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Dr. Keith Jones is the Director of Office of Intellectual Property and Executive Director of WSU Research Foundation is committed to leading WSU's efforts to turn the results of university research into economic development opportunities in the private sector and to increase both its commercial and societal impact. He has 20 years' experience of tech transfer and agricultural development. He has licensed dozens of plant varieties and hundreds of technologies from public institutions to commerce and has been responsible for greatly increased business start-up activity at WSU. He is also actively involved in disseminating the importance of innovation management into the global community. He has written and co-written refereed articles and book chapters on IP and is a board member of multiple for profit and not for profit organizations including Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture (PIPRA), an international organization set up to ensure broad access to agricultural technologies. He has advised the Central Advisory Service on Intellectual Property (CAS-IP) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR); and is a sought-after speaker on IP matters at national and international events. Dr. Jones earned his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology at North Carolina State University and is an inventor for three patents.