

The Brian Chambers International Award for Early Career Researchers in Crop Nutrition

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Fertiliser Society



A new award scheme for researchers working at the MSc or PhD levels or equivalent, who can demonstrate how their work will provide practical benefits to farm crop nutrition. The IFS will provide a cash prize of £1,000 for the winner, plus £500 each for two runners-up.

The award will be judged at the IFS Agronomic Conference, 8-9 December 2016, held in Cambridge, UK.

Submissions are invited from researchers in all countries.

Candidates will be welcome to attend the Conference (for which the Registration fee will be waived), but this is not obligatory.

Abstracts must be received by 15 September, and digital posters (if asked for) by 1 December.


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Participation in the award is open to the following people:

- Anyone carrying out relevant research work at an MSc, PhD or equivalent level of scientific rigour.
- Researchers and workers at the interface of research, development, and extension, from all countries.
- Have either completed their last academic qualification (MSc or PhD) within four years, OR have been carrying out relevant professional work for up to seven years.
- Have undertaken research based on field, controlled environment or laboratory studies, modelling work, or other data analysis.
- Are working on the nutrition of arable or horticultural crops, grassland, permanent crops such as fruit trees, or other perennial crops.
- Are working with any type of plant nutrient or nutrient dynamics in soils or growth media.

Qualifying research activity must either have been completed, or is at an advanced stage of study.

Award evaluation criteria:

- Novelty / distinctiveness of methodology.
- Novelty / distinctiveness of results.
- Scientific soundness / rigour.
- Practical relevance.
- Consideration of trade-offs involved.

- Clarity and conciseness.
- The look and structure of the poster (finalists only).

The judges' decisions will be final, and no correspondence can be entered into.

Submission requirements:

Participants will be required to submit a one page abstract of their work, using a pro-forma, written in English, to explain how they consider it meets the evaluation criteria.

The ten submissions that the award evaluation panel consider to be the strongest will be invited to produce a poster detailing their work.

All ten posters will be displayed at the IFS Agronomic Conference and the winners will be selected by the evaluation panel.

Participants unable to attend the Conference can send us their poster in digital format and we will print it for them.

Further information about the Brian Chambers International Award for

Young Researchers in Crop Nutrition, along with the application form, can be found at www.fertiliser-society.org/about-us/brianchambersaward, or by contacting the IFS Secretary at secretary@fertiliser-society.org



Brian Chambers and the International Fertiliser Society



Professor Brian Chambers was Head of the Soils and Nutrient Group at ADAS, and a Council Member of the International Fertiliser Society. Having published over 300 scientific papers, Brian was internationally renowned for his pioneering research on manure management and the minimisation of environmental pollution. He also played an important role in the European and UK Soil Science community serving as President and Fellow of the Institute of Professional Soil Scientists (IPSS), visiting Professor at Cranfield University, a member of British Society of Soil Science, and the International RAMIRAN Network.

Brian and his work is being remembered by the creation of two different but complementary initiatives: the UK focused Brian Chambers Soils Fund, and the IFS International Award. Both reflect Brian's interest in encouraging young people to enter this important and rewarding area.

The International Fertiliser Society is a scientific Society founded in 1947, with members from about 50 countries worldwide. Its main objectives are:

To provide an international forum for discussion and dissemination of knowledge of scientific, technical, environmental, economic and safety aspects of the production, marketing, use and application of fertilisers.

The IFS provides professionals working in fertiliser production and crop nutrition with a unique combination of :

- **Technically and scientifically rigorous information**
- **Independent of any commercial or political bias**
- **Preferential access to our unique archive of Proceedings**
- **Opportunities to network with other fertiliser professionals**

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The benefits of being a member of the IFS

- Unique access to rigorous, high quality information on many aspects of fertilisers
- Conferences and Proceedings
- Un-rivalled archive of publications back to 1947
- Ability to meet and network with other fertiliser professionals
- Cross fertilisation between the Production and Usage communities
- And much much more, all of which can help careers



The collections of Proceedings of the Society on some specific production topics are considered to be among the best available anywhere, especially those on ammonia and ammonium nitrate production and safety.

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