21 December 2010

Ms Sylvia Lang
Academic Secretary
Academic Board and Council

Dear Sylvia

Re: Nomination – Emeritus Professor – Professor Krishnapillai Sivasithamparam

The Head, School of Earth and Environment and I wish to nominate Professor Krishnapillai Sivasithamparam (Siva) as an Emeritus Professor within the University.

Professor Sivasithamparam retires on the 31 December 2010, having first been appointed to the University in 1982. Since his appointment Siva has been an outstanding contributor to the University in all areas – teaching, research and service.

His research and teaching has been concentrated in the areas of soil microbiology, plant pathology and agricultural science, and he has been an important member of the Soil Science and Plant Nutrition discipline within UWA, and more recently, the School of Plant Biology. His research is internationally renowned, with more than 300 scientific publications on topics ranging from the control of fungal, bacterial, viral and nematode diseases, to plant genetics and conservation. Siva has been senior or subject editor for a number of international journals including Plant and Soil, Biological Control, Soil Biology and Biochemistry, and the International Journal of Soil Science. He has also supervised more than 100 postgraduate students to completion.

In retirement, Professor Sivasithamparam intends to remain research active, continuing to publish the findings of his research, and working as a mentor with postgraduate students and junior staff.

Given Professor Sivasithamparam’s outstanding contribution to the University, and his continuing commitment to scholarship, I have no hesitation in recommending him for an Emeritus Professorship.

Please submit this nomination to the Academic Board for endorsement and recommendation to the Senate.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
Winthrop Professor Lynette Abbott
Vice Dean

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F13.2.1 - Recent significant publications (in past five years – 2005 onwards) - Sivasithamparam

Asterisks identify publications relevant to this application. All impact factors are for 2008.

Refereed Journal Articles


18. El-Tarabily, K.A. and Sivasithamparam, K. (2006). Potential of yeasts as biocontrol agents of soil-borne fungal plant pathogens and as plant growth promoters. Mycoscience 47: 25-35. This journal formerly the Journal of the Japanese Society of Mycology, has recently been taken over as a “Springer Germany” publication. IF and HL will be computed and will be available later in 2010.


Australian *Brassica napus* and *Brassica juncea* germplasm screened under Western Australian conditions. *Australasian Plant Pathology* 38: 149-152. IF: 0.622; HL: 5.4.


78. Ma X., Li Hua, Sivasithamparam K., Barbetti M.J. (2010). Infection processes and involvement of defence related genes in the expression of resistance in cultivars of subterranean clover (*Trifolium subterraneum*) to *Phytophthora clandestina*. Phytopathology 100:551-559. IF: 2.38; HL: >10 years


89. Hua Li, Xintian Ge, Shiue Han, K. Sivasithamparam and M. J. Barbetti (2010) Comparative studies of host and non-host resistance responses to downy mildew pathogen *Hyaloperonospora parasitica*. *European Journal of Plant Pathology*. (accepted on 09-07-2010).