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DR. T. SATYANARAYANA NAMED DIRECTOR OF IPNI SOUTH ASIA PROGRAM

May 31, 2016 – Peachtree Corners, Georgia, USA - Dr. T. Satyanarayana has been named Director of the South Asia (SA) Program of the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) effective July 1, 2016. Dr. Kaushik Majumdar, who had served as Director of the SA program, was named IPNI Vice President Asia and Africa programs effective July 1, 2016. The office for the program is located in Gurgaon, India.

“We expect a smooth transition during this time and plan to maintain positive and productive programs in this important region,” noted IPNI President Dr. Terry Roberts. “Dr. Majumdar has accomplished significant and lasting advances for the agriculture and people of all the areas he served. His positive influence extended to our programs worldwide.” He added, “We are confident Dr. Satyanarayana will move the South Asia program forward as we work to improve nutrient management in this region.”

In 1999, Dr. Majumdar joined the staff of the Potash & Phosphate Institute (PPI), the predecessor of IPNI. A native of West Bengal, he completed undergraduate training in agriculture at the Visva Bharati University before earning his M.Sc. (Ag) from B.C.K.V Agricultural University in 1987 and his Ph.D. at the Rutgers University in 1993. He later held important responsibilities with the Potash Research Institute of India in Gurgaon working on potassium mineralogy of Indian soils.

“Dr. Majumdar has set a high standard in his achievements, and he also produced an impressive record of practical and well-used publications, videos and decision support tools, plus a network that delivers science to farmers throughout much of the region” added Dr. Adrian Johnston, retiring Vice President, Asia and Africa. “Because Dr. Satyanarayana has the benefit of more than 7 years experience as Deputy Director, IPNI programs will continue to progress.” Dr. Satyanarayana, a native of Yanam, Pondicherry, joined the IPNI staff in 2008. He completed undergraduate studies at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture (PAJANCOA), Karaikal in 1998, then earning his M.Sc. degree in 2001 at Dr. Y. S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry (YSPUH&F), Nauni, Solan in Himachal Pradesh. Dr. Satyanarayana completed his Ph.D. program at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi during 2005.

Dr. Satyanarayana will be located in Gurgaon, India. The South Asia region includes India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

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