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IPNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF DR. NORMAN BORLAUG

September 15, 2009 – Norcross, GA – The International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) Board of Directors has issued a brief statement honoring the legacy of Dr. Norman Borlaug, who passed away on September 12 in Dallas, Texas, at the age of 95.

“Dr. Borlaug was one of those rare individuals who made the most of his fame and influence to champion the cause of applying science for humanitarian benefits,” said IPNI President Dr. Terry Roberts. “Our Board of Directors has a message of sympathy and admiration in tribute to Dr. Borlaug.”

The IPNI message states:

“In Remembrance of Dr. Norman Borlaug, 1914-2009----

We join with millions of people around the world in expressing appreciation and admiration for the great achievements of Dr. Norman Borlaug. His dedication to science in agriculture is responsible for improving the lives of individuals around the world over the past 50 years and into the future. In an amazing journey from his Iowa farm roots to world recognition as a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, he never lost sight of the importance of global food security and the power of science through agriculture. Dr. Borlaug was considered by many as the father of the ‘Green Revolution’ as his early work in plant breeding led to great increases in harvests of cereal crops in Mexico, India, Pakistan, and other countries. His phenomenal success in breeding high-yielding varieties of wheat, rice, and other crops evolved into broader initiatives in training young agricultural scientists, educating audiences around the globe, and furthering important humanitarian causes. The International Plant Nutrition Institute extends its condolences to the Borlaug family and to his many friends and colleagues. While we are saddened by the loss of this innovative scientist and beloved leader, we believe his vision and accomplishments will serve as inspiration to future generations to continue the quest for world food security.”

For additional biographical information and background on the work of Dr. Borlaug, visit the IPNI website at: www.ipni.net.

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