

## **GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PROPAGATOR**

### **IPPS SOUTH AFRICAN EXCHANGE 2018**

For the opportunity of a lifetime, it is time to apply for the twelfth 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 2018 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 – ***Annual IPPS Conference – March 2018, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.***

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 HOBART, TASMANIA from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 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 2018 and attend our May Conference in 2018 in Hobart, Tasmania.
- 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 2018.

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](http://www.ipps.org.au) by December 2017.

Still not sure, then read about the 2017 South Africa Exchangee, Bree Howard's comments in the Winter edition (Issue 54) of 'The Propagator' or Robert Lyte (South Africa Exchangee 2016 – Winter Issue 50) of "The Propagator" on the IPPS website [www.ipps.org.au](http://www.ipps.org.au) or speak to any of the previous exchangees to help you decide to take the opportunity of being an ambassador for Australian IPPS.