



Martin Kropff, Director General of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)

Martin Kropff joined CIMMYT from Wageningen University and Research Center (Wageningen UR) in the Netherlands, where Kropff was rector magnificus and vice chairman of the executive board for almost 10 years during which student numbers doubled and the university reached a world ranking as the top university and research center for agricultural and food sciences.

From 1990 to 1995, Kropff was the systems agronomist at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines where he led an international program with NARS and Universities in 9 Asian Countries on systems research and simulation for rice production.

Since 1995, Kropff has served successive roles at Wageningen UR, including as director general of the Plant Sciences Group and on the executive board. From 2013 to 2015, he was a member of the board of directors of the CGIAR, the 15-member consortium of international agricultural researchers to which CIMMYT and IRRI belong.