

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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**Marital status** Married

**Fields of expertise** Facilitation, Research and Review of Farming Systems and Rural Livelihoods. Interdisciplinary and Participatory Learning Systems. Organic Farming Research and development. Institutional monitoring and critical learning in tropical and temperate regions.

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### EDUCATION AND DEGREES

- 1963 BSc (Hons) Agriculture / Agronomy (2.i), Leeds University, UK.  
Seton Prize, Yorkshire Agricultural Society Medal.  
1965 MSc in Agronomy, University of West Indies, Trinidad, W.I.  
1969 PhD: Crop Physiology and Environment, Leeds University, UK.

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### SKILLS AND CAPABILITIES

#### ***Monitoring and Evaluation***

Participatory monitoring of agricultural research and extension projects and programmes, action and learning research approaches, farmer field schools, institutional reform, gendered technology development. Project and programme reviews.

#### ***Practical skills***

Organic and low external input cropping, livestock and integrated farming, agroforestry, animal draught technology development, workshop facilitation skills, participatory learning and action methods and writing. Small farm systems practice and management. Institutional and community planning and review .

#### ***Research***

Interdisciplinary low external input farming and livelihood systems research and development. Agronomy, soil fertility management, agroforestry, technology development, livestock, including animal draught. Sustainable Livelihoods analysis, Social Learning

#### ***Facilitation and Learning***

Interdisciplinary systems thinking, farming systems research, participatory research methods, livelihood systems, gender analysis, indigenous knowledge and technology, natural resource management in the tropics. Case studies, based on personal experience, from Africa, Asia, and L. America.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### TEACHING AND LEARNING

- 1965-69 Lecturer in Agronomy, Department of Agriculture, Leeds University,
- 1969-71 Lecturer in Agronomy and Plant Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Tanzania.
- 1974-96 Lecturer, and later, Senior Lecturer, in Development Studies, School of Development Studies, UEA. BSc, MSc and PhD teaching and training (periods overseas : 1977-80, 1987-1991, 1995/6, and short consultancies)
- 1989-90 Professor of Cropping and Farming Systems, Department of Tropical Crop Science, Wageningen Agricultural University, Netherlands.
- 1974-94 Short courses (two weeks to ten weeks) training for development professionals in Agricultural Research, Planning and Development, Farming Systems Research and Participatory Rural Appraisal. Courses in the UK and in several developing countries.
- 1996 -2000 Professor of Small Farm Systems, Department of Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden . Undergraduate, Masters and PhD training and supervision. Short course professional training in research and extension methods.
- 2000- 2013 Short course facilitation ; farmer participatory systems research methods in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Laos, Vietnam, Sweden, Tanzania, and Ireland.
- 1974- 2013 PhD and MSc internal and external examiner in Australia, UK, Sweden, Netherlands
- 2008-present. Tutor and supervisor. Masters in Education for Sustainability. London Southbank University . Distance learning Masters programme for international students.

### HONORARY ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting professor : Open University ( 2000-2003), Univ Gloucestershire ( 2005- 2011, Associate Staff member: CIDT. Univ. Wolverhampton (2008- ) ,Univ. Coventry. 2012-

