

## 2012 IPNI Science Award Goes to A.E. Johnston of Rothamsted Research


The International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) has named Mr. Arthur Edward (Johnny) Johnston as the winner of the 2012 IPNI Science Award. Mr. Johnston receives a special plaque along with a monetary award of USD 5,000.

“We are honored to be able to announce Johnny as the recipient of the IPNI Science Award,” said Dr. Terry Roberts, President of IPNI. “As an internationally-acclaimed expert on soil organic matter improvement and the efficient use of N, P and K fertilizers, Johnny’s contributions have been critical to our understanding of basic processes in soil fertility and crop nutrition. His work provides much of the base from which soil quality and sustainable agriculture research finds its center. We applaud Johnny’s dedication to long-term research and his many contributions in written, oral and leadership form.”

Dr. Roberts also acknowledged the other outstanding nominees for the award, and encouraged future nominations of qualified scientists. Private or public sector agronomists, soil scientists and crop scientists from all countries are eligible for nomination. This is the sixth year the IPNI Science Award has been presented. The previous recipient in 2011 was Dr. Michael McLaughlin of the University of Adelaide and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

Johnny Johnston received his B.Sc. degree in Chemistry and Agricultural Chemistry from the University College of North

Wales, Bangor in 1950. From 1953 to present day, Johnny has been associated with Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, UK. From 1983 to 1986, he was Head, Soils Division; 1987 to 1989, Head, Soils and Crops Production Division; 1989 to current date, Lawes Trust Senior Fellow.

Mr. Johnston is a Past President and an Honorary Member of the International Fertiliser Society, Honorary Member of the Fertiliser Manufacturers Association (UK), and Honorable Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry. Johnny is or has been a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the International Potash Institute, the World Phosphate Institute, the British Beet Research Organisation and the Technical Advisory Committee of the Potash Development Association (UK). He has undertaken commissions for scientific societies, institutes and agricultural industry associations. His awards and honors include the Annual Crop Nutrition Award presented by the International Fertilizer Industry Association (1994), the Francis New Memorial Medal presented by the International Fertiliser Society (1997); and the Leo M. Walsh Memorial Lecture invited by the Soil Science Society of America (2010). 



Mr. A.E. Johnston

### Annual Awards Offered by IPNI

**IPNI Science Award** - Each year, IPNI offers the IPNI Science Award to recognize and promote distinguished contributions by scientists. The Award is intended to recognize outstanding achievements in research, extension or education; with focus on efficient management of plant nutrients and their positive interaction in fully integrated crop production that enhances yield potential. Such systems improve net returns, lower unit costs of production, and maintain or improve environmental quality.

The Award requires that a nomination form (no self-nomination) and supporting letters be received at IPNI Headquarters by September 30, 2013. A committee of noted international authorities selects the recipient. Nomination forms for the 2013 IPNI Science Award are available from the IPNI Award website >[www.ipni.net/awards](http://www.ipni.net/awards)<.

**IPNI Scholar Award** - IPNI is proud to continue its support of the IPNI Scholar Award program in 2013. This Award of USD 2,000 is an annual competition amongst students enrolled in graduate degree programs supporting the science of plant nutrition and crop nutrient management including: agronomy, horticulture, ecology, soil fertility, soil chemistry, and crop physiology. Graduate students must also

attend a degree-granting institution located in any country with an IPNI Program.

The deadline for applications for the 2013 IPNI Scholar Award is June 30. Regional committees of IPNI scientific staff select the recipients. The selection committee adheres to rigorous guidelines while considering each applicant’s achievements. The awards can be presented directly to the students at their universities and no specific duties are required of them.

More information on the IPNI Scholar Award is available from IPNI Staff, the IPNI Award website listed above, or from participating universities. 