

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Name:** JOHN WILLIAMS MELLOR

Mellor has a highly developed skill for working with a team of long term consultants and government officials to focus on critical issues and then bringing them to the attention of Presidents, Prime Ministers and Ministers as well as helping with coalition building across foreign aid donors. Mellor's recent work in Afghanistan, Rwanda, Ethiopia, and Guatemala has been concerned with building national capacity of Ministries of Agriculture to develop appropriate organizational and staffing structures, priorities, policies and strategies for playing a critical complementary role to the private sector in achieving accelerated agricultural growth. The focus has been on growth strategies that maximize decline in rural poverty. Afghanistan was the most challenging country because of the completely depleted staffing of the Ministry of Agriculture and the consequent need to set very tight priorities, consistent with the small staff and to focus the staff precisely on those activities that would give the biggest gains. Low cost out of country training programs were developed using non-USAID funding sources. Rwanda and Ethiopia are also immediate post conflict countries, but with somewhat more staff capacity than Afghanistan. They provide a similar experience to Afghanistan, but in the African context. Guatemala came closer to representing where the other three countries needed to get to in a few years time. Thus Mellor is able to draw on experience from a wide range of initial capabilities.

**Date and Place of Birth:** December 28, 1928; Neuilly-sur-Seine, France

### Education

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Ph.D. 1953, Cornell University, Agricultural Economics. (Social Science Research Council Fellow)

Diploma 1952 Oxford University, Agricultural Economics (with distinction)(Fulbright Fellow)

M.Sc. 1951 Cornell University, Agricultural Economics.

B.Sc. 1950 Cornell University (with distinction)

### Positions Held

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<b>2007 – present</b>	<b>President, John Mellor Associates, Inc.</b>
1998-2006	Vice-President. Abt Associates, Inc.
1991-1998	President. John Mellor Associates, Inc.
1977-1991	Director. International Food Policy Research Institute.
1976-1977	Chief Economist, and Associate Assistant Administrator for Policy Development and Analysis. United States Agency for International Development.
1973-1977	Director. Program on Comparative Economic Development, Cornell University.
1952-1977	Lecturer to Professor. Departments of Agricultural Economics, Economics and Asian Studies, Cornell University.
1964-1965	Director. Center for International Studies, Cornell University.
1961-1964	Associate Director. Center for International Studies, Cornell University.

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Association for the Advancement of Science  
The American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
American Economics Association  
*The American Agricultural Economics Association*

## **Honors and Awards**

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Current and earlier- Who's Who in Economics

Current and earlier - Who's Who in America

1999 Honorable mention by the AAEA for best article in Choices, on African Development

1992 Elected Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

1989 Honorable mention by the AAEA for the Quality of Communication for the publication, Agricultural Price Policy for Developing Countries, edited by John W. Mellor and Raisuddin Ahmed.

1987 Presidential End Hunger Award (The White House, USA).

1987 Outstanding Alumni Award, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

1986 award for Publication of Enduring Quality by the American Agricultural Economics Association for paper co-authored with Bruce F. Johnston, "The Role of Agriculture in Economic Development," which appeared in The American Economic Review, September 1961.

1985- the Wihuri International Prize (the first social scientist awarded) -- given by the Wihuri Foundation for International Prizes in Helsinki, Finland in October 1985, in recognition of "constructive work that has remarkably promoted and developed the securing of nutrient supply for mankind."

1980 Elected Fellow, American Agricultural Economics Association.

1978 award for Publication of Enduring Quality by the American Agricultural Economic Association for the book, The Economics of Agricultural Development. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1966.

1977 Elected Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

1968 award for Best Published Research for 1967 by the American Agricultural Economics Association for the chapter, "Towards a Theory of Agricultural Development," in Herman M. Southworth and Bruce F. Johnston (eds.), Agricultural Development and Economic Growth, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1967.

## **Publications by John W. Mellor**

### **Books:**

Agriculture on the Road to Industrialization, Baltimore, MD, The John Hopkins University Press, 1995.

Lectures on Agricultural Growth and Employment: An Equitable Growth Strategy and its Knowledge Needs. PIDE Lectures in Development Economics No. 7. Pakistan: Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, 1988.

Agricultural Price Policy for Developing Countries. With Raisuddin Ahmed (eds.). Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988. (Award from the AAEA)

Accelerating Food Production Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa. With Christopher L. Delgado, Malcolm J. Blackie (eds.). Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1987.

Agricultural Change and Rural Poverty. with Gunvant M. Desai (eds.). Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1985.

India: A Rising Middle Power. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1979.

The New Economics of Growth -- A Strategy for India and the Developing World. A Twentieth Century Fund Study. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1976.

Developing Rural India: Plan and Practice (with Thomas F. Weaver, Uma J. Lele and Sheldon R. Simon). Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1968.

The Economics of Agricultural Development. (Winner of award in 1978 by the American Agricultural Economics Association for "his publication of enduring quality"). Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1966.

**Three recent articles:**

Why Does Agricultural Growth in Low and Middle Income Countries Reduce Poverty So Much More Than Urban Tradable Growth? – The Critical Intermediary Role of Non-Tradables, Pakistan Development Review, September 2006, (co-authored with Chandrasekhar Ranade)

Poverty Reduction and Biodiversity Conservation, Viewpoint Series, WWF, October, 2002

Agricultural Credit, Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History, 2002

Agricultural Development, New Palgrave (Encyclopedia of Economics, Oxford University Press, forthcoming in 2007)

In addition, over 200 major articles in refereed Journals, books of readings, and major conference proceedings on Poverty, Environment, Food Security, Development Strategy, Trade, Employment, Fertilizer Policy, and Research Policy.