

Bob Froud-Williams

Bob began his scientific career at the former Agricultural Research Council Letcombe Laboratory, achieving a BSc Hons. in Agricultural Botany. He then transferred to the Weed Research Organisation (WRO), gained his PhD, and remained for eight years until its closure. In 1984 he joined The University of Reading and has been employed as a Senior Lecturer in Weed Science until 2012.

His research interests are in weed population biology and ecology, integrated weed management and agri-environment issues. He has supervised more than 40 postgraduate students to completion and has authored or co-authored over 180 original papers in peer reviewed journals and international conferences. A major part of his university career has been teaching within Agriculture and Horticulture; including postgraduate supervision and research into weeds of cool temperate, warm season and tropical crops. Much of the research work undertaken has been collaborative programmes both within the UK and overseas. His duties at Reading have included Director of Postgraduate Studies and Programme Advisor for various degrees.

He has been a member of The European Weed Research Society (EWRS) since 1980. In addition to his role as EWRS National Representative he was elected vice-president in 2001 and president in 2003. Bob has been a member of several external committees including: BCPC Expert Weeds, Defra Sustainable Arable Link and, until retirement, chairman of the UK Weed Liaison Group representing public funded Weed Science in the UK. He served on the AAB Weeds and Agronomy Committee for ten years and has chaired conference sessions for the AAB and BCPC including the BCPC Weed Review where he has acted as session organiser and edited numerous proceedings.