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Update on IPNI South Asia Program Staff



Recent IPNI staff appointments include Dr. Kaushik Majumdar, Vice President, Asia, Africa & Middle East Group (left) and Dr. T. Satyanarayana, Director, South Asia Program (right).

Dr. T. Satyanarayana was named Director of the IPNI South Asia program effective July 1, 2016. Dr. Kaushik Majumdar, who had previously served as Program Director, has been named IPNI Vice President Asia, Africa & Middle East programs effective July 1, 2016. Dr. Majumdar has replaced Dr. Adrian Johnston, past Vice President, Asia and Africa. The program office remains in Gurgaon, India. The South Asia region includes India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

“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.”

“Because Dr. Satyanarayana has the benefit of more than 7

years’ experience as Deputy Director, IPNI programs will continue to progress,” expressed Dr. Johnston. 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.

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. **ICSA**