



FRUIT FLASH

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VIA THE GRAPEVINE

SAPO was flooded with orders for new vines for the 2017 planting season. Selma Pete (a raisin-grape from Dried Fruit Technical Services) topped the list with 700 000 vines, and Culdevco's Joybells (a table-grape from the ARC) with 480 000 vines.



APPLE FIELD DAYS

Three different apple field days were held in Langkloof, Ceres and Prince Alfred Hamlet during April 2016 to showcase all the new apple varieties available from SAPO. These apples were also showcased on 13 May 2016 at the usual fruit exhibition.



CIOPORA BREEDS KNOWLEDGE

Burgert van Dyk, CIOPORA's technical fruit expert, attended the annual CIOPORA meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, during April. At this meeting, work-group sessions were held on biotechnology, essentially derived varieties (EDV) and patents. Intellectual property matters discussed included infringements of Intellectual Property Rights, the latest developments in Trademark Law, biodiversity and the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

CIOPORA is an international association of plant breeders, whose top priority is the constant development of systems of protection – which international and single state organisation have provided for the protection of the intellectual property concerning ornamental and fruit plants.





NEW ROYAL APRICOT ORCHARD

In co-operation with the Stone Fruit Producers Association, Dried Fruit Technical Services and Canning Fruit Producers Association, a new Royal Apricot orchard was established in Prins Albert, on Mr Samie Luttig's farm. SAPO will utilise the seedlings for propagation of trees for the fruit industries and Mr Luttig will produce dried fruit.



HIGHER HONOURS

Armand van Niekerk was appointed as Administration Officer at SAPO in 2013. He obtained his B Comm (Financial Risk Management) degree during 2015 through UNISA and graduates on 14 June this year. SAPO congratulates him on this achievement and subsequently promoted Armand to Quality Manager.



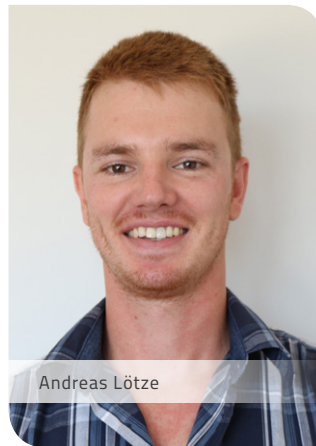
NEW APPOINTMENTS

ANDREAS LÖTZE

On 1 March, Andreas was appointed as Plant Improvement Technician. He obtained his National Diploma in Agriculture from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in 2014. His responsibilities fall within the Innovation and Support Services Business Unit, namely terrain, quarantine station and nuclear tunnels.

JESSICA ROCHEFORT

Jessica obtained her MSc in Plant Pathology (cum laude) from the University of Stellenbosch in 2015. She was appointed as Plant Pathologist in the Innovation and Support Services Business Unit.



Andreas Lötze



Jessica Rochefort



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