

# 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).

Consultancies and  
other fee-paid  
work.

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 examiner for six PhD examinations in UK and abroad),

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.

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>

Other personal  
interests.

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)

## 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.