



## Dr Gary Fitt (CSIRO Entomology, Brisbane), BSc Hons, PhD (University of Sydney)

Dr. Fitt has a long background in agricultural sustainability with a focus on ecologically based pest management systems for Australia.

He joined CSIRO in 1983 and worked at the Australian Cotton Research Institute, Narrabri for some 20 years, researching the ecology and management of *Helicoverpa* spp., the most devastating pests of field crops in Australia.



In 1992 he began involvement with research of the first insect-tolerant GM cotton varieties and prior to their commercial release in 1996 he coordinated the development of the pre-emptive management strategies to protect the technology from the evolution of resistance by *Helicoverpa* and saw GM technology integrated into sustainable IPM systems for Australian cotton.

He coordinates resistance management research and training for a global working group on GM crops in integrated production, coordinates pest management research efforts for grain production systems and is involved on steering groups for much of CSIRO's research in agricultural sustainability.

Dr. Fitt was Program Leader for Cotton in CSIRO for 10 years from 1990 and the CEO of the Australian Cotton Cooperative Research Centre from 1999-2003. Dr. Fitt is now Deputy Chief for CSIRO Entomology based in Brisbane.