



2019 CRAWFORD FUND MEDALLIST

Professor John Lindsay Falvey

The Crawford Fund's success is based on people who are seeking to make an enduring contribution to global food security. Their commitment and perseverance, often over long periods, mark the Fund out as a unique contributor. Many go unnoticed and their contributions unheralded. Accordingly, in 2010 the Crawford Fund decided to recognise people who have made a considerable and continued contribution to international agricultural research through our programs and related activities.

The Crawford Fund Medal is this year presented to Professor Lindsay Falvey FTSE, FAIAS. Lindsay has remained practically and passionately committed for over four decades to the international contributions agricultural science makes to food security.

He has been Chair of the International Livestock Research Institute since 2013, Emeritus Professor of the University of Melbourne, holds two adjunct appointments in Thai universities, and is currently writing on the role of agricultural science in philosophy. As Chair of The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), he has not only influenced livestock research, but also the broader directions of the CGIAR.

Professor Falvey has published 15 books and more than 150 papers dealing with livestock and socio-cultural subjects. He also wrote the biography of the Crawford Fund's founding director, Derek Tribe.

Across more than 40 years of experience in agricultural science, beginning in the Australian tropics in 1972 and, thereafter, in various Asian nations, Professor Falvey's research work has been developed into R&D policies for Asia and other nations and has included taking part in high-security missions to preserve research infrastructure and personnel in conflict situations, such as post-1989 Russia, for the World Bank, and in the middle of the war in Iraq for Australian aid and ACIAR.

Perhaps the best summary of his contributions was that noted in the award of his higher doctorate that his: *"research combining technical, social, environmental, policy and historical research in the developing world, challenged the simple importing of agricultural technology ... demonstrated that indigenous knowledge and culture is critical to sustainability, food security and human development, thereby potentially benefitting millions of persons participating in international development projects."*

Professor Falvey has received many honours in his illustrious career including the Australian Centenary medal. The Crawford Medal adds to these, and places emphasis on the high esteem in which he is held by all his colleagues involved in international agricultural research.