

THE CRAWFORD FUND AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

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The Challenges

- Demonstrating the value and return to Australia of continued investment in international agricultural RD&E
- Identifying the key foci for engagement with overseas partners with respect to capacity building and knowledge transfer
- Encouraging and equipping the next generation of Australian scientists to contribute to international agricultural RD&E



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Our operating environment

- Two thirds of funding comes from DFAT via ACIAR – we operate under an MoU with ACIAR that sets broad directions
- These directions are cognisant of Australia's foreign policy goals (aid, trade and soft diplomacy)
- Supporting the states and territories deliver outcomes that benefit them and thus Australia
- Fostering linkages with the Australian private sector that also offers them opportunities (e.g market access)
- We depend on volunteers
- We have national networks of experienced professionals and young scientists (RAID)

The Crawford Fund's Response

- Our niche is in capacity building –supports ACIAR goals and relates to international and Australian scientists and professionals.
- Additionally we play a major role in building public awareness of international agricultural research:
 - Annual Parliamentary Conference
 - Inputs to White Papers
 - Outreach to other groups in the sector



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Our Capacity Building Products

Master Classes

Supporting scholars

Training

Mentoring



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Our current focus

- *Master Classes:*

1. Management of genetic data bases (with Global Crop Diversity Trust)
2. Agricultural Research Leadership and Management (with ACIAR, RAID and APAARI)
3. Biosecurity and Market Access (with CRCPB)
4. Communication skills

- *Mentoring*

- *Building RAID's agenda*

- *State-based training activities*



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ACIAR Linkages

- Building alumni networks
- Adding value to ACIAR projects through capacity building and mentoring
- Communicating benefits of IAR in Australia and internationally



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