

T.H. Fairhurst Named to PPI Staff in Singapore

Dr. Thomas H. Fairhurst was recently named to the position of Agronomist with the international staff of the Potash & Phosphate Institute (PPI)/Potash & Phosphate Institute of Canada (PPIC). He will be located in the Singapore office with Dr. Ernst Mutert, Director of the East and Southeast Asia Program of PPI/PPIC.



“Dr. Fairhurst is well respected for his earlier work in international agriculture,” said Dr. David W. Dibb, President of PPI. “His abilities will be well adapted to the many opportunities for agronomic market development in East and Southeast Asia.

After receiving his B.Sc. from the University of Wales in 1979, Dr. Fairhurst attended the Royal Agriculture College,

receiving the Diploma in Advanced Farm Management in 1980. Following assignments as an agronomist in Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Indonesia, where he was involved in tree crops and upland agricultural development, he returned to complete his Ph.D. in Soils and Agronomy at the University of London in 1996.

The PPI/PPIC effort in East and Southeast Asia includes cooperation in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and other countries of the region. With fast-growing populations and demand for increased production, there is also growing need for improved agronomic management and balanced fertilization. 

T.N. Rao Joins PPIC-India Programme Staff as Agronomist

Dr. T. Nagendra Rao has joined the international staff of the Potash & Phosphate Institute (PPI)/Potash & Phosphate Institute of Canada (PPIC).



He will work with Dr. Gautam Dev, Director of the PPIC-India Programme. With the title of Agronomist, he will be located at the office of the PPIC-India Programme at Dundahera, Gurgaon, in the state of Haryana.

“Dr. Rao has a strong academic background and practical experience in soil testing and plant analysis,” said Dr. David W. Dibb, President of PPI. “His expertise will be beneficial in furthering our efforts in

agronomic research and education in India.”

In his new responsibilities, Dr. Rao will be involved in promoting the use of phosphate and potash in improving productivity by encouraging more balanced nutrient use for crops in India. His knowledge of several Indian languages will be valuable in translating publications and reaching diverse audiences.

Dr. Rao holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University (1984 and 1986) and completed his Ph.D. in Soil Science at Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University in 1995. 