



Dr. Víctor M. Villalobos Bio

In 1976 Dr. Victor Villalobos obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy at the National School of Agriculture in Chapingo, Mexico; in 1979 he obtained his Master of Sciences in Plant Genetics at the Graduate College of Chapingo; and in 1983 he obtained his Ph.D at the University of Calgary in Canada (he wrote his thesis on Plant Morphogenesis).

Dr. Villalobos is a well recognized expert in the agricultural and biological fields, as well as in the natural and genetic resources fields. He is recognized in the Hemisphere for his many outstanding contributions in these areas.

Dr. Villalobos has worked in a variety of positions such as full professor, research leader, international appointee, government official, administration executive, government mediator, and leader for multidisciplinary groups on analysis and decision making. In the course of his long career, he has made major contributions and has supported innovations in the areas of plant production and natural resources conservation.

Dr. Villalobos has been appointed two times by the Mexican President as Undersecretary in the Federal Government, the first time as Natural Resources Undersecretary for the Secretariat of Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries (SEMARNAP), the second time, as Agriculture Undersecretary for the Secretariat of Agriculture, Ranching,

Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA).

Dr. Villalobos has also been involved with international organizations for technical cooperation. He was the Director of the Agriculture Division (1986-1990) in the Tropical Agronomic Center for Research and Teaching (CATIE). He has also served as the Executive Official on Biotechnology (1990-1995) and President of the Board of Directors (1999-2003) of CATIE.

As a researcher, Dr. Villalobos has encouraged the use of agriculture biotechnology as a tool for sustainable production, and to ensure enough food production for Mexico and the world. Based on his long experience and several fields of expertise, Dr. Villalobos has published two books: "Tissue Culture Contribution to Plant Improvement and Conservation" (1982); and "Transgenic Plants: Opportunities and Threats" (2007).



Dr. Villalobos has been instructor for undergraduate and graduate programs at the Autonomous University of Chapingo (UACH); the Graduate College in Agriculture Sciences

(COLPOS); and the Center for Research and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute (CINVESTAV). Internationally, he has been an instructor in the Tropical Agronomic Center for Research and Teaching (CATIE). Dr. Villalobos has been instructor for advanced courses in Argentina, Austria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, Jordan, Iran and Venezuela, among others. He has also been the major professor for seven undergraduate and eleven graduate students.

Dr. Villalobos has received very important and distinguished awards for his outstanding scientific and academic contributions. He is

a member Royal Agriculture and Forestry Academy of Sweden; Honorary Doctor's Degree of CATIE (2004); Member of the "Scoping Team" for the Consultant Group on International Agriculture Research (CGIAR); Member of the Science and Technology Commission for the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) and California University (UC-Mexus). The President of Mexico distinguished Dr. Villalobos for his contribution on agriculture biotechnology. He is Professor Ad Honorem for the Graduate Collegue of Chapingo and distinguished alumni of the Autonomous University of Chapingo.