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**DR. KAUSHIK MAJUMDAR NAMED IPNI VICE PRESIDENT,
ASIA AND AFRICA AS DR. ADRIAN JOHNSTON RETIRES FROM IPNI**

May 31, 2016 – Peachtree Corners, Georgia, USA - Dr. Kaushik Majumdar of Gurgaon, India has been promoted to Vice President, Asia and Africa Programs with the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) effective July 1, 2016.

Dr. Adrian Johnston of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, who served as IPNI Vice President Asia and Africa programs, and Director Northern Great Plains since 1999, retired June 30, 2016.

“In this action, the IPNI Board of Directors expressed its great appreciation to Dr. Johnston for his dedicated performance over the past 17 years with IPNI, said Dr. Terry Roberts, President of IPNI. Dr. Majumdar has several years of experience in our international programs and will transition quickly to these broader responsibilities.”

Dr. Majumdar joined the staff of IPNI (previously Potash & Phosphate Institute) in 1999 as Deputy Director, South Asia Program, based in Kolkata, India. In 2009, he moved to become Director of the South Asia program based in Gurgaon, India. A native of West Bengal, India, Dr. Majumdar received his B.Sc. (Ag) from Visva Bharati University, India in 1984, M.Sc. (Ag) in Agricultural Chemistry & Soil Science from B.C.K.V. Agricultural University, India in 1987, and a Ph.D. in Soil Mineralogy/Soil Chemistry (1993) from the Rutgers University in the USA.

Dr. Johnston joined the IPNI staff in 1999 as Northern Great Plains Director, then moved in 2005 to serve as IPNI Vice President for Asia and Africa. A native of Saskatchewan, Dr. Johnston took both his undergraduate and post-graduate training at the University of Saskatchewan. He worked in agricultural extension in Saskatchewan, and as a research scientist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada before joining IPNI.

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