

20 Years is Just a Beginning

There is a famous tango song that says *“Feeling life is a blow, that twenty years is nothing ...”*. Our IPNI Latin America-Southern Cone program (formerly PPI/PPIC LASC) is celebrating 20 years in 2018. Sometimes it can look like 20 years is nothing since time flies; however, these last 20 years has been quite a ride. In fact, it feels like a celebration of life, not just a rapid wind blowing past us.

In figures, these 20 years went from 1 million t of fertilizer consumption to 3.7 million t, but the years represent much more than figures. These 20 years brought many encounters, discussions, visits, activities, and meetings with fellow farmers, colleagues, researchers, industry staff ... lots of friends, emotions, fields, crops, landscapes, adventures, travels, joy, passion, blessings ...



Many times, we are asked, what does IPNI do? Lots!! But I feel that we are just the glue that puts together a farmer with a colleague, and a scientist, and an agricultural industry staff; the glue that joins an idea with a project and then with a test, and then with crop production; all together in pursuing the paradigm of agriculture, converting solar energy into dry matter as food and many other products.

We are blessed daily for working with people and nature, in nurturing crops and soils, in looking for new days with new challenges, in helping farmers in doing a better job, for themselves, for their families, for us, for society ...

It has been quite a ride, and despite my love for tango I should say that *Feeling life is a blow, that twenty years is just a beginning!!!*

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