

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (3/14)

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to their graves with their song unsung"* Henry Thoreau

PIETER NORTJE RE ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF CGA

At the CGA Board meeting on Tuesday Pieter Nortje (Director: Sundays River Valley) was re elected as Chairman of CGA. The Executive Committee remains unchanged with Piet Smit (Citrusdal) remaining as Vice Chairman and Graham Piner (Nelspruit), Ben Vorster (Letsitele) and George Hall (Boland) retained as members. Cornel van der Merwe (Onderberg) joins Peter Nicholson (Limpopo River) and Gabriele van Eeden (Western Cape) as CGA representatives at the Citrus Marketing Forum (CMF). CGA representation on the XSIT Board remains Piet Smit (Citrusdal); on the RB Board it remains George Hall and Paul Marais (Sundays River); and on the CGACC Board it remains Barend Vorster (Letsitele) and George Hall. There was a change in CGA representation on the Citrus Academy Board with Graham Piner replacing Israel Nemaorani (CGDC); joining Shane Dellis (Nkwalini), Phillip Dempsey (Patensie) and Hannes Hobbs (CGDC). Paul Hardman and Jock Danckwerts (East Cape Midlands) continue to represent CGA on the Citrus Improvement Scheme, Antoine Rouillard (Pongola) and Charles Rossouw (Senwes) continue as AgriSA representatives. On the Audit Committee Mike Woodburn (KZN Midlands) replaces Graham Piner, joining Flip Smit (Audit Committee Chairman) and Antoine Rouillard.

In 2013 CGA formed a CBS Committee and a FCM Committee. The CBS Committee has been enlarged with Jock Danckwerts, Cornel van der Merwe, Piet Smit and Peter Nicholson joining Pieter Nortje, Ben Vorster and Charles Rossouw. The FCM Committee sees Cornel van der Merwe replace Hoppie Nel, joining Pieter Nortje, Fanie Meyer, Piet Smit and Jock Danckwerts on the committee. **The Chairman thanked all these representatives for giving up their time and sharing their expertise for the benefit of all citrus growers in southern Africa.**

WORKSHOPS/ROADSHOWS/MEETINGS

As we head towards the 2014 harvesting season there is much planning to be done – and one cannot blame stakeholders in the citrus industry should they become confused as to what roadshows, workshops or meetings are taking place. February is particularly hectic with Post Harvest workshops (including the compulsory Packhouse training), XSIT Roadshows and CGA Grower Roadshows.

With the first post harvest workshops already done and dusted (in Limpopo and Mpumalanga), the CRI now moves to **KZN/Swaziland** – Blue Waters Hotel, Durban, 11 and 12 February; **Eastern Cape** – Summerstrand Hotel, PE, 13 and 14 February; and **Western Cape** – Protea Hotel, Stellenbosch, 18 and 19 February. Packhouses are reminded that DAFF are holding compulsory training on the afternoon of the second day of these workshops – and all packhouses packing for EU (outside the pest free areas) must have personnel attend the training as a condition for registration.

XSIT is then holding a series of meetings to discuss the expansion of the sterile insect technology to the northern areas. These meetings take place in **Senwes** – Raasblaar, Groblersdal, 10 February @ 15h00; **Burgersfort/Ohrigstad** – Buffelsvlei Gastehuis, 11 February @ 10h30; **Letsitele** – Constantia Boeresaal 11 February @ 16h00 ; and **Hoedspruit** – Hengelklub, 12 February @ 10h00.

In the last two weeks of February CGA holds the annual CGA Roadshows. **PAUL'S GROUP East Cape Midlands** (18 February; 14h00; Boardroom Kat River Citrus Company), **Sundays River** (19 February; 14h00; Lookout Lodge) and **Patensie** (20 February; 14h00; Patensie Sitrus Beperk), **Nelspruit** (25 February; 10h00; CRI Boardroom), **Onderberg** (25 February; 15h00 Malelane Citrus Coop Boardroom), **Swaziland** (26 February; 10h30 Tambuti Estates), **Pongola** (26 February; 14h00 Mvutshini Estates) and **Nkwalini** (27 February; 13h00 Farmers Hall).

JUSTIN'S GROUP Limpopo River (17 February; 16h00; Venue tbc), **Zimbabwe** (18 February; 10h00 Paul Bristow's farm), **Letsitele** (19 February; 10h00 The Junction), **Hoedspruit** (19 February 15h00; Hengelklub) and **Senwes** (20 February; 15h00; Raasblaar Game Lodge). **Boland** (25 February; 10h00, Infruitec, Stellenbosch), **Western Cape** (25 February; 16h00 Goedehoop Citrus Boardroom) and **Oranje Rivier** (26 February; 16h00 Lake Grappa). **KZN Midlands** will be visited on 4 March, 14h00, Victoria Country Club, Pietermaritzburg.

RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Growers are reminded that the **CBS RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** for 2014 is available on the password protected section of the CGA website www.cga.co.za . All those packing for the EU are reminded of the packaging requirements: **Only A15C supervents cartons, T64 cartons, open display cartons, IFCO plastic crates and bulk bins shall be used to pack export fruit.** Any fruit not in this packaging will not be permitted to be exported to the EU.

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