

Dr Jonathan Snape

Dr Snape has been employed by James Hutton Ltd (previously Mylnefield Research Services Ltd) as Commercial Director since 1997. His main responsibility is the generation of income from the commercial exploitation of the James Hutton Institute's IP, expertise and resources. This includes generating royalty income from licensing plant varieties, provision of analytical services, and stimulating contract research income

Dr Snape has extensive commercial experience, first with IBM and later with Unilever. In the latter position, he was responsible for co-ordinating Unilever's external research programme in Japan and for technology transfer from Japan to Unilever's research laboratories in the UK and the Netherlands. This experience gave him an extensive insight into the agri-food industry and the interface between the public and private sector. In addition to a first degree in biochemistry from the University of Cambridge, he has Masters and PhD degrees from the University of Birmingham and a MBA from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. He represented the agritech sector on the Life Science Advisory Board of the Scottish Government from 2011-2016.

Dr Snape has worked in Japan, Switzerland, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Dr Snape has more than 25 publications in the scientific literature, including text books on environmental modelling and bioprocess engineering. His wife is from Uttar Pradesh and he is a frequent visitor to India.