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## About CAMBIA

For more than a decade, CAMBIA has been creating new tools and technologies to foster innovation and a spirit of collaboration in the biological sciences. Our institutional ethos is built around an awareness of the need and opportunity for local commitment to achieving lasting solutions to food security, agricultural and environmental problems.

CAMBIA, in Spanish and Italian, means 'change'. This meaning is at the very heart of CAMBIA's mission. CAMBIA founded the BIOS Initiative, Biological Innovation for Open Society. The BIOS Initiative website, [www.bios.net](http://www.bios.net), provides a new paradigm for developing and sharing technologies that encourages improvements, evocative of the open source concept in software but adapted for biological innovations including patented technologies.

CAMBIA was initially an acronym for the "Center for the Application of Molecular Biology to International Agriculture". However, CAMBIA's public good mandate has become broader, to encompass strategies to enable all biological innovation.

CAMBIA has three main areas of expertise:

### **Life Sciences**

CAMBIA has developed enabling technologies for plant transformation, plant gene activity manipulation, monitoring and selection, and solid state technologies for genetic comparisons, fingerprinting and indexing. All these technologies are being made broadly available under BIOS licensing.

### **Intellectual Property**

CAMBIA has developed one of the world's largest and most comprehensive full-text searchable patent databases, including full text of all PCT, European and US patents relevant to the life sciences. CAMBIA's IT professionals have also developed a clean user interface with INPADOC, which is accessible free of charge.

### **Informatics (IT)**

CAMBIA's skilled IT team has developed many innovations while working on websites for the technologies mentioned above, including the DEKKO search engine and user-annotatable licenses and technology landscape white papers. CAMBIA has also taken the lead in developing the BioForge ([www.bioforge.net](http://www.bioforge.net)) a major online collaborative mechanism for open innovation in life sciences.

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