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New President Elected for the International Fertiliser Society (IFS)

At the 2019 AGM, Mr Tibaut Theys was elected President of the IFS, a scientific and technical Society founded in 1947.

Mr Theys, who is currently General Managers of Prayon Technologies S A of Belgium, has spent 25 years working on various aspects of phosphorous processing and supply.

“It is a great honour to be elected IFS President,” said Mr Theys. “The Society provides an important forum for every aspect of fertiliser production, marketing and use. The Proceedings of the Society, which address scientific, technical, environmental, economic and safety issues, are as valid today as when the first one was published in 1947.”

The IFS is a thriving Society with some 500 plus members from more than 50 countries. Each year it hosts two Conferences, one covering aspects of fertiliser usage and crop nutrition, and the other on aspects of fertiliser production. The 2019 conference on the theme of “Factors affecting Nitrogen Use Efficiency - identification, measurement and management” will be held at Robinson College, Cambridge, on 12-13 December.

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Notes for editors

A Biochemical engineer, Tibaut started his career in 1995 as a Process Engineer in Prayon, working on purified acid technology. In 1997 he joined the fertilizer grade technology team. In 2002 he became commercial manager. The technologies offered include Phosphoric acid and related technologies along with Profile, another division of Prayon, for fabrication equipment such as filters, agitators, droplet separators and so on.

From 2004 to 2006 he worked as improvement engineer in a production plant manufacturing vernis. In 2006 he worked as project manager in De Smet promoting renewable energy technologies. In 2010 he rejoined Prayon as Process Manager. He was a member of a team of specialist in charge of the design, the operation and the survey of phosphoric acid plant. In

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2013 he became General Manager of Prayon Technologies. He is in charge of the relationships with customers as well as the team and division daily management.

Further details from:

Mr Steve Hallam, Secretary to the International Fertiliser Society, at the above address.

Photograph attached:

Photo caption: Tibaut Theys, left, is congratulated by the outgoing President, Mr Luc Maene.

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Notes for Editors:

The **International Fertiliser Society** is a scientific Society founded in 1947, with members from about 50 countries worldwide. Membership is individual and is open to all. 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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