



FRUIT FLASH

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FRESH FROM SAPO TRUST

Dear reader,

Winter is approaching, but at SAPO Trust we are not entering hibernation mode yet. Instead, our activities are ongoing and our endeavours fruitful.

In March, we welcomed Chris Krone (Dried Fruit Technical Services), Michelle Schwartz (National Agricultural Marketing Council) and fourteen emerging grapevine farmers from the Northern Cape to our premises in Stellenbosch. The visit included an overview of SAPO Trust, a tour of our laboratory and nucleus facilities, as well as a fruit tasting.

In April, CIOPOA appointed Burgert as Head Technical Fruit Expert, an accolade we can all be proud of (more below). Also in April, SAPO trustees and Producer Organisation chairmen

attended a strategic review that was facilitated by Hugh Campbell of Hortgro.

SAPO Trust's laboratory is embracing new PCR technology with the purchase of the Kingfisher Magnetic Particle Processor, which will provide highly accurate PCR test results for large-sample batches in a shorter period of time.

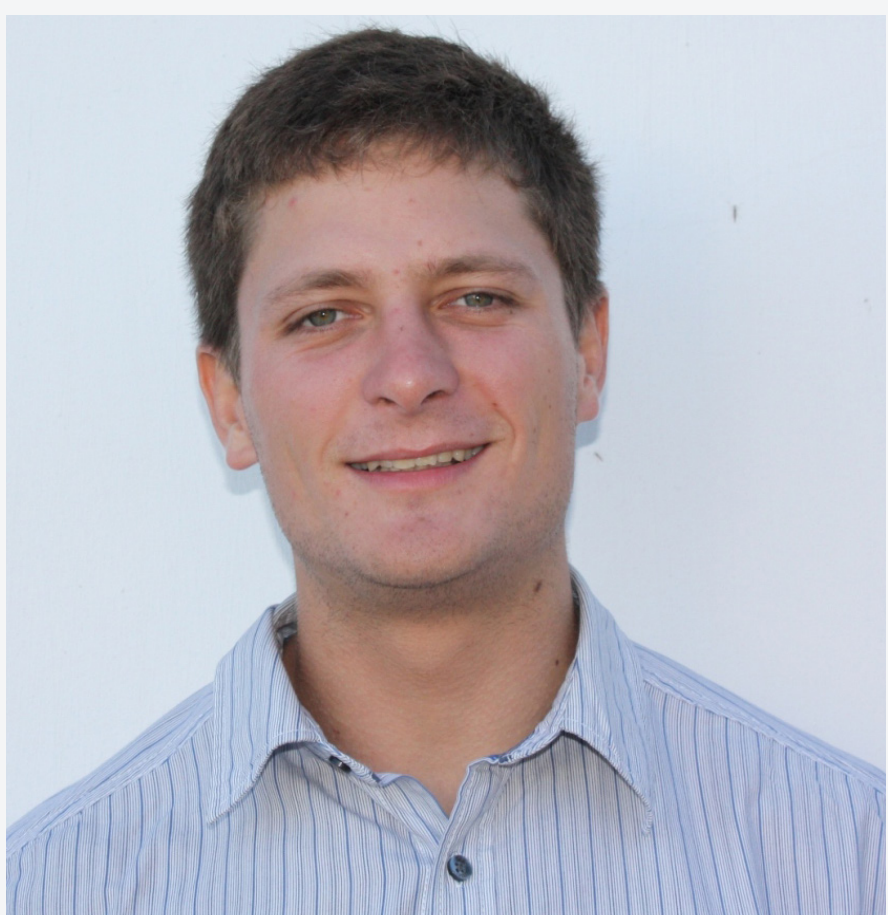
Enjoy reading more about what's fresh and exciting at SAPO Trust this month. Should you have any questions, or feedback, please send an email to info@saplant.co.za.