### RESEARCH

- 1965-1969 Leeds University, UK. Potential crop productivity in widely different environments. Efficiency of utilisation of solar radiation by crops. International collaboration with scientists in Italy.
- 1969-1971 Univ. Dar es Salaam, **Tanzania**. Productivity and energy conversion efficiency of crops. Joint programme with workers in Italy and Egypt. Agronomy of Tanzanian food crops.
- 1971-1974 Senior Scientific Officer (Agronomist) ODA Dryland Farming Research Scheme, **Botswana**. Multidisciplinary cropping and farming systems research in a semi-arid environment. Animal draught research and development .
- 1977-1980 ICARDA, Syria. Head, Farming Systems Research Program, International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, Aleppo, **Syria**. Interdisciplinary farming systems research on farming and rural livelihoods.
- 1974-1987 Rural technology research unit, UEA, **Norwich**. Study of low energy and biological farming alternatives through experiential student learning. Animal draught research with oxen, horses and donkeys.
- 1987-1989 Systems and livelihoods: farming systems research in the Kosi Hills of **Nepal**. Development of research, production and extension programme at a multi-disciplinary agricultural and social science research centre.
- 1989- 1991 Wageningen Agricultural University. **Netherlands**. Development of interdisciplinary cropping and farming systems research programme. Focus on low external input systems, poor people, multiple cropping, agroforestry, farmer-research methods.
- 1990-1993 Sustainable Agriculture Research Centre. Establishment of multidisciplinary research Centre at UEA. Focus for natural and social science research in sustainable agriculture in the **UK**
- 1995- 1996 Team Leader, Kavango Farming Systems Research/Extension Project, **Namibia**. Farmer-participatory research programme which was to be a model for FSR/E in the

- communal farming areas of the North of the country.
- 1996-2000 Development of interdisciplinary research and education in a new Department of Rural Development Studies in the Agricultural University of **Sweden** . Focus on European and developing country rural and rural/urban sustainable livelihood systems issues.
- 2000- 2004 Social Learning Research on water catchment management ( SLIM) European Funded Collaboration with partners in **France, Italy, Netherlands, UK and Sweden**. Co-ordinated by the Open University , UK. <http://slim.open.ac.uk>
- 2002- 2006 Farmer Participatory Research on Weeds management in Organic Farming Systems DEFRA funded project with HDRA, Elm Farm RC, HRI Warwick Univ. ADAS , Terrington. Participant researcher. [www.organicweeds.org.uk](http://www.organicweeds.org.uk)
- 1980- 2007 PhD student supervision with colleagues in interdisciplinary themes . Development Studies, UEA,(10) Wageningen University(2), Swedish Agricultural University. (20 Students).
- 2005-2011 University of Gloucestershire, Countryside and Community Research Unit . Research on rural matters with farmers and local communities in the UK and Wales (farmer behaviour and learning, agri-environmental schemes)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- 1977-1980 **Team Leader**, Farming Systems Research Program, International Centre for Arid Regions (ICARDA), SYRIA. (35staff)
- 1981-1983 **Managing Director**, Overseas Development Group Ltd, UEA. Norwich, UK ( 33 staff)
- 1985-1987 **Dean**, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, UK. (60 staff)
- 1995-1996 **Project Manager**, Farming Systems Research and Extension Project (ODA/DFID) Kavango, Northern Namibia ( 20 staff)
- 1997-2000 **Head**, Department of Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden. (30 staff)
- 2000- 2009 **Company Director**: RULIVSYS. Research, Facilitation, Learning and Consultancy in the UK and Overseas.

## **REVIEWS, EVALUATION, TRAINING AND ADVISORY WORK**

### **Agricultural Education**

1984 (Philippines- British Council), 1985 ( Bangladesh - Ford F.), 1987 ( 6 Asian countries - UNDP/FAO), 1994 (Sri Lanka - ODA and British Council)

### **Expert consultations**

1991 ( *FSRD* - FAO), 1991 (*Farm households* - EU), 1991 (FSRE India - GOI), 1999 ( *IPM and ISM*. World Bank), 1989 ( *FAO- Gender training needs* - DGIS).

### **NGO support**

1985 (Eritrea- ACORD) , 1987 (Kenya- ITDG), 1990 and 1991 (Kenya - DGIS) 1993 (Kenya- ETC and DGIS), 1994 (Uganda - Action Aid /NRI), 2001 ( Bangladesh – CARE and local NGOs)

### **Project review and replanning**

1975 (Ethiopia- Hunting TS), 1990 and 1991 (Indonesia- DGIS and KIT), 1990 (Eastern India- Ford F.), 1990 (LEISA - SAREC), 1992 (Kenya- DGIS), 1993 ( Uganda - LWF and Danchurchaid), 1997 (East Africa - SAREC), 1998 ( Sri Lanka - SCC and Sida), 1999 ( Vietnam - Sida), 1999 ( Peru/Colombia - CIAT), 2001 ( SDC , Bangladesh), 2003-4 (IRRI and Dfid, Bangladesh)

