

Biography: Tom Bruulsema

Tom Bruulsema is Chief Scientist of Plant Nutrition Canada, since 2019. With a passion for nutrient stewardship in agriculture, he has worked for the past 25 years with industry, environmental, and scientific groups to lead agricultural service providers in advancing sustainability. Recent achievements include contributions to certification programs in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Ontario, and to international initiatives in sustainable management of nitrogen and phosphorus. He served as vice-president with the International Plant Nutrition Institute from 2017 to 2019. Prior to that, he led the Institute's Phosphorus Program (2015-2017) and served as Director for Eastern Canada and the Northeast United States, starting in 1994. Dr. Bruulsema has been recognized as a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society of America, and the Canadian Society of Agronomy. He was previously a research associate at the University of Minnesota (1994), and an agronomist with the Mennonite Central Committee in Bangladesh (1986-1990). He holds BSc and MSc degrees in Crop Science from the University of Guelph and a PhD in Soil Science from Cornell University. He grew up on a crop and livestock farm near Hamilton, Ontario.