



**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF  
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY**

*Bringing The Elements Together*

## ***2009 Fellows Function***

**5 pm, Thursday 8 October 2008**

**Claremont Yacht Club  
4 Victoria Avenue, Claremont.**

**Program:**

**5.00 pm to 5.15 pm**

**The National Office of the AIAST**

***Diana Melham, CEO, AIAST, Canberra***

**5:15 pm – 6.00 pm**

**People, Perplexity and Plots**

***Dr Bill Bowden, Principal Research Officer, Department of Agriculture and Food***

**6.00 pm – 6.45 pm**

**2010 to 2020 - The Golden Age for Agriculture**

***Ian Longson, Past Director General, Department of Agriculture and Food, and Past National President AIAST***

**6:45 pm – 7:30 pm**

***Refreshments***

**Dr Bill Bowden** has over 40 year's experience with plant and soil, research, development and extension in WADA. Bill has deliberately placed himself in the gap between research and extension (what he calls "development"). He states 'If research results are to be used widely by the industry, they must be put in a framework which extends them beyond the site, season and management specificities which dog most direct experimental approaches to solving problems.' Bill's main current work areas are: diagnostics in the precision agriculture (SIP09) and sub-soil constraints (SIP08) initiatives; research worker and modeller in the nutrient management initiative; modelling soil carbon dynamics in the soil biology initiative; modelling the nutrient and soil fertility aspects of stubble management; promoting the use of the KASM (potassium) and SYN (nitrogen) decision support systems; and myth-buster of the rapidly growing snake-oil sales business.

**Ian Longson** **FIAIST** has recently resigned as the Director General of the Western Australian Department of Agriculture and Food, a position he held from March 2004 to May 2009. Ian was a member of the Department's Executive team from 1995. For the 10 years prior to joining the Department of Agriculture's executive team in 1995, he was senior consultant and manager of the Perth Office of ACIL Consulting (now ACIL Tasman). He has also worked for the Dairy Industry Authority of Western Australia, the Asian Development Bank and early in his career as an extension adviser with the Western Australian Department of Agriculture in the South West. Ian is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, and was national president of the Institute (2000-2002). He was President of the Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants (WA Inc.) from 1994 to 1995.

**Everyone welcome**

**Cost: \$30 AIAST members, \$45 non-members, students \$10.**

**For more information or RSVP by 5 October please contact:**

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