

## Crispin Taylor – Short Biography

Born in the UK in 1963, Taylor immigrated to the US in 1985 after receiving a bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Surrey. After a 3-year stint as a laboratory technician, he moved on to a PhD in genetics at the Michigan State University – Department of Energy – Plant Research Laboratory, graduating in 1993. A short postdoc at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ensued before Taylor took a leap from gels to journals to assume his first away-from-the-bench position as news and reviews editor at *The Plant Cell*, which is published by the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB). Two years later – at about the time the journal went online – Taylor became managing editor of *The Plant Cell*, a job he held for another two years. After a mini-sabbatical Taylor moved from ASPB to *Science's Next Wave*, AAAS's potent online resource for early career scientists, where a confluence of circumstances saw him directing the website a few years later. In 2004 Taylor moved back to ASPB and his current position as executive director of this 6,000-member professional society.