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## **SHAMIE ZINGORE JOINS STAFF OF IPNI AS DIRECTOR OF AFRICA PROGRAM**

March 1, 2010 — Norcross, Georgia, USA — Dr. Shamie Zingore is joining the staff of the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) as Regional Director for Africa. He will be based in an office being established in Nairobi, Kenya, effective May 1.

“This announcement marks a major milestone for our organization and we are optimistic it will result in important progress for agriculture in Africa. Shamie Zingore has the right combination of education, research experience, and practical knowledge to get this new program up and running,” said IPNI President Dr. Terry Roberts. “Our Board of Directors is firmly in support of this significant commitment for IPNI to adapt agronomic education and research that will succeed in Africa. Dr. Zingore will have a great opportunity to move forward in this effort.”

Born in 1976 in north-east Zimbabwe, Dr. Zingore was brought up in Harare. He received his B.Sc. and Masters degrees in Soil Science at the University of Zimbabwe in 1999 and 2002, respectively. He worked for the Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Engineering as research assistant before studying for a Ph.D. at Wageningen University in The Netherlands, with support from the Tropical Soil Biology and Fertility Institute of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (TSBF-CIAT). His Ph.D. dissertation was on integrated analysis of soil fertility management in African smallholder farming systems.

On completion of his Ph.D. in 2006, Dr. Zingore took a research position with TSBF-CIAT and led implementation of regional projects that developed principles for improving management of fertilizers and organic nutrient resources within complex and heterogeneous crop-livestock farming systems in sub-Saharan Africa. He worked extensively with farmer groups, input suppliers, and other stakeholders in agricultural research and development to develop innovations, build capacity, and

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promote information exchange on soil fertility management practices for enhancing productivity of agriculture in Africa. He has a strong interest in application of crop-soil models and decision support systems to improve recommendations for fertilizer and soil fertility management.

Dr. Zingore has an extensive list of publications in peer-reviewed international journals and in conference proceedings, and has also authored book chapters.

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