

NEW CGA BOARD APPOINTMENT

The CGA said goodbye to **Flip Smit** at their Board Meeting on 26 September 2018. His resignation of the Board coincided with his 10 years' service. Flip was a very important figure on the Board, first as the Audit Committee Chairman and then overseeing the CGA Group's Finance and Risk Review Committee. His input of policies and financial expertise will be missed.

In Flip's place as Finance and Risk Review Committee Chairman, the CGA welcomed **Rajen Govender**, who initially joined the XSIT board in 2012, representing the Technology Innovation Agency and was later approached to serve as the Audit and Risk Committee Chair for the merged RBX Group.



New Chairman, Ben Vorster, presented Flip with a certificate of appreciation and a gift at the meeting.



More recently, Rajen (left) was requested to consider a position on the CGA Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director and to take over the Chair of the Finance and Risk Review Committee.

He is a qualified Chartered Accountant to whom entrepreneurship and self-empowerment comes naturally. He is a founding shareholder in an Insurance Underwriting Manager, Signage Manufacturer and Property Holdings Company. He is fully involved in each of these entities in an executive capacity.



RESEARCH FACILITIES RETURN TO THE INDUSTRY

In an exciting and somewhat emotional ceremony on Wednesday evening, 26 September, Capespan handed over the keys of the Nelspruit research facility and Uitenhage foundation block to the Citrus Growers' Association. CGA would like to thank Capespan for enabling the CGA to take ownership of these important industry assets, and to Tonie Fuchs, Angelo Peterson, Dawie Ferreira and Rowan Vickery for travelling from the "Republic" of the Western Cape to partake in the occasion.



In the 1970's the Solomon family donated the land on which the present Nelspruit facility stands and it was fitting that Marc Solomon represented the Solomon family and shared some historical perspective of those early days. Piet Smit (CRI Chairman) opened proceedings, with Justin Chadwick, CGA CEO receiving the purchase and sale agreement from Tonie Fuchs. Tim Grout and Paul Fourie gave some interesting information on the workings of the Nelspruit and Uitenhage facilities respectively and Vaughan expressed the importance of a permanent home for the CRI staff. Finally, Ben Vorster unveiled a plaque commemorating the occasion (see pic above).