

Grant and Moens Award of Excellence in Genetics

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Dr. Graham Scoles is currently a Professor in the Department of Plant Sciences and Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies) at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Scoles grew up on a small farm in England. He received his undergraduate education in Plant Science at the University of Reading, U.K., where he developed an interest in crop evolution and plant breeding. He worked for a year at the Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge, and while there was offered a graduate student position by a visiting scientist from the University of Manitoba. Dr. Scoles obtained his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in plant breeding from the University of Manitoba in 1979, and immediately joined the University of Saskatchewan as a cytogeneticist. His teaching and research have been in the area of biotechnology as it applies to plant breeding, particularly the development and application of molecular markers. Dr. Scoles coordinated one of the early crop-based Genome Canada programs, and served in a number of roles on the Executive of the Genetics Society of Canada, including President. He has also served as Chair of the North American Agricultural Biotechnology Council. In 1993 he was appointed an Associate Editor for *Genome*, the Canadian cytogenetics/genomics journal, and now serves as Co-Editor.

