

Tenth Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award Conferred on Dr. John Dixon



The Tenth Dr M.S. Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture was given to Dr. John Dixon, Former Principal Advisor, ACIAR, Australia by Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Founder Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt on 13 February, 2019 during the International Conference on Development of Dryland (ICDD) held at the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) on 10-14 February, 2019.



Dr. Dixon's work, during his outstanding career of more than four decades, had greatest impact in farming systems' research in a wide range of irrigated, dryland and mountain farming systems. He has made significant contributions in Asia and Africa by promoting the concept of Conservation Agriculture based Sustainable Intensification (CASI), for improving soil health and ensuring natural resource management (NRM) in the Indo-Gangetic Plains (IGP) involving India, Bangladesh and Nepal is outstanding. He has spearheaded the ACIAR project on Sustainable and Resilient Farming Systems Intensification (SRFSI), being implemented by CIMMYT, which has revived the hope for scaling conservation agriculture through regional collaboration, as was achieved under Rice Wheat Consortium (RWC) in late 1990s. He launched CASI projects in 12 countries in Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia. His untiring efforts have helped in building a Regional CASI Platform involving Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan.

Glimpses of the Award Function



