

Acting as Source of Information on Phosphates

IMPHOS operates an interactive website, which allows for easy navigation (www.imphos.org) on one section to another, and offers electronic capabilities to visitors to download PDF versions of its many publications on-line.

The IMPHOS Phosphate Newsletter is published regularly in print form and can also be downloaded from the website. The Newsletter reports the results of the latest agricultural and technical activities sponsored by IMPHOS, as well as the outcomes from conferences, workshops and seminars.

The IMPHOS Annual Reports describe accomplishments of the institute in the years under review.

Periodically, IMPHOS organizes **international, regional, or national events** that offer an opportunity to network with representatives from the fertilizer industry, the scientific community and some policy boards.



Developing Markets for Phosphate Rock and Processed Phosphates

Playing a key role oftentimes down to farmers' level, and working in close collaboration with research entities and rural development organizations, IMPHOS covers almost every region of the world, ranging from East to West Asia, East to Central and West Europe, North to sub-Saharan Africa.

IMPHOS promotion of greater phosphate use has largely contributed to the regular growth of P_2O_5 consumption in the world. More specifically, its longtime endeavor to enhance balanced fertilization in Asia has paid off in India and Pakistan; where P_2O_5 consumption has increased significantly during the past few decades and has made possible further increases in crop production.



IMPHOS Creation and Membership

The major phosphate producers in North and South America, North Africa and the Middle East, and West Asia founded the World Phosphate Institute (known under the French acronym of IMPHOS) in 1973 in Florida, the United States. Today, the membership of IMPHOS is made up of:



Compagnie des Phosphates de Gafsa (CPG), TUNISIA



Entreprises du Fer et du Phosphate (FERPHOS), ALGERIA



Industries Chimiques du Sénégal (ICS), SENEGAL



International Fertilizer Group (IFG, ex-OTP), TOGO



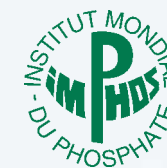
Jordan Phosphate Mines Company Ltd. (JPMC), JORDAN



Groupe Office Chérifien des Phosphates (OCP), MOROCCO

These companies account for almost 70% of known reserves, 30% of the production of world phosphate rock and 60% of world exports of processed phosphates (P_2O_5).

The World Phosphate Institute (IMPHOS)



Serving the Growth of the Phosphate Industry and Sustainable Cropping Systems



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Promoting the Growth of Phosphate Use

Being an association of leading producers of phosphates, IMPHOS (Institut Mondial du Phosphate) is an influential arm and voice, an advocate of membership interests, a central organization that echoes the industry's positions and an instrument to **monitor new technologies** that can be put to the service of the phosphate industry. IMPHOS global mission is to promote sustainable growth of phosphate use in agriculture to meet the increasing food demand of the world population, and support research for industrial application of phosphates.



Enhancing the Image and Role of the Phosphate Industry

In all times, but notably since late eighties, phosphate producers have had to face up to many challenges from organizations geared to the **protection of the environment** in developed countries, mainly in West Europe. Among these challenges, the eutrophication of surface waters, and cadmium and radioactivity in phosphates were the most serious concerns raised. IMPHOS conducted numerous and varied activities to demonstrate that responsible use of phosphate fertilizers does not pose risks to human health and the environment. Indeed, there are many countries of the world, where increased phosphate fertilizer use helped to alleviate poverty by making more food available and increasing the income of farmers. And above all, it proved to be friendly to the environment.



IMPHOS has conveyed elaborate and accurate messages to the large public as well as decision-makers and provided adequate scientifically-based data and arguments to help solving environmental issues. IMPHOS has therefore taken an active and pro-active stance in advocating the interests of the phosphate industry and helping its growth.

The tasks ahead are complex. They should be assumed effectively and dealt with adequately. The problems to be faced, and the emerging environmental concerns that might undermine any prospect for the development of the phosphate industry, require relentless efforts from IMPHOS and other international fertilizer industry associations.

Partnering with International Organizations

Through its various actions and longtime involvement in international cooperation work, IMPHOS has been able to take part in the analysis and design of international policies that affect phosphates and their products. Thus, besides joint P_2O_5 promotional efforts taken up in a number of countries, it has collaborated with many fertilizer industry associations and the FAO to develop forecasts of world P_2O_5 supply and demand and stress the critical role of phosphates in achieving food security and sustainable agriculture. IMPHOS has therefore been fulfilling the key assignment as **spokesperson** for the phosphate industry, such is the role played by other existing organizations representing nitrogen, potash and sulfur industries.

Strengthening Relationships Among Phosphate Producers

IMPHOS hosts an **Agronomic and Technical Committee** consisting of representatives of phosphate producing companies, members of the Institute. This Committee is an internal executive organ of the Institute that facilitates fruitful and regular exchanges among the staffs of the Member Companies of IMPHOS. Therefore, it contributes to the creation of a conducive climate to cooperation and friendship necessary for building up trust for better future of the phosphate industry. To deal with specific issues, the Agronomic and Technical Committee sets up ad-hoc working groups that provide significant contributions in the conduct of IMPHOS activities.

Interacting with the International Scientific Community

The experts of international reputation who make up the **Scientific Advisory Committee** created by IMPHOS a long time ago, have a broad and long experience in specific disciplines of the phosphate sector.

This Committee is therefore a source of information, a mean to anticipate certain significant events, and an arm of liaison with the international scientific community. It meets twice a year and holds sometimes joint meetings with the Agronomic and Technical Committee, an occasion to develop direct contacts between the IMPHOS phosphate industry members and the international scientific research bodies.



Participants to an International Symposium