

## **APPS Fellow**

### **Professor Richard Falloon**



Richard Falloon has held several key management positions; these include Officer-in-Charge of the Plant Diseases Division Substation of DSIR at Lincoln, Group Manager Agriculture in DSIR Plant Protection, and Plant Protection Group and Team Leader in the NZ Institute for Crop & Food Research. In 2005, he was appointed an Honorary Professor of Lincoln University and Deputy Director of the National Bio-Protection Research Centre. He presently holds a dual appointment as Principal Scientist at Plant & Food Research and as Professor, Deputy Director of the Centre at Lincoln University. Richard has also had extensive involvement with national and international plant pathology Societies. He was elected vice-President of the New Zealand Plant Protection Society in 1993 and became President in 1995 - the first plant pathologist to hold this position. He was President of APPS from 2003-2005 and President of the International Society for Plant Pathology from 2003-2008.

Richard has made major research contributions to understanding and managing four economically important diseases of forage and arable crops: head smut of prairie grass, seedling diseases of forage plants, obligate pathogens of pea, and powdery scab of potato. In each case, he has combined insightful fundamental studies with research targeting practical solutions for growers.