

Candidate: Keith Jones, Consultant

Nominating SRP member: Syngenta

Constituency: Service, input and equipment providers

Keith Jones is a consultant with expertise in sustainable agriculture and integrated pest management (IPM). Prior to becoming a consultant he was Director of Stewardship and Sustainable Agriculture at CropLife International, the industry association representing the research-based plant science industry, for 15 years. He also spent more than 20 years at the Natural Resources Institute, UK, part of the University of Greenwich and previously part of the UK Overseas Development Administration, where latterly he was Head of the Sustainable Agriculture Group. During this time he was seconded for 4 years to CARE Sri Lanka, where he ran an island-wide programme promoting sustainable rice production through Farmer Field Schools. He has developed and participated in numerous multi-stakeholder initiatives and projects.

Keith has served on the Board of SRP e.V. since its inception in 2019 and has been Chair of the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee. Since December 2021 Keith has served as Chair of the SRP Board. He also helped to develop the SRP authorised training on the Standard Requirements and Performance Indicators. If re-elected Keith would use his experience in multi-stakeholder initiatives to continue to build consensus and support within and beyond SRP for sustainable, climate-smart rice production that is inclusive for all stakeholders and production types. He will continue to promote effective governance at the Board level and greater involvement of the membership as a whole.

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