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SAPO'S NEW CEO PRIORITISES PLANT IMPROVEMENT AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Having served in various capacities in the agriculture industry over the last 24 years, and witnessing an array of changes reforming the industry over time, there is no doubt that Plant Improvement (PI) would continue to play an increasingly

important role in the future of South African agriculture. Amidst the growing need for food security and nutrition, market access, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) developments, SAPO is looking forward to provide

a meaningful contribution towards the broader agriculture community.

SAPO is well-positioned to support the highly competitive environment in which our stakeholders do business. Celebrating 45 years of involvement in PI's, next year, SAPO is in a distinct position to apply learned business practices in support of its stakeholders operating within an ever-changing trade environment.

Dit is om hierdie rede dat ons binne die volgende paar maande ons Plantverbeteringsdiens (PV) gaan verskerp. Met PV as die kernbesigheid van SAPO is dit vir ons belangrik dat ons konstant belyn is met

internasionale en beste praktyke tot voordeel van ons kliente en belanghebbendes.

Going forward, stakeholder relations would be embedded as a key priority of SAPO. SAPO employees would remain available to listen to clients' needs, to engage in matters of mutual importance to the sector, and be open to face-to-face conversations and dialogue.

It is my hope and sincere desire that I would be able to meet with you, our valued stakeholder, in person during the next few months.

Until next time,
Shawn



CIOPORA AGM AND WORKSHOP

Burgert van Dyk and Armand van Niekerk attended the CIOPORA Annual General Meeting in Ghent, Belgium, in April 2018. They completed the CIOPORA Academy Workshop where topics on IP Protection, Nagoya Protocol and PBR (Plant Breeders' Rights) infringements were discussed.

UPOV introduced their Prisma Tool which enables the user to submit PBR applications to any country, without having to be concerned about the language barriers.

Burgert van Dyk received acknowledgement for all the hard work he has done for CIOPORA, as Head Technical Fruit Expert. There was an opportunity to exchange industry challenges with other like-minded experts, who are also passionate about IP Protection for plants.



Ghent at night



Left to Right: Marthinus Gresse, Willem Bezuidenhout, Danie Heyns and Andreas Lötze



NEW SAPO INSPECTORS

Seven SAPO Trust employees successfully completed the practical Pome & Stone Inspection Course of PlantSA, on 20 March 2018. Four employees also completed the Table Grape and Rootstock Examination. The personnel who completed the pome and stone inspection course are Albert Bredell, Allistair Adendorf, Andreas Lötze, Danie Heyns, Leander Gagiano, Marthinus Gresse and Willem Bezuidenhout. Photo: Table Grape and Rootstock inspectors.



FLASH GALA™

Bigbucks, the improved Corder Gala apple strain, is one of the most successful new varieties based on orders placed in the history of SAPO Trust.

Named after Buks Nel, Tru-Cape Fruit Marketing's New Variety Expert, and a fruit industry veteran, Plant Breeders' Rights were awarded to Bigbucks' owners, Pink Vein (Pty) LTD. Now, after a lengthy process of name selection, a brand name for the fruit is confirmed. FLASH GALA™. The sweet spot for FLASH GALA™ is its high pack-out percentage. This means that more purchase-ready fruit can be picked once-off, from a single tree, than many other commercially grown apple or pear varieties.

The idea behind FLASH GALA™ is that it will be sold in a flash, and also that the bright red colour of the fruit is like a flash of light. Currently, 138 bins have been packed at Two-a-Day in Grabouw, at a confirmed pack-out of 89.45%, and the total Class 1 pack-out is 94.27% – which is outstanding. While at Ceres Fruit Growers, 26 bins were delivered at a 93% pack-out.



Anthony Rawbone-Viljoen, Derek Corder & Buks Nel

See www.bigbucksapples.com or Tru-Cape.com for ordering information.

JUNIOR LAB ASSISTANT APPOINTED



Anelisa Phantsi recently joined the SAPO Trust laboratory team as a Junior Laboratory Assistant. She obtained a National Diploma in Agricultural Management from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in 2017, and did an internship at the Agricultural Research Institute at Infruitec, Stellenbosch.

VRAAG EN AANBOD VAN KERNVRUGTE OGIE-PLANTMATERIAAL VIR HERFS 2018 SEISOEN

Voorsiening van Kernvrugte ogie-plantmateriaal verskaf aan kwekers gedurende die herfs 2018, het toegeneem met 10% (appels toon 'n toename van 25% en pere 'n afname van 16%). By appels was daar 'n groot aanvraag na Bigbucks ogie-plantmateriaal, terwyl ander appelvariëteite soos die Afri-reeks, Early Red One, Mahana Red, Golden Delicious (NIVV), Royal Beaut en die nuwe Fuji seleksie (Fuji Royal) hoog in aanvraag was. By peervariëteite is Cape Rose (Cheeky™), Celina, Packham's Triumph, Forelle en Rosemarie seleksie die gewildste.

IFTA CONFERENCE, NEW ZEALAND

Elsa Muller attended the IFTA Conference in New Zealand during February. The main objective of this visit was to obtain more insight of the Pome Fruit Industry of New Zealand. The tour started in Napier, Hawke's Bay, with IFTA members from around the globe – concluding in Christchurch, where the group visited various apple orchards and nurseries. Good local and global contacts were established for future collaborations.



Elsa Muller



GRAPEVINE VIRUS CONGRESS WELL ATTENDED BY SOUTH AFRICANS

Roleen Carstens attended the 19th Congress of the International Council for the Study of Virus and Virus-like Diseases of the Grapevine (ICVG) in Santiago, Chile, from 9 – 12 April. The three-yearly conferences offer unique opportunities to network, exchange information, and discuss the latest advancements on the biology and management of viruses, viroids and phytoplasmas, and the diseases they cause.

Photo: Back: Prof. Johan Burger, Prof. Marc Fuchs (UC Davis – new president), Prof. Gerhard Pietersen, Prof. Hano Maree, Prof. Giovanni Martelli (retired researcher, Italy and previous president), Ilani Mostert
Front: Dr Kerstin Krüger, Dr. Rachel Bester and Roleen Carstens (SAPO)



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