

IPNI Staff Honored at 2009 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meetings

Three members of the scientific staff of IPNI were recognized for their achievements during the recent International Annual Meetings of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America (ASA-CSSA-SSSA) in Pittsburgh. They are:

- Dr. Clifford S. Snyder, elected Fellow of SSSA
- Dr. Robert L Mikkelsen, Agronomic Industry Award
- Dr. T. Scott Murrell, Soil Science Industry Award

Dr. Snyder is Nitrogen Program Director of IPNI and is based in Conway, Arkansas. He is also an adjunct professor in the University of Arkansas Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences Department. He earned his B.S and M.S. degrees at the University of Arkansas, and his Ph.D. at North Carolina State University. Dr. Snyder's education and outreach program focuses on the efficient and effective use of fertilizer N in crop production, in North America and globally. He has served as a Division Chair in SSSA and ASA (elected Fellow in 2002). He has been active in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, regional nutrient management conferences, and Certified Crop Adviser training. He has served on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) science committees in addressing hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico, greenhouse gas emissions, and other environmental challenges. Dr. Snyder currently serves on the International Nitrogen Initiative-Science Advisory Committee. Fellow is the highest recognition bestowed by the Society. Fellows are nominated by other members of the Society, and only up to 0.3% of Active and Emeritus Members may be elected to Fellow.

Dr. Mikkelsen is Western Region Director of IPNI and is located in Merced, California. He conducts training on nutrient management throughout the region. He previously was on the faculty at North Carolina State University and a research scientist with the Tennessee Valley Authority. Dr. Mikkelsen received a B.S. from Brigham Young University and Ph.D. from University of California-Riverside. He is a fellow in ASA and SSSA and serves on the board of directors for SSSA and the American Society for Horticultural Science. The Agronomic Industry Award recognizes outstanding performance by a private sector agronomist in the development, acceptance, and implementation of agronomic programs, practices, and/or products, based on professionalism, integrity, and credibility.

Dr. Murrell is Northcentral Region Director of IPNI and is located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Dr. Murrell received a B.A. and M.S. from Purdue University and Ph.D. in soil science at Texas A&M University. He was with the Potash & Phosphate Institute for 10 years prior to establishment of IPNI in 2007. In the Northcentral U.S. Region, corn and soybean are the dominant crops. Dr. Murrell's primary area of interest is researching flexible, site-specific nutrient recommendation approaches that are profitable, environmentally responsible, and scientifically sound. The Soil Science Industry Award recognizes outstanding contributions to soil, environment, natural resource, agricultural, and related sciences by a practicing professional or scientist in the private sector. Criteria include: activities

Abbreviations and notes: N = nitrogen.



Dr. Snyder, right, receives the SSSA Fellow Award from SSSA President Paul Bertsch, University of Kentucky.



Dr. Mikkelsen, right, receives the Agronomic Industry Award from ASA President Dr. Mark Alley, Virginia Tech.



Dr. Murrell, right, receives the Soil Science Industry Award from SSSA President Paul Bertsch, University of Kentucky.

pertinent to improving understanding of soil science, and to the development, advancement, and application of technologies for improving environmental quality, agricultural productivity and profitability; promotion and support of the soil, environmental, and agricultural science professions; and impact of professional activities on communities. Professionalism, integrity, and public service are important qualifications. **BC**