



Organisational Structure of GFPI

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The Executive Board of GFPI comprises representatives from GFPI's member companies. It decides on strategic direction and on research priorities.

HONORARY CHAIR:

- › Dr. Peter Franck (Pflanzenzucht Oberlimpurg Dr. Peter Franck, Schwäbisch Hall)

CHAIR:

- › Wolf von Rhade (Nordsaat Saatzuchtgesellschaft mbH, Saatzucht Langenstein, Langenstein)

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- › Stephanie Franck (Pflanzenzucht Oberlimpurg Dr. Peter Franck, Schwäbisch Hall)
- › Dr. Heinrich Böhm (Kartoffelzucht Böhm GmbH & Co. KG, Lüneburg)

BOARD MEMBERS:

- › Dr. Hagen Duenbostel (KWS SAAT SE, Einbeck)
- › Dr. Franz Eversheim (Bayer CropScience AG, Monheim)
- › Dr. Martin Frauen (Norddeutsche Pflanzenzucht Hans Georg Lembke KG, Holtsee)
- › Dr. Dieter Stelling (Deutsche Saatveredelung AG, Lippstadt)
- › Dr. Peter Welters (Phytowelt GreenTechnologies GmbH, Nettetal)

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD:

The Scientific Advisory Board of GFPI, composed of representatives of public institutes and GFPI member companies, advises the Executive Board on strategy and priorities in research questions.

CHAIR:

- › Prof. Dr. Frank Ordon (Julius Kühn Institute, Quedlinburg)

VICE-CHAIR:

- › Dr. Jens Weyen (Saatzucht Josef Breun GmbH, Herzogenaurach)

REPRESENTATIVES OF SCIENCE:

- › Prof. Dr. Thomas Altmann (Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research, Gatersleben)
- › Prof. Dr. Bernd Müller-Röber (University of Potsdam)
- › Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schurr (Research Centre Jülich GmbH)
- › Prof. Dr. Rod Snowdon (Justus-Liebig-University Gießen)
- › Prof. Dr. Andreas Weber (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf)
- › Prof. Dr. Detlef Weigel (Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology, Tübingen)

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- › Dr. Martin Ganai (TraitGenetics GmbH, Gatersleben)
- › Dr. Hubert Kempf (SECOBRA Saatzucht GmbH, Moosburg)
- › Dr. Gunhild Leckband (Norddeutsche Pflanzenzucht Hans Georg Lembke KG, Holtsee)
- › Dr. Jens Lübeck (SaKa Pflanzenzucht GmbH & Co. KG, Windeby)
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Plant Research for Our Future



What is GFPI?

The German Federation for Plant Innovation (GFPI) is a non-profit association with more than 60 mostly small and medium sized member companies which are either active in plant breeding or deal with plants or plant products along the entire agricultural or horticultural value chain. In its present form, GFPI exists since 2015 formed by the merger of former „Gemeinschaft zur Förderung der privaten deutschen Pflanzenzüchtung e. V. (GFP)“ and „Wirtschaftsverbund PflanzenInnovation e. V. (WPI)“.

What does GFPI do?

GFPI promotes innovation in plant research. GFPI takes the role of a catalyst initiator and facilitator for research co-operations on national and international level. With a view to enhancing awareness of the importance and necessity of plant research, the members and committees of GFPI regularly set up suitable research strategies. As a mediator between science and economy, GFPI ensures that results of GFPI research projects will be transferred into practical application.

How does GFPI work?

GFPI initiates and facilitates primarily pre-competitive joint research projects and enables the transposition of research results into practical applications. Member companies interested in a specific research project of a scientist at a research facility will jointly support this project. Research results will influence the development of new plant varieties or will help improve the methodology in plant breeding, plant processing or plant research. GFPI acts as a mediator between public science and industry and carries out the respective administrative work. This is how GFPI manages to advance plant breeding research in Germany as a whole.

In which form does GFPI give its support to research?

GFPI member companies will contribute to GFPI research projects in form of services, e.g. provision of trial fields, greenhouses and laboratory capacities, as well as in form of direct monetary contributions.

How is GFPI organised?

All members of GFPI are members of the GFPI Department for Plant Innovation, the department for research questions across crop species or plant species not represented in one of the crop-specific departments (e.g. model organisms).

In addition, the member companies of GFPI active in breeding are members of one or more of the following crop-specific departments:

- › Beet roots
- › Forage plants
- › Vegetables, Medicinal Plants and Spices
- › Cereals
- › Potatoes
- › Maize
- › Oil and Protein Plants
- › Grape Vine
- › Ornamental Plants

These departments focus on crop-specific research topics.

Does GFPI facilitate only research projects involving all its members?

Besides research projects involving all members of a department, GFPI can also support projects only including a sub-group of its members. On request, GFPI will facilitate and coordinate individual research consortia or bilateral cooperations. In addition, its subsidiary GFPI-Service Ltd. is able to provide services to individual members or third parties, e.g. assistance in drafting agreements, consulting in intellectual property issues or patent analysis.

Is GFPI also active on international level?

GFPI has set up a liaison office in Brussels to complement national research activities by international cooperative research projects and to improve networking among European plant research. This provides a permanent contact for German scientists and companies to help co-ordinate the initiation and the planning of transnational and EU research projects.