

Emeritus Professor Hans Lambers was born in the Netherlands, finished his PhD in 1979, and was appointed Professor of Ecophysiology at Utrecht University (1985). In 1998, he migrated to Australia, where he was appointed Professor of Plant Biology/Ecology at UWA. There, he studied mineral nutrition of Australian native species, seeking to discover how some Australian plants acquire phosphorus from depauperate soil and use it very efficiently. In 2006, he established the Kwongan Foundation. He has published >650 papers, and feature on Highly Cited lists of Clarivate in Plant and animal sciences, with an H index of 99. He was elected to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (2003), and the Australian Academy of Science (2012). He received Honorary Professorships from China Agricultural University (2002), Chinese Academy of Sciences (Research Centre for Eco- Environmental Sciences, Beijing) (2004), Shenyang Agricultural University (2018), and Jiangxi Agricultural University, Nanchang, China (2019). He was appointed as Distinguished Professor at the National Academy of Agriculture Green Development at China Agricultural University (2019-2023) and as Strategic Scientist at Beijing Forestry University (2024-2028). He received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the International Society of Root Research (2018), the John Oldham Conservation Employee Award from the Conservation Council of WA (2019) and was awarded Life Membership of the Australian Society of Plant Scientists based on my outstanding research and teaching contributions to plant science and service to the society and the broader plant science community (2023).