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## AUSBIOTECH 2011 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS' PROFILE

**Professor Peter Langridge**  
**Director and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics (ACPGF),**  
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Professor Peter Langridge was awarded a PhD in 1980 from ANU. Joining the University of Adelaide in 1984, he became a Professor in 1996 and from 1998 was the inaugural Research Director of the CRC for Molecular Plant Breeding. In 2003, he became the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics, a major research Centre based in Adelaide, which has so far raised over \$100million in research funding. ACPFG works to create cereal varieties more resistant to drought and saline soils.



He has supervised over 50 PhD students and published well over 200 peer reviewed scientific publications in his field. He is on the editorial panels of three journals and is Editor-in-Chief for *Agronomy*. Peter is very active in the international research sector; he has made major contributions in the gene technology area and sits on several international boards and advisory groups. He has been a member of the National Science Foundation's BREAD Program in the USA and European Research Council, Panel of Experts, Applied life sciences and biotechnology. He is on the advisory panels for two European Union Framework programs and is on the Science and Impact Advisory Board of the Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences in Wales.

Peter served on the Scientific Advisory Panel for the CGIAR Generation Challenge program and has worked closely with this program to establish breeding programs in India and China to enhance drought tolerance in local varieties.

In 2010, Peter chaired the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council Expert working group on "Australia and food security in a changing world".