

Profile CLIVE JAMES



In 1990, Dr James founded ISAAA, a not-for-profit charitable organization, established to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and the acquisition and transfer of agricultural biotechnology applications from the industrial countries, for the benefit of resource-poor farmers in the developing world. The mission of ISAAA is to alleviate hunger and poverty in the developing countries.

An agricultural scientist, Dr James received his formal training in the UK with a first degree in agriculture from the University of Wales, followed by a PhD from Cambridge University. Prior to his association with ISAAA he was Deputy Director General at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) in Mexico, where he worked with Dr Norman Borlaug, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, who is a patron of ISAAA. The last twenty five years have been spent living and/or working in the developing countries of Asia, Latin America, and Africa and devoted to agricultural research & development issues, and crop biotechnology. He has served, as Senior Agricultural Adviser to the Canadian Bilateral Aid Agency (CIDA), the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and has consulted for many international development agencies including UNDP, the World Bank and many international philanthropic foundations, including the Rockefeller and Hitachi Foundations.

He has published internationally-recognized Annual Reviews on the Global Status of GM crops, and their contribution to global food, feed, fiber, and fuel security, since 1996 when GM crops were first commercialized.

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