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## Kresovich Succeeds Adler as Vice Provost for Life Sciences

Stephen Kresovich, Plant Breeding, director of the Institute for Genomic Diversity is Vice Provost for the Life Sciences, succeeding Kraig Adler. Kresovich's vice provost duties involve promoting and administering the university's groundbreaking New Life Sciences Initiative by overseeing the hiring of new faculty, planning for new buildings, developing additional core research facilities, and overseeing other elements in the comprehensive investment in the life sciences, including the Tri-Institutional Research Program.

“Under the leadership of Dr. Adler and others, the New Life Sciences Initiative has made great progress for the better part of a decade,” says Kresovich. “As such, I am looking forward to working with our creative and energetic faculty, as well as our supportive and foresighted administrators. This transition in leadership affords us the opportunity to reflect on how we might continue to build the life sciences to enhance both the historic and recently established strengths of Cornell for local, national, and global benefits in the 21st century.”

Kresovich joined the Cornell faculty in 1998, after serving as the supervisory geneticist at the USDA/ARS Plant Genetic Resources Conservation Unit at the University of Georgia. He earned his Ph.D. in physiology and genetics from Ohio State University in 1982 and conducted research at Battelle Memorial Institute and Texas A&M University. He had worked at Cornell previously, as a supervisory geneticist at the USDA/ARS Plant Genetic Resources Unit at Geneva, from 1987 to 1993.



**Thank you, Kraig, for your exceptional contributions to the Office of the Vice Provost for Research as the first to hold the position of Vice Provost for the Life Sciences (1998–2005).**