

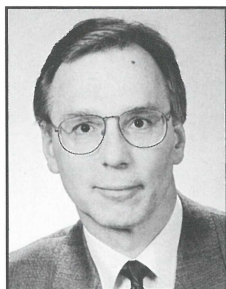
## Dr. J.D. Beaton Retires, Dr. M.D. Stauffer Elected Vice President for PPI International Programs

**DR. MARK D. STAUFFER** has been elected Vice President for International Programs of PPI. He will assume the role of International Programs Coordinator for the Institute effective March 1, 1994. The announcement came from Dr. David W. Dibb, President of PPI. Dr. Stauffer will succeed Dr. James D. Beaton, who retired as of February 28, 1994.

"Dr. Beaton has been extremely valuable in this important role over the past several years and his leadership will be missed. However, we are confident that Dr. Stauffer will be an able and effective successor," Dr. Dibb explained.

Dr. Stauffer joined the PPI staff in 1988 as Western Canada Director and in 1989 moved to London, Ontario, to serve as Director for Eastern Canada, Michigan and Ohio. He will move to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to assume the duties of International Programs Coordinator and President of PPIC.

A native of Ontario, Dr. Stauffer took his undergraduate training at the University of Guelph and earned his Doctorate in Agronomy at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He has



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worked in agricultural research, sales and management in the United States and Canada. He was a research scientist with a major agricultural chemical company in Regina, Saskatchewan, before joining the PPI staff.

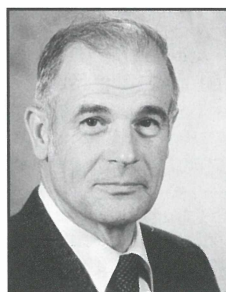
A native of British Columbia, Dr. Beaton earned his B.S.A. and M.S.A. degrees from the University of British Columbia and received his Ph.D. at Utah

State University. Early in his career, he was an Instructor of Soil Science with the University of British Columbia. He also served as a researcher with Agriculture Canada for six years. Dr. Beaton was employed with Cominco Ltd. for 11 years, reaching the position of Chief Agronomist. He later joined the staff of The Sulphur Institute, serving for over five years as Director of Agricultural Research.

Dr. Beaton began his tenure with PPI/PPIC in 1978 as Western Canada and Northwest U.S. Director. In 1988, he was named Vice President, International Programs, PPI, and President, PPIC. He was promoted to Senior Vice President of PPI in 1989. PPI/PPIC international programs have flourished under his direction.

A prolific researcher and writer, Dr. Beaton's papers and presentations embrace a wide agronomic spectrum. He is coauthor of the widely used textbook, *Soil Fertility and Fertilizers*, now in its fifth edition.

For his many achievements, Dr. Beaton has been honored with numerous awards. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Soil Science, the Soil Science Society of America, and the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). He is also a recipient of the Agronomic Service Award of ASA and of the Agronomy Merit Award. In 1990, Dr. Beaton was elected a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. He recently received the Award of Merit of the Western Canada Fertilizer Association. ■



**Dr. J.D. Beaton**