**Application Form**

**IPPS-Western/New Zealand Regions**

**Young Professional Exchange Fellowship**

The IPPS Western/New Zealand Regions Young Professional Exchange Fellowship is a unique opportunity for a member of the IPPS Western Region to travel to New Zealand as a guest of the IPPS New Zealand Region. While in New Zealand, the recipient will have the opportunity to interact with plant producers and represent the Western Region at the New Zealand Region Annual Conference. Most importantly, the recipient will act as an ambassador of the Western Region in fostering professional interaction and good will between the two associations. The fellowship will cover travel, room, and board costs.

To apply, please completely fill out the following application. If in doubt, provide more information rather than less information. The IPPS-Western Region Executive Committee will award the fellowship based primarily on the information provided here.

Fill in your answers below. Feel free to make more room for your answers as necessary. You may return your application by saving the file and sending it electronically to ggredler@comcast.net. You may also fax to 503-362-1353, or mail to IPPS-Western Region, PO Box 5284, Salem, OR 97304.

**Application deadline: February 1, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (land line) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cell phone) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current IPPS member? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Membership in IPPS is required for fellowship eligibility. If you are not currently a member, please enclose a membership application form with your Exchange Fellowship application. A membership application form can be found at <http://wna.ipps.org/register>.

Please list a current IPPS member who can act as your sponsor and vouch for your qualifications to join the IPPS. Please ensure that your sponsor has been informed of your membership application.

 Name of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Exchange Fellowship Requirements:**

1. Be studying in a plant production field or be less than ten years into a career in a horticultural profession.
2. Be at least 18 years old.
3. Be undertaking or have completed some form of industry-relevant training.
4. Be willing to serve as an ambassador of the IPPS-Western Region.
5. Your employer or academic supervisor must approve of the time off work or school by signing the application.

**Exchange Fellowship Preferences:**

1. Previous academic training in horticulture or related field.

**Fellowship conditions:**

1. Your visit will coincide with the 2017 Annual Conference of the IPPS New Zealand Region. Trip dates are May 7-22, 2017. You must be able to travel and participate during this entire period.
2. You will be asked to record your visit in detail as preparation for a presentation at the next IPPS-Western Region annual conference in October, 2017 and as an article for the IPPS-Western Region newsletter.
3. You will be asked to share your knowledge, skills and experience with your hosts. This may include a small presentation about yourself and your interests at the New Zealand IPPS annual conference.
4. You must remain a paid IPPS member for at least two years after your trip.

If you agree with the above conditions, please sign below.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Endorsement by employer or academic supervisor signifying that you have their approval to travel to New Zealand on May 7-22, 2017.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions in detail:**

* How many years have you been involved in the plant production and propagation industry?
* Outline your experience within the industry including employment history, dates, positions held, skills gained and any other relevant information.
* Outline educational and industry training completed, including qualifications gained, training institution, dates and duration of training and any other relevant information.
* Describe your commitment to horticulture as a career, your envisioned career pathway and any other specific interests.
* If you are successful, how will this exchange fellowship assist you in your career?
* If you are successful, how will your visit to New Zealand benefit the IPPS New Zealand and Western Regions?
* If you are chosen, you will be representing the IPPS-Western Region as our ambassador. How will your personal qualities and values assist you in this role?

Please return your completed application to:

Gail Gredler, Secretary-Treasurer

IPPS-Western Region

PO Box 5634

Salem, OR 97304

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