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ARMANDO TASISTRO JOINS IPNI STAFF AS COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

June 1, 2009 — Norcross, Georgia, USA — Dr. Armando S. Tasistro has joined the staff of the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) as Communications Specialist, effective April 1, 2009. He will be based at the IPNI headquarters office in Norcross, Georgia.

“This key addition to our staff further strengthens IPNI capabilities in communicating science-based information related to plant nutrition,” said IPNI President Dr. Terry Roberts.

“With his unique and diverse background and skills, Dr. Tasistro will be involved in furthering our agronomic research and education programs around the globe.”

A native of Uruguay, Dr. Tasistro was most recently Research Scientist at the University of Georgia-Athens, Agricultural and Environmental Services Laboratories. His work there included study of phosphorus dynamics and analysis in poultry wastes, with focus on bioavailable forms. He also studied development of alternatives to abate ammonia emissions from poultry production facilities and wastes, including the use of chars derived from the pyrolysis of agricultural wastes. Additional research included the calibration of Near-Infrared Reflectance Spectroscopy for the quicker determination of water and potentially mineralizable nitrogen in poultry litter. He is also Adjunct Assistant Research Scientist with the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences.

Dr. Tasistro received his B.Sc. in agronomy at the University of Uruguay at Montevideo in 1976. In 1981, he completed his M.Sc. in weed science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and later received his Ph.D. in soil fertility in 1993 at the University of Georgia. He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America.

From 1993 to 2001, Dr. Tasistro worked as an independent agricultural consultant and successfully advised more than 30 clients (mostly in Latin America) on soil and crop management and crop protection. He also assisted agribusiness companies and project management firms in research

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and development. He emphasized hands-on training programs for agronomists and growers in field diagnostic techniques for corn, conservation tillage systems, and soil and weed management.

Earlier, Dr. Tasistro was with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) in Mexico from 1984 to 1992 as Assistant Head/Agronomist/Training Officer, Experiment Stations. He was involved in planning, budgeting, and field and administrative operations for CIMMYT's four experiment stations in Mexico, plus other off-station sites. His responsibilities included training and advising in agronomic and experiment station management at headquarters and internationally.

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