

## Important Changes for the IPNI China Program

The International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) has appointed Dr. HE Ping, Director of the China Program, effective January 1, 2013. She succeeds Dr. JIN Ji-yun, who served as part of the Institute's China Program since 1990 and retired from IPNI on December 31, 2012.

Dr. HE was born in Yushu County of Jilin Province, an important area for crop production. She studied soil science and plant nutrition at Jilin Agricultural University, earning a B.Sc. in 1992 and a M.Sc. in 1995. Dr. HE received her Ph.D. in Plant Nutrition Science at the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) in 1998. During 2001 to 2003, Dr. HE was chosen by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology and the Science and Technology Agency of Japan to work on high yield maize research at Hokkaido University as a post-doctoral fellow. As Director of the China Program, Dr. HE oversees IPNI's agronomic and educational programs in China and is responsible for the development and implementation of Nutrient Management and Optimized Fertilization programs for the Northeast (Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning), and North Central regions (Hebei, Henan, Shandong, Shanxi, plus Beijing and Tianjin). In addition to her responsibilities as Director, she is also a Professor at the Institute of Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning, CAAS. Dr. HE has authored or co-authored over 70 scientific papers, and has received wide recognition for her work. In 2007, she received the Top Scientist award from the National Basic Research Program of the Ministry of Science and Technology. In 2008, Dr. HE was named as a "Top ten outstanding youth" by the State Organs Work Committee; and in 2011, she received the National Red-Banner Pacesetter award by the China Women's Federation.

Dr. JIN Ji-yun joined the PPI/PPIC (now IPNI) China Program in Beijing in 1990, as Deputy Director responsible for Northern China. In 2001, Dr. JIN became Director of the China Program. His leadership oversaw the Institute's cooperative research program growth to the national level. His pioneering



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research on K in northern China also changed the traditional belief that those soils were rich in K and no K fertilizer was needed. In 1995, Dr. JIN was selected by the Ministry of Agriculture for the Great Contribution Award for Young-Mid Aged Scientists. In 1997, he received the National Award for Great Contribution for Students Returned from Abroad from the National Education Commission of China. His achievements in soil testing and balanced fertilization were awarded by the Central government in 1999 and 2000. In 2001, he received the National Excellent Research Fellow Award from China Society of Agronomy. In 2004, he was presented with the First Soil Science Society Award from the Soil Science Society of China, and received the National Excellent Research Fellow Award from the China Association of Professional Societies. In 2007, Dr. JIN was awarded by the central government as one of the Model Scientists in Agricultural Technology Transfer. In 2010, he received the Norman Borlaug award from the International Fertilizer Association to recognize excellence in knowledge transfer and "last mile" delivery. Dr. JIN has published 120 scientific papers and delivered countless talks in workshops and meetings around the globe. He was involved in editing 10 proceedings and scientific books. Dr. JIN has been a council member for the Soil Science Society of China since 1987 and a council member of the Chinese Society of Plant Nutrition and Fertilizer Sciences since 1994. He has served as President of Chinese Society of Plant Nutrition and Fertilizer Sciences from 2004 to 2012. 

Common abbreviations and notes: K = potassium.

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