Until next time,

Dr Phillip Fourie
General Manager



WORKER BEES



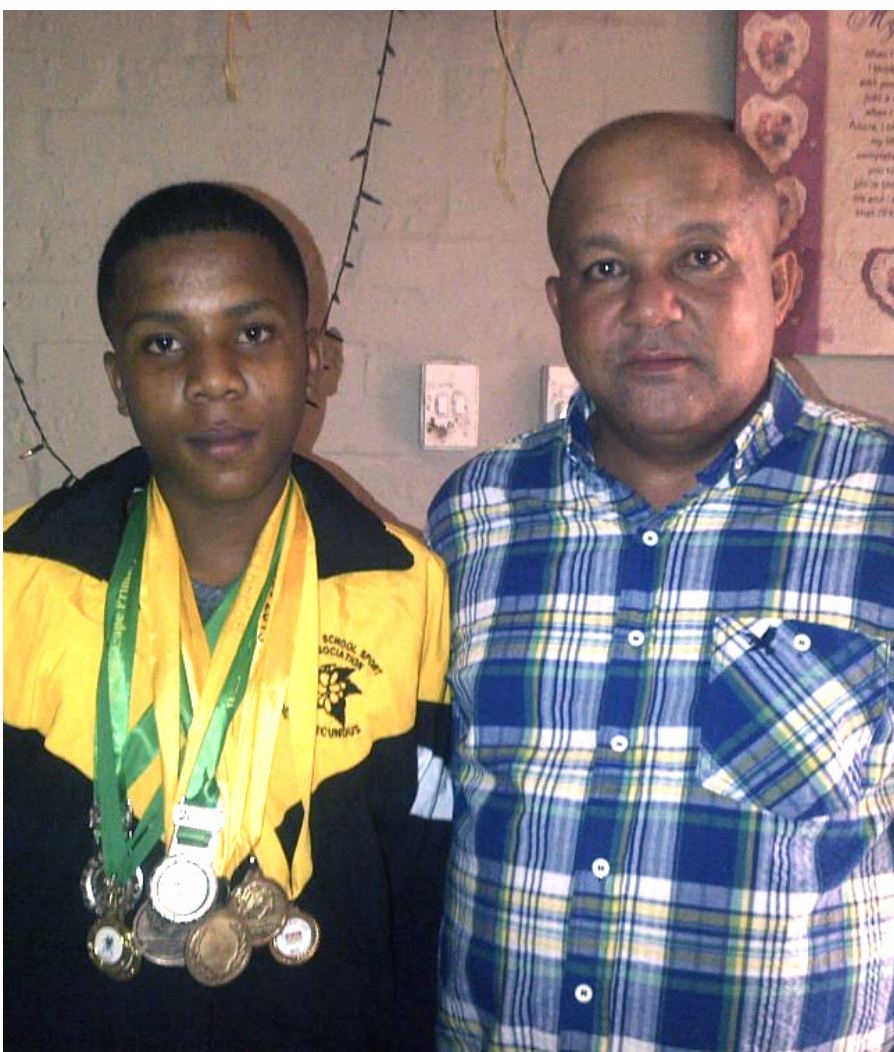
ARMAND VAN NIEKERK

Armand approaches each day with an optimistic, win-win outlook on life and work, choosing to take away the lesson in each day's experience. His approach is bearing fruit: Armand achieved great success with his development of a risk manifest for the SAPO Trust Audit Committee, development of a stock management system, and successful completion of the BB-BEE Audit. Armand looks to his father and mother, Anton and Naomi, and Shandor Cylvan as role models. His three favourite fruits are apples, mangoes and oranges.



APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM TREE

Ewert Okhys, Senior Grafter at SAPO Trust since 1994, is a proud father. His son, Sue-aynn Okhys, won 5 gold and 2 silver medals in the categories short distance and relay, Western Cape. He represented the Western Province Boys' under 12 at the National Athletics Championships on 19 March 2015 in Germiston, Gauteng.



APPLES AND PAIRS

Miss Emcee Gagiano obtained an MSc degree in Plant Pathology from the University of Stellenbosch. Congratulations!

Congratulations to SAPO Trust's Senior Laboratory Assistant, Miss Colette Williams, who recently became Mrs Fredericks.



ELSA MULLER

Elsa made a unique contribution to the sustained success of the Royal Beut apple. With SAPO Trust's new collection protocol and selection of buds netting ("ogies"), she contributed to the selection and establishment of a nucleus ("moederblok") of Royal Beut apples in 2012. Her parents and two grandfathers inspire her. Her love for agriculture was encouraged by Grandfather Phillip, while 97-year-old Grandfather Paul taught her to make her first cuttings ("steggies"). Her favourite fruits are white-flesh nectarines, yellow peaches and Granny Smith apples.



NEW OFFICES BEAR FRUIT

The due date for occupation is now 15 July 2015.



BURGERT VAN DYK

HEAD TECHNICAL FRUIT EXPERT

Burgert van Dyk attended the CIOPOA* annual general meeting in Hamburg, Germany in April 2015. At this event he was appointed as Head Technical Fruit Expert for the CIOPOA Fruit Section.

The Head Technical Fruit Expert will have the opportunity to gain deep insight into the discussions of all technical matters related to CIOPOA. Burgert will benefit from CIOPOA's large network and will have the opportunity to communicate with high-level decision makers regarding technical matters. He will also be rubbing shoulders with a group of like-minded people from around the world who are passionate about the technical side of IP protection for plants.

* International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Varieties



FRUIT FOR THOUGHT

SAPO Trust has a range of white flesh peaches and nectarines from early harvesting to late in the fruiting season, with excellent eating qualities. If you are a farmer, exporter or supermarket not wishing to lose out on these fine varieties SAPO Trust has on offer, contact rudi@saplant.co.za for more information



FRUIT TESTING

During October 2014 we tested our most important pome fruit varieties (scion and rootstock) in the nucleus block for four plant viruses, using the highly sensitive and accurate PCR method. SAPO Trust is excited to report that most varieties tested clean of all four viruses and this project will now be extended to the foundation blocks.

