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RSWA Monthly Talks

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Combined RSWA AGM & Monthly talk

Monday 18th July 2016

Kings Park Administration Building, Fraser Ave

6.30pm Welcome drinks and nibbles

7.00pm AGM

7.30pm monthly talk

Public & non-members welcome

50 Shades of GMO

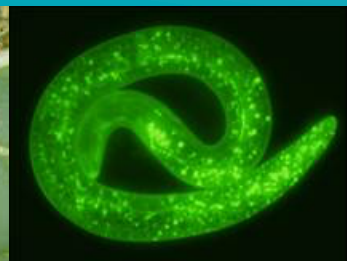
Facts & Issues

Professor Michael Jones

Professor of Agricultural Biotechnology, School of Veterinary & Life Sciences
Murdoch University

Director of the WA State Agricultural Biotechnology Centre (SABC)

It's a strange paradox: the less precise a technology, the less it is regulated: conversely, the more knowledge and hard science that underlies a technology, the more it is regulated. Common sense would dictate exactly the opposite. What does GMO mean, what is or is not genetically modified, and does it really matter? What are the benefits of GMOs and what's in the pipeline? Can we separate facts from ideology? These issues will be addressed.



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Biography

Prof. Michael Jones



Professor Michael Jones has a Degree in Biochemistry and a PhD in Plant Biochemistry from Cambridge University; held Postdoctoral positions in the USA, Australia and Cambridge. Employment at the Welsh Plant Breeding Station and Rothamsted Research was followed in 1990 by appointment as Head of Plant Sciences at Murdoch University.

He is now Professor of Agricultural Biotechnology, and Director of WA State Agricultural Biotechnology Centre (SABC). He was appointed to the Commonwealth Government 'Agricultural Biotechnology Advisory Council (ABAC)' for 5 years, which advised the Ministers responsible for national biotechnology policy, and was awarded the Murdoch University Research Medal in 2006. He has published 255 scientific papers and gained \$35 million in research funding. Current research is in the application of biotechnology to control crop pests and diseases.

He was President of the RSWA from 1996 – 1998.