

**SOUTHERN AFRICA - AUSTRALIA EXCHANGE NOMINATION FORM**

***SUBMIT NOMINATION BEFORE END OCTOBER***

IPPS Australia and IPPS Southern Africa have an established exchange program. The intention is to offer propagators 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 candidate from South Africa will visit Australia for a period of about two weeks, where they will be hosted by the local nursery industry. He/She may be required to work in nurseries with Australian propagators as well as visit gardens and other places of botanical interest.

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

Student Name	
Postal Address	
Telephone number	
Cellphone number	
Email address	
Date of Birth	
Nominator Name	
Nominator Contact number	
Nominator email address	

**For the nominated Candidate**

Can you travel to Australia in April/May? YES /NO

Do you have a valid passport? YES /NO

Does your current employer support the application? YES /NO



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**The candidate should please attach a brief 1 page CV detailing their background in horticulture, their training and work experience, and briefly tell us why they would like this opportunity to travel to Australia.**

The Southern Africa Board will **nominate and sponsor three top candidates** from the CV's received to attend the regional conference in the forthcoming year and participate in the next round of selecting the final candidate. The conference is usually held beginning March.

**General important criteria for nominated candidates:**

1. **Successful candidates nominated for the final selection will be announced first week of December.**
2. The candidates must be between the ages of 19 and 30.
3. **The candidates are required to become IPPS members for at least 2 years from the date of nomination.**
4. Each of the three **nominated candidates** will be required to introduce themselves and their background in plant propagation/horticulture, through a short presentation at the 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.
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.
7. The chosen candidate will be required to present the same talk at the Australian Region conference.
8. IPPS Southern Africa pays the airfare to Australia and the Australian Region pays travel, accommodation and conference costs for the duration of the stay. The candidate will have to provide for own pocket money and any other incidentals.
9. The chosen candidate will have to give a report back presentation on his/her Australian experience at the next Southern Africa conference. **Conference, travel and accommodation costs will be paid by IPPS Southern Africa.**