

# The Governing Body

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Left to right, Back row : B. King, R.J. Cogdell, Sir John S. Marsh, P. Whitworth  
Front row : K. Hopkins, J.E. Godfrey, J. M. Drysdale  
(Absent: J.J.F. Belch, J. Evans, J.M. Sime, A.R. Slabas, P.C. Young)

**Chairman: J.E. Godfrey, B.Sc., A.R. Ag.S.**, gained his degree in agriculture from the University of Reading; he is a director of family farming companies in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. He is chairman of Sentry Farming Group plc, managing farms in the UK, Poland and the Czech Republic. He is a member or adviser to numerous agricultural committees including The Centre for Agricultural Strategy, University of Reading; The Royal Agricultural Society of England; Food Chain Group of The Foresight Programme; and Humberside Training and Enterprise Council. He is a director of World Potato Congress Inc. He joined the Governing Body of SCRI in 1991, became Vice Chairman in 1998 and Chairman in October 1999.

**Professor J.J.F. Belch, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P., M.D.**, is Professor of Vascular Medicine at the University of Dundee, where she is interested in the causes, manifestations and treatment of disease of the blood vessels and circulation. Additionally she is a member of the Medical Research Council Advisory Board, a member of the Scottish Office Acute Services Review Sub-Committee on Peripheral Arterial Disease, and UK Chairman of the Forum on Angiology. Her interests in terms of crop research relate to the antioxidant content of food, specific fatty acid types within oils, and the relationships of these to vascular disease. She was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1998.

**Professor R.J. Cogdell, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S.E.**, was awarded his two degrees by Bristol University, and completed his post-doctoral research in the USA. He joined the Botany Department of Glasgow University (now the Institute of Biomedical and Life Sciences) in 1975, and currently holds the Hooker Chair of Botany there. He was awarded a Humbolt Research Prize in 1995. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1997.

**J. M. Drysdale** is a specialist cereal grower, who farms near Kirkcaldy, Fife, and is Chairman of the Tayforth Marketing Group. He is currently on the Committee of Management of the Scottish Society for Crop Research. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1997.

**Professor J. Evans O.B.E., B.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc., F.I.C.For.** is Professor in Tropical Forestry (part time) at Imperial College, London, and was formerly Chief Research Officer (S) with the UK Forestry Commission from 1989 to 1997. He is Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth Forestry Association and is Chair of DFID's Programme Advisory Committee for Forestry Research. Professor Evans also holds an honorary Chair of Forestry at the University of North Wales, Bangor. He is the author of 7 technical books, including the standard text on tropical forest plantations. Professor Evans owns and manages his own small woodland. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1998.

**K. Hopkins, F.C.A.**, joined Reeves & Neylan, Chartered Accountants, in Canterbury, Kent, in 1971, from a farming background. He moved to open the Scottish Practice in 1978 and was appointed a partner in 1981. "The Scottish Partnership" (a separate business since April 1996) acts for over 500 farmers in Scotland, and specialises in the establishment of farmer-led agricultural cooperatives. His firm now has three offices, Forfar, Perth and Dundee, and employs over 60 staff. Mr Hopkins specialises in capital taxes, agricultural law and cooperatives, development and expansion of business, writes for the agricultural press, and lectures throughout Scotland. He enjoys cricket and golf. He is Treasurer for District 1010 of Rotary and Chairman of the charity Childlink Scotland. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1997.

**Professor B. King, M.Sc., Ph.D., F.I.W.Sc., C.Biol., F.I.Biol.**, is Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Abertay Dundee, having joined it in 1992 from the Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, where he was Assistant Principal and Dean of the Faculty of Health and Food. He is a Non-Executive Trustee of Tayside Primary Care NHS Trust, Board Member of Scottish Enterprise Tayside, Governor of the Unicorn Preservation Society, Chairman of the Conference of Scottish Centrally-Funded Colleges, and Director of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). He is a member of the International Research Group on Wood Preservation and of the Biodeterioration and British Mycological Societies. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1998.

**Emeritus Professor Sir John S. Marsh C.B.E., M.A., P.G. Dip. Ag. Econ., F.R.A.S.E., F.R.Ag.S., C.Biol., F.I.Biol.**, was Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Aberdeen, from 1977-1984, then Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Reading from 1984-1997. He is a Former Director of the Centre of Agricultural Strategy and Chairman of the Agricultural Wages Board, and is currently Chairman of RURAL Council, Governor of the Royal Agricultural College, and Member of the Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry Foresight Panel. He was made a Knight Bachelor in the Queens Birthday Honours List in 1999 for his wide-ranging contributions to agriculture and agricultural research. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1998.

**J.M. Sime, M.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., C. Chem.**, is the Chief Executive of the BioIndustry Association, a position he has held since 1995. Prior to this appointment, he held R&D, general management, and strategic marketing positions with Beecham and then SmithKline Beecham, in the UK, USA, Japan, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand. He is a member of the CBI Biostrategy Committee and of the Management Board of the Advanced Centre for Biochemical Engineering at University College, London. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1997.

**Professor A.R. Slabas, B.Sc., D.Phil.**, is Director of Research, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Durham, where he leads a team involved

in various aspects of lipid metabolism ranging from novel gene identification to structural studies. He has extensive collaboration with Industry, including Biogemma, Zeneca, Linnaeus and Unilever. He is a panel member of the UK Technology Foresight Programme 'Crops for food and Industrial use'; the Eukaryotic Cell Link Management Committee; and the BBSRC Inovative Manufacturing Committee. He joined the Governing Body in 1995

**P. Whitworth, H.N.C.**, retired from United Biscuits as Technical Director, Snacks in March 1996. He has been associated with the production of potato crisps and savoury snacks for over 35 years. He joined the board of the European Snacks Association (ESA) in 1988, and served as President of the Association from 1994 to 1996. He was a founder member of the Board of ECSA Research Ltd (ERL) (the research company formed by ESA to progress the industry's ECLAIR project to improve the tolerance of potatoes to low temperature sweetening using genetic manipulation. Part of this ECLAIR project has been carried out at SCRI.). He has now retired from the

board of ERL. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1997.

**Professor P.C. Young, B.Tech., M.Sc., M.A., Ph.D., Wh.F., C.Eng., M.I.E.E., F.I.M.A., F.R.S.S.**, is Director of the Centre for Research on Environmental Systems and Statistics, Lancaster University. He was Head of the Environmental Science Department at Lancaster, 1981-87; Professorial Fellow at the Australian National University, Canberra 1975-81; and Lecturer in Engineering/Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge University, 1970-75. His main research interests are in mathematical modelling, time series analysis, forecasting and automatic control. He has worked in a wide range of application areas but his research on agricultural systems includes modelling and advanced control of the micro-climate in horticultural glasshouses; and the data-based mechanistic modelling of biological, horticultural and ecological systems. He is a member of the Board of the Silsoe Research Centre and has been a Member of the Council, Freshwater Biological Association. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1997.