

Luís Prochnow Joins Staff of IPNI as Brazil Program Director

Dr. Luís Ignácio Prochnow joined the staff of IPNI on October 15 and will become Brazil Program Director effective December 1, 2007. Dr. T. Yamada, who has served as Brazil Program Director since 1977, is retiring effective November 30, 2007.

Dr. Prochnow will be based at the established IPNI office in Piracicaba, São Paulo, with responsibility for the agronomic programs of the Institute in Brazil. He is currently Professor of Soil Fertility, Fertilizers and Crop Nutrition, in the Department of Soil and Plant Nutrition, University of São Paulo (ESALQ/USP), also located in Piracicaba.

“We are very happy that Dr. Prochnow has agreed to accept this position. There are tremendous opportunities for agriculture in Brazil and he has an exceptional insight and knowledge base,” said IPNI President Dr. Terry Roberts. “Dr. Prochnow plans a smooth transition and has

ideas for further building the IPNI Brazil Program in the future.”

After receiving his B.S. in Agronomy from the University of the State of São Paulo in 1985, Dr. Prochnow worked for a private laboratory until 1990, and then at São Paulo West University before receiving his masters degree in 1992. He then joined ESALQ/USP as a Professor and completed his Ph.D. in 1996. From 1999 to 2001, Dr. Prochnow was a Visiting Scientist at the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) before returning to ESALQ/USP.

During his professional career, Dr. Prochnow has established an impressive record of achievement in crop management and field extension work, as well as coordination of graduate students’ programs, research projects, training events, laboratory operations, and other leadership responsibilities. He has considerable international technical experience and an extensive list of peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Prochnow has been recognized with important honors and awards. **BC**



Dr. Luís Ignácio Prochnow



Dr. T. Yamada

IPNI Announces Munir Mohammad Rusan as Middle East Consulting Director

Dr. Munir J. Mohammad Rusan of Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) has agreed to represent IPNI as Middle East Consulting Director in 2007. The priorities of his work plan will be the initiation of projects in the region to promote balanced fertilization and organization of a workshop or training course on fertigation and fertilizer use in the Middle East.

“This new arrangement is unique for IPNI and we are honored to have this talented and respected scientist joining in our efforts,” said Dr. Terry L. Roberts, IPNI President. “His diverse experience and knowledge of the Middle East region will be valuable in achieving these early goals.”

Dr. Mohammad Rusan is Full Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at JUST, located at Irbid. He received his Ph.D. in Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition in 1994 at Washington State University, Pullman, in 1994, and also received his M.S. degree there in Soil Chemistry in 1986. He earned his

B.S. degree in Agronomy in 1980 at Moscow University, Russia.

Previously in his career, Dr. Mohammad Rusan was Dean, Faculty of Natural Resources and Environment, Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan, from 2003 to 2005. From 2000 to 2005 he was National Coordinator (part time) for the Fertigation Research Program and Technology Transfer of Fertigation, Ministry of Agriculture, Jordan. He has also served as Regional Coordinator for the International Potash Institute (IPI). His resume includes involvement in numerous international organizations, extensive teaching activities, research projects, and public service. **BC**



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