

Dr. James Mutegi Named Deputy Director for IPNI Sub-Saharan Africa Program

Dr. James Mutegi has been appointed program deputy director for Sub-Saharan Africa by the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) effective August 1, 2018.

Dr. Mutegi has been working as a Soil Scientist and Farming System Analyst in the Sub-Saharan Africa Program. He, amongst other responsibilities, coordinated the Soil Health Consortia and the Fertilizer Stakeholder Forum spanning across eight countries in Eastern and Southern Africa for five years.

James holds a Ph.D. in Soil Fertility and Climate Change from the University of Aarhus, Denmark, a M.Sc. in Environmental Science (soil nutrients and water dynamics) from Kenyatta University, and a B.Sc. in Dryland Management from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. He has over 10 years of experience as a scientist and a consultant with national and international institutions in Africa.

“We are pleased to be able to announce Dr. Mutegi’s appointment to our Sub-Saharan program,” said Dr. Terry Roberts, IPNI president. “Funding for this position was made possible by a special project grant from OCP S.A. Since its establishment in 2010, our (Sub-saharan) program has made great strides under the leadership of its director, Dr. Shamie Zingore. James brings a wealth of in-the-field experience and his deputy directorship will well position IPNI so that it can accomplish our future goals for research and education throughout South and Eastern Africa,” Roberts added.

Dr. Mutegi will be based out of the Sub-Saharan Africa program office in Nairobi, Kenya. **BC**

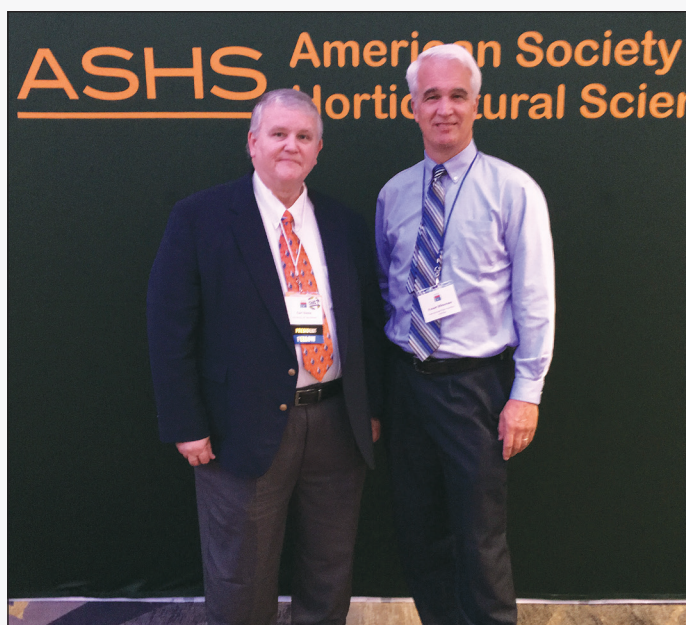
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IPNI Staff Honored by the American Society for Horticultural Science

Dr. Rob Mikkelsen was presented with the Outstanding Industry Scientist Award at the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) Annual Meeting held in Washington D.C. Dr. Mikkelsen serves as the IPNI Vice President for Communications. This recognition is given to a horticultural crop scientist working in the private sector who has made outstanding and valuable contributions to horticultural science, the horticultural industry, and the horticultural profession. The ASHS is recognized around the world as one of the most respected and influential professional societies for horticultural scientists promoting scientific research and education in all branches of horticulture. **BC**



Dr. Mikkelsen (on right) with Dr. Carl Sams, ASHA President