

Ole Johansen- Statement of Accomplishments

Ole Johansen, Ph.D., M.S., graduated for M.S. in Biochemistry at the Copenhagen University in Denmark in 1986, developed a biochemical method to screen barley varieties for the presence of the antifungal hordatines – a low molecular compound. In 1993, he completed his Ph.D. at the Copenhagen University in Denmark on soybean anthracnose caused by *Colletotrichum truncatum*, a seed borne disease – Determination of the importance of seed as the primary source of inoculum for the spreading of this disease in tropical north Thailand.

He held a range of international positions in the seed industry.

- Product manager for the Danish seed company Dæhnfeldt (now Syngenta) 1986-89.
- Research assistant for the Institute of Seed Pathology for Developing Countries, under the Copenhagen University. Based in Chiangmai Thailand 1990-1993.
- Established a clinic for identifying pest and diseases at the Mount Makulu Research Institute in Zambia 1994-95, where he worked under Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Danida).
- Global Seed Production Manager (vegetable and flower seeds) for the Danish seed company Dæhnfeldt (now Syngenta) 1995-99.
- International consultant at Danagro (Carlbro International) for establishing the seed sector and IPM programs in Vietnam and Bangladesh (Farmer Field School concept) 1999-2000.
- Implemented a program to strengthen the Vietnamese Seed Sector under the Danis Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Danida) – based in Hanoi, Vietnam 2000 – 2002.
- Asia and Pacific Sales and Marketing Manager based in Chiangmai Thailand for the Danish seed company Dæhnfeldt (now Syngenta) 2002- 2007.
- Business Manager Asia at Cheminova 2007-2010.
- Supply Chain Director at HM.Clause based in Chiangmai Thailand 2010-2017, where he establish a team (total 200 personnel) across Asia to produce high quality disease-free seed for the world market.
- Since January 2018, Managing Director for DeSeed Denmark, now Maraldi Seeds Denmark to establish a breeding company focusing on breeding of disease resistant spinach varieties for the world market.