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FRESH FROM SAPO TRUST

Dear reader,

A most memorable day of celebrations marked SAPO Trust's 40th birthday, hosted at Blaauwklippen earlier this month. Thank you to all our distinguished guests for attending the special occasion, and to Thorp Paarl for sponsoring the event.

We are proud to announce that the construction of SAPO Trust's new offices commenced on 1 October.

Construction will be underway for approximately eight months, with the estimated completion date set for July 2015.

The annual ISO 9001:2008 audit was done during November, and it was recommended that SAPO Trust's ISO 9001:2008 certification continues for the forthcoming year.

SAPO Trust's laboratory was also granted continuous SANAS accreditation after a reinstated audit on the new premises in June. Our laboratory team will continue to uphold high standards and deliver quality results.

Enjoy reading more about what's fresh and exciting at SAPO Trust this month. Should you have any questions, or feedback, please send an email to info@saplant.co.za

To all our customers, business associates, partners, colleagues and employees: All of us at SAPO Trust wish you a joyous Festive Season and prosperous New Year.

Until next time,

Dr Philip Fourie
General Manager



HAVING A FIELD DAY

SAPO Trust organised two field days to promote its low chill varieties: one on 22 October at Overvaal near Rustenburg, and one on 5 November at Swartdam near Riebeeck-Kasteel. In total, the field days were supported by 42 delegates – 15 from the North Western Province and 27 from the Western Cape.



EXHIBITION AT INFRUITEC

The first fruit exhibition of the new season kicked off on 7 November, and was attended by 38 delegates. Exhibitions will continue in 2015, so be sure to contact Rudi from SAPO Trust if you would like to join the distribution list. Simply send an email to rudi@saplant.co.za to join, or for more information.



PICK OF THE MONTH



JAN WILSKUT

– SEPTEMBER –

Jan, who is also a supervisor at SAPO Trust, received the award for excelling in his newly appointed position as Irrigation Manager. Jan enjoys learning new things, and his three top role models are Adam Mouton, Nelson Mandela and Barack Obama. Living in Riviersonderend, Jan enjoys a good game of rugby, listening to music and having a braai with his family and friends over weekends. His favourite fruit are oranges, bananas and peaches.



SUPPORTING CANCA

SAPO Trust participated in Hortgro's annual golf day at Devon Valley Golf Estate. The team showed their support by dressing in pink, and they received quite a bit of attention for their brave efforts. FLTR: Armand van Niekerk, Daniell du Preez, Frederik Voigt and Divan Venter.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A delegation from the Taiwan Institute of Economic Research recently visited SAPO Trust to investigate possible collaboration with the Institute on licensing plant material of deciduous and sub-tropic fruit types. Meanwhile, SAPO Trust's Dr Fourie and Burgert van Dyk attended the 7th International Table Grape Symposium hosted in Mildura, Australia, in November. Many interesting topics were presented. These included, among others, discussions and presentations on the impact of climate change on key table grape regions around the world, Australian table grape breeding techniques, and how to address challenges in the global development of proprietary varieties through applied varietal research. For more information, please email SAPO Trust.



APRICOT OF OUR EYE

This month, all eyes are on cultivating Royal Apricots for the production of dried fruit and certified seeds in the Prins Albert region. Joint efforts are being invested by SAPO Trust, in cooperation with Dried Fruit Technical Services, the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Prins Albert Municipality and Montagu Dried Fruit.



MYRA MOUTON

– OCTOBER –

Myra stays in Riviersonderend. She is responsible for various administrative functions in the Nursery Division. Myra enjoys her work immensely, and she received the award for always going the extra mile. Myra looks up to Estelle Engelbrecht from Philani Training & Development Solutions. She looks up to her parents and husband, Adam Mouton, naming them as two of her top role models. Myra is a passionate individual and takes her contribution to SAPO Trust seriously. She draws great inspiration from people who rise above their circumstances. On the home front, she enjoys cooking, reading, entertaining friends and family, watching rugby and a little "me-time", when possible.

