

List of arbitrators for Disputes related to Intellectual Property management and Essentially Derived Varieties

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Marcel Bruins

Professional experience

• Since 2014 - Bruins Seed Consultancy

Founder

Since 2014 - Seed World Europe

Editorial Director

• 2015-2017 - IGTC & NAEGA

Senior Science Advisor

• 2014-2015 - IGTC

Secretariat

• 2007-2014 - ISF

Secretary General

• 1998-2007 - Seminis Vegetable Seeds

Manager PVP

• 1998 - ID-NL

License broker

• 1996-1998 - CPRO-DLO

Manager IP rights

Crops of expertise	Field crops, Vegetables, Forage crops, Turf, Trees, Ornamentals
Language	English, Dutch, German, Italian, French
Country	Switzerland





Peter Button

Professional experience

UPOV

- 2010-2023 Vice Secretary-General
- 2000-2010 Technical Director
- 1998-2000 UK Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, Plant Variety Rights Office / Seeds Division

Technical Liaison Officer

• 1996-1998 - The British Society of Plant Breeders Ltd. (BSPB)

Technical Liaison Manager

• 1994-1996 - GenTech Propagation Ltd.

General Manager

• 1987-1994 - Twygen Ltd. (part of J. Bibby Agriculture Ltd.)

General Manager

• 1992-1994 - Bibby Horticulture Ltd. (Scotland depot)

Manager

• 1981-1987 - Twyford Seeds Ltd.

Head of Purification Department / Plant Breeder - Purification

Crops of expertise Field crops, Vegetables, Ornamentals, Forage crops, Fruit

Language English

Country Switzerland





Jean Donnenwirth

Professional experience	 1985-2022 - Pioneer/Corteva Global PVP Lead Former member of IP committees at ISF, CLI, Euroseeds and UFS
Crops of expertise	Field crops
Language	French, English
Country	France





Huib Ghijsen

Professional experience

• Since 2009 – XS2Justice Network

Legal Counsel

• 2000-2009 - Bayer CropScience / BioScience

IP Manager

• 1991-1999 - Centre for Plant Breeding and Reproduction Research (CPRO-DLO)

Board of Plant Breeder's Rights

1971-1991 - Barenbrug Holland BV

• 2000-2014 - Member Intellectual Property Committee (IPC) of ISF

• 2003-2014 - Member / chairman Arbitration Committee ISF

 2000-2009 - Member Committee for Intellectual Property Rights (CIPR) of Euroseeds

Crops of expertise	Field crops, Vegetables, Forage crops, Turf, Ornamentals
Language	Dutch, English, German, French
Country	The Netherlands





Antonio Villarroel

Professional experience

• 2006-2025 - ANOVE

Secretary General & CEO

• 1996-2025 - GESLIVE

Managing Director

• 1992-1996 - Estudio Jurídico Serrano

Associate Lawyer

Crops of expertise Field crops, Vegetables, Trees, Ornamentals, Forage crops

Language Spanish, English, French

Country Spain

