

Professor Huw Jones - Register of Interests

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Current

Personal Interests

Direct employment.

Aberystwyth University (2016-present).

ANR (French National Research Agency) Chair (president) of selection committee PEPR Advanced-Plant Breeding (Sept - Dec 2025)

HMCG Coastguard Rescue Officer, Area 14. (2025 - current).

As external examiner of the university PhD viva process, I have sometimes received a small honorarium in addition to travel and accommodation costs from the university hosting the examination (in the last 5 years I have been external

Consultancies and examiner for six PhD examinations in UK and abroad), other fee-paid work.

I have received small payments of royalties from publishers for academic books written or edited.

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Shareholdings.

None.

Member of Royal Soc Biology 2002 - current,

Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups.	Member of the EPSO Plants for the Future. Gene editing working group 2019 – current, Member of the Plants for the Future, European Technology Platform. 2020 – 2025.
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I am occasionally invited to attend research conferences or other meetings where the travel and accommodation (if applicable) are paid for by the host organisations.

I co-authored the following papers that contain 'opinions' on biotechnology risk assessment and/or safety:

Precision Breeding and Consumer Safety: A Review of Regulations for UK Markets. Freeland, Phillips & Jones. *Agriculture* **2024**, 14(8), 1306; <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-0472/14/8/1306>

Arpaia, S., Christiaens, O., Giddings, K., Jones, H., Mezzetti, B., Moronta-Barrios, F., Perry, J. N., Sweet, J. B., Taning, C. N. T., Smagghe, G. & Dietz-Pfeilstetter, A., (2020). Biosafety of GM Crop Plants Expressing dsRNA: Data Requirements and EU Regulatory Considerations. *Frontiers in Plant Science*. 11, 13 p., 940.

Mezzetti, B, Smagghe, G, Arpaia, S, Christiaens, O, Dietz-Pfeilstetter, A, Jones, HD, Kostov, K, Sabbadini, S, Opsahl-Sorteberg, HG, Ventura, V, Taning, CNT & Sweet, J 2020, 'RNAi: What is its position in agriculture?', *Journal of Pest Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10340-020-01238-2>

Taning, C. N. T., Arpaia, S., Christiaens, O., Dietz-Pfeilstetter, A., [Jones, HD.](#), Mezzetti, B., Sabbadini, S., Hoen-Sorteberg, H-G. O., Sweet, J., Ventura, V. & Smagghe, G. (2020). RNA-based biocontrol compounds: current status and perspectives to reach the market. *Pest Management Science*. DOI: [10.1002/ps.5686](https://doi.org/10.1002/ps.5686)

Other personal interests.

Non Personal

	Fellow of Royal Society Biology (2002-present), Fellow, Learned Society of Wales 2025 - current.
	Member of the IBERS Aberystwyth University research team in receipt of a BBSRC Core Strategic Programme Grant - current,
Fellowships.	A supervisor for a EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Fellowship. 2024- current, An academic supervisor for a FoodBioSystems DTP that also has in-kind support from Elsoms Seeds. 2024 – current, An academic supervisor for a FoodBioSystems DTP that also has in-kind support from Cupid Peptide Company Ltd. 2024 – current.
Indirect support.	Receive annual payments from the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society for use of my published work Receive royalty payments from CABI for authorship of textbooks.
Trusteeships.	None.
Land and property.	None.
Other public appointments.	Defra committee ACRE (Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment).
Other non-personal interests.	None.

Historic interests

Personal Interests

Direct employment.	Rothamsted Research (1998-2016).
Consultancies and other fee-paid work.	BBSRC grant review panels 2000 – 2022, Expert, GMO panel, European Food Safety Authority 2009 – 2018, Honorary Professor, School of Biosciences, Nottingham University 2009 - 2018.
Shareholdings.	None.
Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups.	Chair, UK Plant Sciences Federation Working Group on Regulatory Frameworks (2014-2015), Monogram Steering Committee (2011-2015).
Other personal interests.	None.

Non Personal

Fellowships.	Honorary researcher, Rothamsted Research UK (2016-2019), Honorary Professor, School of Biosciences, Nottingham University 2009 – 2018, Scientific Advisory Board Member China-UK, Huazhong University Science & Technology, Wuhan Joint Research Lab, 2001 – 2009.
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BBSRC/ FSA. 'Using citizen science to explore plant breeding and investigate food-chain transparency for novel breeding methods': BB/W009013/1 (2022-2022),

An academic supervisor for a Aberystwyth University/Syngenta PhD studentship, using molecular genetics to design sentinel plants for detecting biotic stress. 2017-2024,

UK representative of an EU COST Action PlantEd Genome editing in plants - a technology with transformative potential 2019- 2022,

UK representative, working group and management committee member of an EU COST Action iPlanta CA15223. Modifying plants to produce interfering RNA 2017-2020,

Indirect support. UK representative, working group and management committee member of an EU COST Action iPlanta CA15223. Modifying plants to produce interfering RNA 2017-2020,

Research funding for a Newton Bhabha Fellowship, IBERS, May - Sept 2019,

Research funding for a Newton Bhabha Fellowship, IBERS, Dec 2020 - March 2021,

Research project: Smart Labels for GMO foods. Aberystwyth University Transforming Social Science Fund. £1K Jan 2017,

Rothamsted Research was in receipt of funding from BBSRC Tools and Resources Development Fund BB/L017768/1. 2014-2016. HD Jones & K Edwards. Development of specific TALENs for precision engineering in wheat.

Trusteeships. None.

Land and property. None.

Other public appointments. None.

Other non-
personal
interests.

None.