

Dr. Mirasol Pampolino Named Deputy Director For IPNI Southeast Asia Program



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The International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) announced the appointment of Dr. Mirasol Pampolino as deputy director of the Southeast Asia Program (SEAP).

Ms. Pampolino joined IPNI as an agronomist in 2008. She has been instrumental in the development of Nutrient Expert®, a decision support tool that helps crop advisers to rapidly develop fertilizer recommendations for specific fields or growing environments. She will continue to manage global Nutrient Expert activities through 2017, before assuming full-time duties in the SE Asia region.

“Pampolino has very strong expertise in cereal crop production and management in tropical and sub-tropical regions,” said Asia and Africa Group Vice President Dr. Adrian Johnston. “Her leadership will expand the level of engagement in SE Asia to cover a broader range of crops important to the region,” Johnston said.

Prior to joining IPNI, Pampolino worked at the International Rice Research Institute for 15 years, where

she served in different capacities conducting research studies related to soil science and plant nutrition. She obtained her B.Sc. in Agriculture and M.Sc. in Soil Science from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and her Ph.D. in Agricultural Chemistry (Soil Science) from Hokkaido University, Japan.

In her role as deputy director, Pampolino will lead field crop projects in SE Asia, including rice, maize, and cassava. Dr. Thomas Oberthur, SEAP regional director, will continue to lead tree crop projects, mainly oil palm and cocoa.

“The SE Asia region represents a great opportunity for IPNI to implement new programs while helping growers improve nutrient management of various crops,” said IPNI President, Dr. Terry Roberts. “Mira’s skills will help diversify and expand our reach,” said Roberts. 

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