Brief Curriculum Vitae

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As Chief Scientist, Achim provides strategic scientific advice to IFA and its members on promoting responsible plant nutrition and enhancing nutrient stewardship worldwide.

He served as Director & CEO of Rothamsted Research in the UK (2014-2019), Deputy Director General of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI, 2008-2014), Professor of Soil Science and Nutrient Management at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA (2000-2007), and as a Soil Nutrient Specialist at IRRI (1992-2000).

He received his MSc in Tropical Agriculture and PhD in Soil Science from the University of Leipzig in Germany.

Dr. Dobermann has over 30 years of field experience working in every region of the world on science and technology for sustainable farming, with particular emphasis on soil science, plant nutrition and agronomy. He has published on a wide range of agricultural issues and also leads a Massive Open Online Course on Feeding a Hungry Planet: Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability.

He serves on the Boards of iSDA.Ltd and Agrimetrics.Ltd, two startups working on data-driven solutions for agronomy and farming, and on several scientific advisory bodies in Africa, Europe, Asia and South America.