

Richard Roberts Retiring at PPI after Nearly 32 Years of Service

Completing a dedicated career spanning almost 32 years, Richard T. Roberts, PPI Vice President-Administration, will officially retire at the end of 1999. Mr. Roberts joined the Institute March 1, 1968, when the headquarters were in Washington, D.C. He helped supervise the move to Atlanta, Georgia.

During his years at PPI, Mr. Roberts served under three presidents...Dr. J. Fielding Reed, Dr. R.E. Wagner, and current President, Dr. David W. Dibb. During his tenure, the name of the organization changed from the American Potash Institute to the Potash Institute of North America, and later to the Potash & Phosphate Institute (PPI).

In addition to other duties, Mr. Roberts had key responsibility in helping develop and in managing annual budgets at PPI, supervis-



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ing the headquarters staff, overseeing statistics reports, and arranging and coordinating certain meetings each year.

Those who have been fortunate enough to work with Mr. Roberts will miss his managerial skills, his good humor, his caring for fellow employees, and his unfailing ability to focus on the problem at hand.

“Richard had a well-deserved reputation for his keen abilities in helping the Institute steer a safe course with lean budgets and for watching expenditures to assure the most efficient operation of Institute programs,” said Dr. Dibb. “He is highly respected by all who have worked with him...he will be missed by staff as well as by the Board of Directors and member companies of the Institute. We all wish Richard a long and happy retirement.” **BC**

David W. Dibb Receives ASA Agronomic Industry Award

Dr. David W. Dibb, President of PPI, received the Agronomic Industry Award at the recent annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) in Salt Lake City. The honor recognizes outstanding performance by a private sector agronomist in the development, acceptance, and implementation of advanced agronomic programs, practices and/or products. Personal relations, professionalism, integrity, and credibility are some of the values considered for the award, as well as innovation and good citizenship.

Dr. Dibb joined the PPI staff in 1975 as a regional director. In 1981, he was named Latin America Coordinator and Southeast



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Director, and in 1985 he became Vice President for Domestic Programs. He was promoted to Senior Vice President in 1987 and has served as President since 1988.

A native of Draper, Utah, Dr. Dibb received his B.S. degree at Brigham Young University and earned his Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois in 1974.

Dr. Dibb has been active as a member of ASA, including service on various committees and a term as President of the Agronomic Science Foundation. He is Fellow in both ASA and the Soil Science Society of America and is an Honorary Professor at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS). **BC**