

## Biography

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Dr Tony Fischer has both a Bachelor and Masters degrees in Agricultural Science from Melbourne University with a PhD from the University of California Davis. He has spent two stints working for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT) in Mexico, as a wheat physiologist/agronomist in the 1970s and from 1988-1995 as Director of the Centre's Wheat Program. Between these two appointments. Dr. Fischer has worked as a Principal and Senior Principal Research Scientist at CSIRO Plant Industry. He was a Director of the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and is a member of a variety of organizations and institutes. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science, the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. Dr.

Fischer received an Australia Day achievement Medallion in 2003. Currently Dr. Fischer is an Honorary Research Fellow with CSIRO Plant Industry, Canberra. Dr. Fischer was a member of the Board of Trustees of ICARDA (1981-87) and is currently a member of the Board of IRRI (International Rice Research Institute). Dr. Fischer was recently honoured as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia and Farrer Memorial Medal for service to agricultural science in Australia and developing countries.