

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PROPAGATOR

IPPS SOUTH AFRICAN EXCHANGE 2012

For the opportunity of a lifetime, it is time to apply for the sixth South African Exchange Program.

This was established by Australian IPPS and South Africa IPPS to give young propagators, at the start of their career, the opportunity to gain experience of each others industry and to build a better understanding of each country.

In March 2012 the young propagator chosen will spend approximately 3 weeks in South Africa, hosted by local Nurserymen, where he/she will work and visit other nurseries and places of interest in South Africa, including tourist venues, plus attend their IPPS Conference – Venue and date to be advised.

The program as usual is sponsored by Australia and South Africa IPPS, but will be later in the year, because South Africa's Conference is held in March. After the trip the chosen propagator will be expected to attend the Australian IPPS Conference in TOOWOOMBA, QLD from 17th to 20th May 2012 to talk about his/her wonderful experience.

Now that you are thinking about this experience or you know someone who may be suitable, check the following to make sure of eligibility:-

- You must be just starting your career of propagating and growing plants.
- You must be able to travel to South Africa in March 2012 and attend our May Conference in 2012.
- Your employer must support this application and your time off work.
- You must be prepared to make notes and take photographs of your great experience and report back to Australian IPPS Conference in 2012.

If all of the above suits you and you would like to be hosted (at no cost to you, except Spending money) in south Africa to gain great knowledge, experience the lifestyle and great sights of South Africa, then tell us about your background in Horticulture, including training and work experience and send the application form which is available on the IPPS website www.ipps.org.au by January 2012.

Still not sure, then read two of our South Africa Exchangees, Daniel Austin & David Parlby, comments in the Summer edition (Issue 24) of 'The Propagator' on the IPPS website www.ipps.org.au or speak to any of the three previous people to help you decide to take the opportunity of being an ambassador for Australian IPPS.