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## **IPNI AWARDS AVAILABLE TO GRADUATE STUDENTS AND SCIENTISTS IN 2012**

March 1, 2012 – Norcross, Georgia, USA – The International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) is once again offering its IPNI Scholar Award to honor and encourage deserving graduate students, and the IPNI Science Award to recognize and promote distinguished achievements by scientists.

“We are proud to continue to offer these awards as they clearly have many positive benefits,” explained IPNI President Dr. Terry Roberts. “For students in the middle of, or just beginning, their research programs the Scholar Award provides a well deserved nod of encouragement, while the Science Award shines light on the accomplishments of established scientists. These awards are made possible by our member companies and are evidence of their respect for science.”

The **Scholar Award** requires students who are candidates for either a M.S. or Ph.D. degree in agronomy, soil science, or related fields to submit an application and supporting information by June 30. Individual graduate students in any country where an IPNI program exists are eligible. Only a limited number of recipients are selected for the award, worth USD 2,000 each. The application process is available on-line only. Recipients are announced in September.

The **Science Award** goes to one individual each year, based on outstanding achievements in research, extension, or education which focus on efficient and effective management of plant nutrients and their positive interaction in fully integrated crop production, enhancing yield potential and/or crop quality. It requires that a nomination form (no self-nomination) and supporting letters be submitted by mail before September 30. The Award announcement is December 1. It includes a monetary prize of USD 5,000.

More information about past winners of these awards, plus details on qualifications and requirements for both awards can be found at the IPNI website: >[www.ipni.net/awards](http://www.ipni.net/awards)<.

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