

## SOUTHERN AFRICA - AUSTRALIA EXCHANGE NOMINATION FORM

### **SUBMIT NOMINATION BEFORE END OCTOBER 2014**

IPPS Australia and IPPS Southern Africa has 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

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 IPPS Southern Africa Board will select and sponsor up to three top candidates from the nominations received to attend the Southern Africa conference during March 2015. Successful candidates will be announced first week of Dec 2014.

**General important criteria:**

1. The candidate must be between the ages of 19 and 30.
2. **The candidate is required to become an IPPS member for at least 2 years from the date of nomination.**
3. Each nominated candidate 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 presentation on a horticultural field of interest. The candidate should end the presentation by disclosing what they personally hope to gain from the international exposure.
4. At the AGM during the conference in March, IPPS members will vote to select one candidate to go to Australia.
5. The chosen candidate will be required to present the same talk at the Australian conference.
6. At the next conference in South Africa, the candidate will have to present a report on the trip to Australia. The conference costs will be for the candidates' expense.
7. 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 costs (incidentals) **and** Travel and Medical Insurance.