

Dr. John P. A. Lamers



Honorable member and founder of KRASS

Dr. John Lamers has been nominated an honorable member of KRASS since 2009 in recognition of his invaluable contribution to the establishment, development and constant inspiration of the organization. Dr. John Lamers was born in 1956 in the Netherlands. He studied agronomy and plant nutrition at the Agricultural University of Wageningen, The Netherlands, and agro-economics at the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences in the Tropics and Subtropics at the University of Hohenheim, Germany. Dr. Lamers has more than 15 years of professional experience in long-term and short-term missions in Africa as researcher, government advisor, development worker and consultant. He has been working extensively with international agricultural research institutes, NARS, national extension systems, NGOs and farmers' organizations. Since 1997, he started working in countries of the former Soviet Union such as Georgia, Azerbaijan, Tadjikistan and Uzbekistan on such issues as food security, agricultural extension, institutional development and human capital building. His special areas of interest are alternative approaches to agricultural service provision, erosion control, resource management, crop production and soil fertility and others. From 2002 till 2012 Dr. John Lamers worked as a program coordinator of the joint Uzbek-German project funded by the German Ministry of Science and Education (BMBF) entitled "Ecological and economical restructuring of land- and water use in Khorezm region, Uzbekistan" established by Centre for Development Research/ZEF (Bonn), UNESCO (Paris) and Urgench State University (Urgench, Khorezm).