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Biography

R. John Aitken is currently Laureate Professor of Biological Sciences, Co-Director of the Priority Research Centre in Reproductive Science and Pro Vice Chancellor of the Faculty of Health and Medicine at the University of Newcastle, NSW. John Aitken's research career began with a PhD in reproductive biology from the University of Cambridge. Following post-doctoral positions at the Institute of Animal Genetics, University of Edinburgh and the University of Bordeaux, he joined the World Health Organization in Geneva, where he managed two WHO task forces within the Human Reproduction Unit dealing with different aspects of fertility control. He subsequently joined the Medical Research Council's Reproductive Biology Unit, University of Edinburgh before moving to the University of Newcastle in 1998. John is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science and the Royal Society of Edinburgh; in 2012, he was named as New South Wales Scientist-of-the-Year.