

The Governing Body



Left to right, Back row : W. Powell, E. Angus, K. Dawson, I. McLaren, M.J.Emes
Front row : C.W. Goldstraw, Sir John S. Marsh, J.R. Hillman, J.E. Godfrey, P. Whitworth, M. Eddie, J.J.F. Belch
Absent : R.J. Cogdell, J. Evans, K. Hopkins, B. King, A.R. Slabas.

Chairman: J.E. Godfrey, B.Sc., F.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 Willisham Group plc, and is a member or adviser to numerous committees including the Centre for Agricultural Strategy, University of Reading; the Royal Agricultural Society of England; and Humberside Training and Enterprise Council. He is a Trustee of the International Potato Center (CIP) in Peru and a Director of World Potato Congress Inc. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 1991, became Vice Chairman in 1997 and Chairman in 1999.

E. Angus, MBE, M.Sc., Fio.D., has been actively involved in the start-up of several knowledge economy companies since retiring from Napier University in 1999, where he held the post of Business Director for the University and Managing Director of Napier University Ventures Limited. His degree in corporate leadership was gained after studying business incubation systems and processes in the US, UK, the Continent and Scandinavia. His strategic management experience at Board level in food, textiles and distribution companies, span a period of 25 years and he was awarded the honour of an MBE for his contribution to exporting in 1977. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 2000.

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, and was recently re-appointed. He is a member of the Chairman's Committee, and Chairs the Science sub-committee. He is a Director of MRS and a Trustee of the new Mylnefield Trust.

Dr K. Dawson, B.Sc., Ph.D., D.I.C.P., is Technical Director of CSC CropCare, the largest privately owned crop consultancy service in the North of the UK. He trained as an agricultural and environmental scientist and was awarded his degrees by the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and the University of Reading. He joined the Scottish Agricultural College in 1982 and, after a spell as Northern Technical Advisory Manager for BASF(UK) Ltd, formed CSC CropCare in 1987. He is an elected director of BASIS(UK) Ltd and a member of the Government's Pesticide Forum. He also has been closely associated with the Scottish Natural Heritage TIBRE programme, utilising new technology for agronomic and environmental benefit. His main interests are in crop protection and Integrated Farming Management. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 2000.

Dr M. Eddie, B.Agr., Ph.D., gained both his degrees from The Queen's University, Belfast. After employment as a research scientist by the Ministry of

Agriculture, Northern Ireland for 4 years, he joined Unilever plc where he spent 25 years mainly in their agribusiness operations, eventually becoming Chairman of two agribusiness companies. The first was based in Scotland and the second in Malaysia. After retirement from Unilever in 1999, he was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in March 2000.

Professor M.J. Emes, B.Sc., Ph.D., is Director of the Research and Graduate School in the Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Manchester, where he is responsible for over 120 academic staff and the training of 400 postgraduate students. His own research activities are focused on understanding the control of plant metabolism, particularly mechanisms of regulating starch synthesis in cereals. He has extensive experience of BBSRC grants committees and is a member of the Governing Council of the John Innes Centre. He is also an editor of the Journal of Experimental Botany. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 2000.

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.

Wendy Goldstraw, B.Sc., P.G.Dip.B.A., M.C.I.P.D., gained her degrees from the University of Edinburgh, before joining the Post Office as a management trainee. After a number of roles in human resources and line management, she was latterly General Manager for Post Office Counters Ltd for Scotland and Northern Ireland, with responsibility for 2800 Post Offices. She was an executive member of both the Scottish and Northern Ireland Post Office Boards, and served as a Director of Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce and also on the Scottish Committee of the Institute of Directors. She has been a member of the Accounts Commission for Scotland

since 1994. She was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 2000.

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 is Treasurer for District 1010 of Rotary, a member of the Institute of Directors, 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, and a member of the Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education. 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.

I. McLaren, S.D.A., is a partner in a family owned farming business, specialising in potato and cereal production. He is also a partner in a retail dairy business, a garage business, and a visitors' centre. He is Chairman of a leisure complex, the Dewar's Centre in Perth, and a member of the Perth & Kinross Agricultural Forum, and was a member of the Home Grown Cereals Authority from 1988 to 1997. He was appointed to the Governing Body of SCRI in 2000.

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.

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 retired from United Biscuits as Technical Director, Snacks in March 1996. During his 38 years with the company, he was associated with all aspects of the development and production of biscuits, potato crisps and savoury snacks. 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.