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Fellows Award Biographies

Dr. Manuela Gut-Rella is the Global Head Food Chain and Sustainable Agriculture at Syngenta AG, Switzerland. She is responsible to identify downstream trends impacting agricultural production and to propose and implement solutions to answer needs of customers beyond the farm gate. From 1994 till 1997 she led the External Marketing Group in the Italian Group Company. Prior she worked in research, development and registration of crop biotechnology in the Seeds Division, and in bio-control projects in the Crop Protection Division in Basel. She has also held positions with the plant pathology department of the University of California in Berkeley, USA, and with the microbiology department of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich. Dr. Gut-Rella earned a Ph.D. in Microbiology with the ETH.

Mr. Hans Jöhr served as the President of IAMA from June of 2003 till June of 2004. He is the Corporate Head of Agriculture at Nestlé in Vevey, Switzerland and as such, Mr. Jöhr is responsible for providing technical and strategic leadership in the groups' world-wide agricultural raw material supply chain. Prior to moving to Nestlé in 2000, Mr. Jöhr served as CEO of AFC Consulting in Brazil engaged in agribusiness & forestry consulting and management. He is a member of the board of IPC (Intl. Policy Council on Agriculture Food and Trade) and a member of the Advisory Council of the Swiss State Secretariat of Economic Affairs (SECO). He also serves as the chairman of SIPPO (Swiss Import Promotion Programme). Mr. Jöhr is the past president of the Swiss-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce in São Paulo, Brazil and has extensive experience based on several long-term international assignments and additionally has consulted in over 40 countries. He is the author of more than 30 publications in Brazilian and international newspapers.