

CGA GROUP

Grower Levies Working for You in April 2013

	<i>CBS remains the main focus of attention. During April I met with growers in some areas who were briefed on the situation and process going forward. Trade Lawyers were engaged to explore a possible WTO Dispute case. CGA briefed DG and senior staff of DTI, and together with DG and senior DAFF staff, drafted a briefing paper and action plan for Minister DAFF. Attended meeting of CBS Disaster Management Committee.</i> Justin Chadwick – Chief Executive Officer: justchad@iafrica.com	
	<i>April entailed development of procedures and commencement of the work to fully characterise the entire genomes of the Citrus tristeza virus (CTV) isolates currently being used in glasshouse trials. This work falls within the scope of the cross-protection of citrus against severe forms of CTV.</i> Glynnis Cook - Researcher and Project co-ordinator of Graft Transmissible Diseases: glynnis@cri.co.za	
	<i>I spent a large part of April, helping my students to progress with their research projects. We currently have almost a dozen post-grad students working on citrus entomology projects - most of them at Rhodes University.</i> Dr Sean Moore - Portfolio Manager: IPM: seanmoore@cri.co.za	
	<i>Over the last month I have been working on virus production trials. I am testing the suitability of 4th instar False Codling moth larvae as a heterologous host for CytoGV (Cydia pomonella granulovirus) production. I have also been involved in preliminary trials to establish a production protocol for PhoGV (potato tuber moth granulosus virus).</i> Craig Chambers – Research and Product Development Manager craig@riverbio.com	
	<i>In April we attended the PMA Career Fair at Stellenbosch University, and I started making arrangements for vacation work during the June/July holiday and for the Industry Exposure Programme, which this year will include sending students to the CRI Workshops and to two international citrus related conferences.</i> Candice Burgin – Bursary Fund Administrator Candice@citrusacademy.org.za	