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**IPPS SOUTHERN AFRICA – YOUNG HORTICULTURIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

**_SUBMIT NOMINATION BEFORE 1 NOVEMBER_**

IPPS Australia and IPPS Southern Africa have an established exchange program. As of January 2025 IPPS Southern Africa and IPPS New Zealand have entered into a similar exchange program agreement! The intention is to offer young horticulturists at the start of their career, an opportunity to gain experience of a different plant production industry, and to build a better understanding of the host country.

The chosen candidates will visit their allocated host country, Australia/New Zealand, for a period of about two weeks. Australia during April/May, and New Zealand during October/November, where they will be hosted by the local nursery industry. They will attend the host Region's annual conference or a symposium and will be visiting nurseries, public gardens and other places of horticultural interest.

The Southern Africa Board will **select and sponsor four top candidates** from the nominations received to attend the **IPPS SA Annual Conference**. The four chosen candidates will participate in the next round of selecting the final two candidates, one that will travel to Australia and the other to New Zealand.

**GENERAL IMPORTANT CRITERIA FOR NOMINATED CANDIDATES:**

1. Successful nominees, chosen for the final selection at the SA Annual Conference, will be announced **by the end of November**.
2. The candidates must be between the ages of 19 and 30 and must have their employer's consent and support.
3. **The candidates are required to become IPPS members for at least 2 years from the date of nomination.**
4. Each of the **four selected candidates** will be required to introduce themselves and their background in plant production/horticulture, through a short presentation at the SA Regional Conference. This talk should include a short background on the candidate's horticultural field of interest and what they personally hope to gain from the international exposure. The selected candidates will also assist the conference organizer, during conference, with various tasks.
5. **Conference, travel and accommodation costs will be paid by IPPS Southern Africa.**
6. At the Regional AGM, IPPS members will vote to choose one candidate to go to Australia and one candidate to go to New Zealand.
7. The chosen candidates will be required to present the same talk at the Australian/New Zealand Region conference.
8. IPPS Southern Africa pays the airfare to Australia/New Zealand and the Australian/New Zealand Region pays travel, accommodation and conference costs for the duration of the stay. The candidates will have to provide for own pocket money and any other incidentals.
9. The chosen candidates will have to present a report on his/her exchange experience at the next Southern Africa conference. **Conference, travel and accommodation costs will be paid by IPPS Southern Africa.**

# NOMINATION FORM

**For the nominator:** Please submit a brief motivation as to why you think the candidate is the right person to represent IPPS Southern Africa.  A recent photograph of the applicant would be appreciated.

## NOMINATION INFORMATION:

| Nominee Information | |
|---|---|
| Name | |
| Postal Address | |
| Tel number | |
| Cellphone nr | |
| Email address | |
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| **Nominator Information** | |
| Name | |
| Contact number | |
| Email address | |

## For the nominated Candidate

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| Can you travel to Australia in April/May? | YES ☐/NO ☐ |
| Can you travel to New Zealand in October/November? | YES ☐/NO ☐ |
| Do you have a valid passport? | YES ☐/NO ☐ |
| Do you have your current employers consent and support to participate in this program? | YES ☐/NO ☐ |

**The nominee should please attach a brief one page CV detailing their background in horticulture, their training and work experience, and briefly state why they would like this opportunity to travel to either Australia or New Zealand.**

*Please submit Nomination form and Supporting Documents to Liezel Nel:* Liezel01n@gmail.com