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MUNIR MOHAMMAD RUSAN TO SERVE AS MIDDLE EAST CONSULTING DIRECTOR FOR IPNI

October 15, 2007 – Norcross, Georgia, U.S.A. – Dr. Munir J. Mohammad (Rusan) of Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) has agreed to represent the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) as Middle East Consulting Director in 2007. The priorities of his work plan will be the initiation of projects in the region to promote balanced fertilization and organization of a workshop or training course on fertigation and fertilizer use in the Middle East.

“This new arrangement is unique for IPNI and we are honored to have this talented and respected scientist joining in our efforts,” said Dr. Terry L. Roberts, IPNI President. “His diverse experience and knowledge of the Middle East region will be valuable in achieving these early goals.”

Dr. Mohammad Rusan is Full Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at JUST, located at Irbid. He received his Ph.D. in Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition in 1994 at Washington State University, Pullman, in 1994, and also received his M.S. degree there in Soil Chemistry in 1986. He earned his B.S. degree in Agronomy in 1980 at Moscow University, Russia.

Previously in his career, Dr. Mohammad Rusan was Dean, Faculty of Natural Resources and Environment, Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan, from 2003 to 2005. From 2000 to 2005 he was National Coordinator (part time) for the Fertigation Research Program and Technology Transfer of Fertigation, Ministry of Agriculture, Jordan. He has also served as Regional Coordinator for the International Potash Institute (IPI). His resume includes involvement in numerous international organizations, extensive teaching activities, research projects, and public service.

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