Robert John Elshire



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About

I tinker, joyfully.

Current Position

Director, The Elshire Group Limited

Positions Held

2013 - 2015	Senior Scientist, Genetic Analysis, Forage Improvement Group. AgResearch Ltd.
2007 - 2013	Sequencing Technology Lead, Institute for Genomic Diversity. Cornell University
2006 - 2007	Laboratory Technician, Scanlon Laboratory. Cornell University
	Director, Illinois Genetic Marker Center. University of Illinois at Champaign
2001 - 2003	Urbana

Education

2003 - 2005	Graduate Programme (non-matriculating) Plant Breeding and Genetics. Cornell University
	MSc in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. University of Illinois at
1999 - 2001	Champaign Urbana
1997 - 1999	BSc in General Biology. University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana

Award

2014 People's Choice, New Zealand Open Source Award

Community Service

Leading

2017 - 2022	President, Genomics for Aotearoa New Zealand
2021	Councillor, New Zealand Association of Scientists
2016 - 2018	Councillor, New Zealand Open Source Society

2015 - Present 2014 - 2019	Founder and Sponsor, Palmerston North Bioinformatics Meeting Founder and Leader, Biospectra-by-Sequencing Project
Contributing	
2016 2014, 2016 2015 2015 2015 2013 - 2015	Participant, International Science Workshop. MBIE Programme Committee Member, eResearch Conference Participant, eResearch Refresh Workshop. MBIE Participant, Breeding Days Workshop. MBIE Reviewer, Nature Methods Participant, eResearch 2020 Workshops

Affiliations

2019 - Present	Member, New Zealand Association of Scientists
2019 - Present	Member, Maize Genetics Cooperation
2019 - Present	Member, Software in the Public Interest
2019 - Present	Associate Member, Lawyers for Climate Action New Zealand Inc.
2018 - Present	Associate Member, Aotearoa Tech Union
2017 - Present	Member, Genomics for Aotearoa New Zealand
2003 - Present	Associate Member, Free Software Foundation

Talks & Workshops

Invited	
2022	"Building Genomics Research Capability for More Efficient Crop Improvement" presented at the 1st International Symposium on Plant Genomics and Bioinformatics. Pan-Latin America Zoom Conference, Lima, Peru
	"Better Bioinformatics, Better Biology" presented at University of Auckland. Auckland, New Zealand
2019	"Pub Genomics Talk" presented at 2019 Pint of Science. Palmerston North, New Zealand
2018	"Agri-Tech Innovation Ecosystem Workshop" presented at the Centre for Entreprenurial Agri-Technology. Australian National University
	"Collaboration, Capabilities, and Impact in NZ eResearch: Bridging the Gap" [Plenary] presented at eResearch 2016 Conference. Queenstown, New Zealand
2016	"Genetic Technologies & the Evolution of Corn" presented at the Summer Internship for Indigenous Peoples in Genomics - Aotearoa. Dunedin, New Zealand
	"Democratising Genetic Analysis and Breeding with Genotyping-by-Sequencing" [Keynote] presented at the Australian Genomics Technologies Association Conference. Hunter Valley, Australia

2015	"Building an NZ Platform for Genetic Analysis - Genotyping-by-Sequencing and Beyond" presented at the Bioprotection CORE. Lincoln, New Zealand
	"Markers and Measurements to the Planter: Collecting, Integrating, and Applying Big Data in Plant Breeding" [Keynote] presented at the 15th Australasian Plant Breeding Conference. Melbourne, Australia
	"Applications of High Throughput Sequencing-based Technologies for Agricultural Genomics" [Keynote] presented at the Illumina Science Summit. Penang, Malaysia
2014	"Bioinformatics Workshop for Ecological and Evolutionary Research - GBS Workshop" organized and presented at Deakin University. Geelong, Australia
	"Genotyping-by-Sequencing: Principles and Practice" presented at the Molecular Markers in Horticulture Symposium. Riva del Garda, Italy
2013	"Genotyping-by-Sequencing (GBS): A Brief Overview and Applications" presented at QMB 2013. Queenstown, New Zealand
	"Genotyping-by-Sequencing (GBS): Overview and Applications" presented at the Upstate New York Illumina User Group Meeting. Ithaca, New York
2012	"Genotyping on High Throughput Sequencers: Preparation and Analysis of Reduced Representation Genomic Libraries" co-presented with Eric Johnson at the Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities Annual Conference. Orlando, Florida
2011	"Educational Workshop on Genotyping-by-Sequencing (GBS)" presented at the Northeast Regional Life Sciences Core Directors Meeting. Ithaca, New York
2010	"Reduced Representation Sequencing for Rapidly Genotyping Highly Diverse Species" presented at AgResearch Limited. Palmerston North, New Zealand
Uninvited	
2022	"#NZResearchRethink A Community Approach" presented at the New Zealand Association of Scientists Conference. Wellington, New Zealand
2019	"Bioinformatics Cloud Computing Workshop Series" organiser and instructor. Palmerston North, New Zealand
2018	"Non-Model Genomics Workshop" organiser and moderator by Genomics for Aotearoa New Zealand. Wellington, New Zealand
	"Sharing Improvements in Genotyping-by-Sequencing" presented at the MapNet conference. Palmerston North, New Zealand
2017	"Bioinformatic Computational Science Workshop" organiser and presenter. Palmerston North, New Zealand
	"Genomics Innovation: Shifting the Paradigm" presented at the Plant Biology Seminar. Palmerston North, New Zealand

2015

"Biospectra-by-Sequencing Workshop" organized and chaired at eResearch 2015. Queenstown, New Zealand

"Genomics for Production and Security in a Biological Economy - GBS Community Workshop" organized and presented at the MapNet Conference. Invermay, New Zealand

"Enabling Very Complex Experiments: Genomics for Production and Security in a Biological Economy" presented at the eResearch 2014 Conference. Hamilton, New Zealand

"Genomics for Production and Security in a Biological Economy" presented at Plant and Food Research. Palmerston North, New Zealand

"Genomics for Production and Security in a Biological Economy" presented at the Plant Biology Seminar. Palmerston North, New Zealand

"Genomics for Production and Security in a Biological Economy" presented at SCION. Rotorua, New Zealand

"GBS Training Workshop" organized and presented with international speakers to 30+ New Zealand researchers. Palmerston North, New Zealand

"Genotyping-by-Sequencing (GBS): A brief overview and applications" presented at the MapNet Conference. Lincoln, New Zealand

Publications

2016

2014

2013

Galla SJ., Buckley TR, Elshire R, Hale ML, Knapp M, McCallum J, Moraga R, Santure AW, Wilcox P, and Steeves TE. (2016) Building Strong Relationships between Conservation Genetics and Primary Industry Leads to Mutually Beneficial Genomic Advances. Molecular Ecology doi:10.1111/mec.13837.

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