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AUSBIOTECH 2010 NATIONAL CONFERENCE SPEAKERS' PROFILE

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Dr TJ Higgins is an Honorary Fellow at CSIRO Plant Industry. His major research focus is the application of gene technology for plant improvement. He is particularly interested in protecting legumes from insect pests and enhancing the nutritional quality of plant products for feed and food uses.

Born in Ireland, TJ's first degrees were from the National University of Ireland. He gained his PhD from the University of California, Davis, USA and came to Australia as a Post-doctoral Fellow at the Australian National University. Shortly after, he joined CSIRO Plant Industry, from which he recently retired as a Chief Research Scientist and Deputy Chief.

He received the Rivett Medal from the CSIRO's Officer's Association, the Pharmacia-LKB Biotechnology Medal from the Australian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Goldacre Medal from the Australian Society of Plant Scientists. He received the Centenary Medal for his service to Australian society in plant biotechnology and is a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science.

