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Biography

Barry Osmond is a well-known Australian plant biologist whose career in the now deconstructed Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University was interspersed with senior appointments in the US and collaborations world-wide. He studies the functional biodiversity of photosynthesis (especially responses to excess light) and in 1981, organized the first Japan-Australia bilateral workshop in Nagoya. As director of Columbia University's visionary Biosphere 2 Center from 2001 to its premature closure in 2003, he stimulated experimental ecosystem and climate change science. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science (1978), the Royal Society of London (1984), and the German National Academy of Science, Leopoldina (2001).