### **Research evaluations :**

1973 (India - GOI), 1974/6 (Sudan- Huntings T.S), 1981( Zambia- DGIS) , 1982 ( Kenya- ODA), 1983 (Somalia-FAO), 1984 ( Mali, Bukina Faso, Senegal and Nigeria- OAU), 1985 ( Bangladesh- Ford F.), 1990 ( Tanzania - DGIS), 1991 ( East Africa- ICRAF), 1992 (Tanzania - ODA), 1992 (Nepal -ODA) , 1994 (India- ODA), 1995 (

Brazil - ODA), 2000 ( Nepal –DFID), 2003-4 (Bangladesh-DFID), 2005 (Uganda – EU)

### **Research Training and Planning (interdisciplinary systems and participatory perspective)**

1990 ( Ghana- ODA), 1991 (Tanzania - ODA), 1992 ( Ghana - GTZ), 1993 (Ghana-GTZ), 1993 ( Bolivia - ODA), 1995, 1997 (2x) and 1998 ( Namibia- ODA/DFID), 1998 and 2000( Vietnam - SAREC), 1998 (South Africa - Stellenbosch), 2001/2 (Bangladesh-Mymensingh), 2001 ( Laos). 2002/3 ( Ethiopia – Wondo Genet Msc Forestry) , 2006/7 /8/ 10 (Sweden and Ireland), 2010 (Rome, Italy- Bioversity International)

### **Resource reviews and desk studies**

1975 Country Review, Namibia (Save the Children –UNDP/FAO).  
2001 Farming Systems and Poverty Study/Book (World Bank and FAO).  
2007 Study of Secondary Trait Priorities in Maize (CIMMYT, Mexico)  
2008/9 Wheat biodiversity in the Middle East and North Africa ( CIMMYT, Mexico)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Darnhofer, I., D. Gibbon and B. Dedieu (eds.) (2012). *Farming Systems Research into the 21st century: the new dynamic*. Dordrecht: Springer, 490 pp  
**Books:** 4, **Chapters in books:** 15, **Journal articles:** 26, **Conference Papers:** 43, **Reports:** 76, **Bulletins and Discussion Papers:** 12, **Book Reviews,** 26.

### **TV/RADIO**

1975-1987 Series of short appearances on BBC (Farming Programmes, Look East, Breakfast Time) and ITV (About Anglia) on research, experiential learning and training in low external input farming systems.

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS and REPRESENTATION**

International Farming Systems Association (IFSA). European Group.  
Tropical Agriculture Association, UK.  
Editorial Board, *Experimental Agriculture* . Cambridge University Press.

### **MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATIONS**

Garden Organic/Henry Doubleday Research Association, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Local Allotment Group, Organic Growers Alliance, Soil Association. National Trust, South Shropshire Green Party.

### **VOLUNTARY WORK IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

1981-86 Manpower Services Project and Youth Opportunities Programme RTU,UEA .  
2000-2002 Sustainable Farming and Rural Livelihoods, Ottery St Mary, Devon, UK.  
2002-2007 Member, Craven Arms Regeneration Partnership, Market Towns Initiative, Shropshire, Craven Arms Community Food ( includes a Farmers’Market), Community Garden , Discovery Centre Advisory Board , Craven Arms Community Centre Trustee  
2007-2016 Stretton Climate Care Church Stretton  
Shropshire Hills AONB Advisory Board (Farmers and Sustainable Business Schemes)  
Reconnecting farmers with Market towns .  
Local Food (Lottery Fund) project : “Grow Cook and Share” Project (£300,000)  
involving primary schools and Community Centres in two towns.  
2013- 2015 Get York Growing , Edible York, York in Transition, Cooperative Communities Group, Haxby and Wigginton

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