) and Founding Dean, Graduate School of Management (1979-1981).

Dr. McCalla is best known for his research in international trade where he has published extensively. The quality of his research and communication skills have been recognized by the American Agricultural Economics Association which presented him with its Quality of Communication Award in 1979 and its Quality of Research Discovery Award in 1982. He was elected Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association in 1988, a Fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society in 2000 and a Distinguished Scholar of the Western Agricultural Economics Association in 2004. He was a founding member and co-convenor of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium. He served as the Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) from 1988 to 1994

He elected early retirement from the University of California in June 1994 and was appointed Director of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department of the World Bank in Washington, D.C. effective September 12, 1994. During his tenure he led a major effort to revitalize the World Bank's commitment to Rural Development. He was appointed Director of Rural Development in July 1997, following a Bank reorganization. He retired from the World Bank December 31, 1999.

In June 1998 he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, by McGill University in Montreal, Canada. On Dec. 28, 1999 he was awarded the Doctor's Degree of Honor by the Georgian State Agrarian University. In September of 2004 he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Alberta.

He served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of CIMMYT- the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, a CGIAR Center with Headquarters in Mexico,(2001- 2005) and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis. He currently serves as President of the UC Davis Emeriti Association.

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