UIT DIE PEN VAN DIE CEO (06/16)

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"Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road" Jack Kerouac

HEFFING HERNUWING ROADSHOWS

Die heffing wat tans deur die CGA geadministreer word, eindig in Desember 2016. In terme van die Wet op Bemarking van Landbouprodukte moet die CGA by die Minister van Landbou aansoek doen vir 'n hernuwing van die heffing vir die periode 2017 tot 2020. Hierdie afgelope week het die CGA Raad 'n Strategiese beplanningsessie en 'n Raadsvergadering gehou en ooreengekom op die komponente van die nuwe heffingsaansoek; in voorbereiding vir die produsente roadshow vergadering wat in die volgende paar weke gaan plaasvind. By hierdie roadshows gaan produsente die geleentheid gegee word om te besin oor die beplande aktiwiteite van die CGA vir die volgende vier jaar en sal hulp moet verleen om die CGA te lei met die aansoek vir die hernuwing van die heffing. Dit is belangrik dat alle produsente hierdie vergaderings moet bywoon.

Ek sal die span lei wat by **Nkwalini** op Maandag 22 Februarie by die Nkwalini Farmers Hall van 14:00 tot 17:00 is. Hiervandaan gaan ons na **Swaziland** vir 'n 11:00 tot 14:00 vergadering op Dinsdag 23ste by Tambuti. Op Woensdagmiddag (14:00 tot 17:00) gaan ons in die **Nelspruit** streek by die CRI Raadsaal wees. Ons sal die week afsluit by Malelane (**Onderberg** streek) op Dinsdag 25ste vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00 by die Riverside Plaas se Raadsaal.

In dieselfde week sal Paul Hardman sy span lei na die **Boland** (Hortgro Raadsaal in Paarl) op Maandag 22ste Februarie vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00. Hiervandaan gaan hul na Citrusdal (**Wes-Kaap** streek) vir 'n vergadering by Piekenierskloof op Dinsdag 23ste vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00. Op Woensdag, die 24ste gaan hul in die **Oranjerivier streek** by Lake Grappa vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00 wees.

In die tweede week gaan my span in die **Oos-Kaap se Midlands** (Katrivier se Raadsaal) op Dinsdag 1 Maart vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00 wees; daarna gaan ons na die **Sondagsrivier** (Kirkwood Hoërskool Ondersteuningsklub) op Woensdag die 2de vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00; en ons maak klaar in **Patensie** (Ripple Hill Hotel) ook vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00 op Donderdag die 3de.

In daardie week gaan Paul se span in die **Limpoporivier/Zimbabwe** (Tshipise Forever Resort) vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00 op Maandag 29 Februarie wees; **Letsitele** (The Junction) op Dinsdag 1 Maart vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00; **Hoedspruit** op Woensdag die 2de (Hengelklub) vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00; voordat hul klaarmaak in **Senwes** (Max Mar Lodge) op Donderdag 3 Maart vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00. Die **KZN Midlands** se vergadering sal op 8 Maart wees vanaf 14:00 tot 17:00 by die Victoria Country Club.

Om uit te vind waar jou naaste plek is en om te RSVP vir spysenieringsdoeleindes kontak jou Streeksadministrateur of vir gloria@cga.co.za. As jy nie die vergadering in jou streek kan bywoon nie en jy wil graag meer uitvind omtrent die nuwe heffingsaansoek kan jy jou Streeks-direkteur of vir justchad@iafrica.com kontak.

DOEN ASSEBLIEF MOEITE OM BY TE WOON OM JOU VERENIGING OOR DIE VOLGENDE 4 JAAR TE LEI.

DOODSBERIG VAN IAN GILFILLAN (verskaf deur Tim Grout)

Ian M Gilfillan served the South African citrus industry with distinction for his whole career and as a plant physiologist solved many problems that were hampering exports. He joined the South African Cooperative Citrus Exchange as an extension officer in February 1959 with a BSc degree in soil science and chemistry from Natal University. Three years later he was sent to the University of California in Riverside to do his MSc in horticulture which he obtained in 1963, and he then continued his research there and obtained a PhD in March 1968. During this time his South African citrus plant pathologist colleague Toit Pelser was also doing his PhD at Riverside and it was also at this time that he met his wife Di. After returning to South Africa, Ian was based in Nelspruit at the Outspan Citrus Centre and tackled a broad range of physiological problems that included granulation, acid reduction in Valencias, improving colour of early mandarins and navel oranges, reducing oleocellosis and improving fruit size. However, the research that he is most well-known for is that involving the plant growth regulator gibberellic acid. With this chemical he found he could extend the grapefruit season and reduce the incidence of rind creasing. In January 1987, Ian was transferred to Port Elizabeth to manage citrus research in the Cape Province and join the entomologist Tim Grout and other SACCE staff at the Bird Street office. At this time most citrus in the Sundays River Valley was Palmer navel orange on Troyer Citrange rootstock which was very susceptible to creasing. Ian fine-tuned his gibberellic acid recommendations to what is still in use today and provided a solution to a narrow picking window by delaying harvest and reducing creasing losses. His research on gibb is still being cited in publications today, 30 years later, so his legacy lives on.

As jy hierdie doodsberig lees besef jy hoe belangrik elke individu is vir die sterkte van suider-Afrika se sitrusbesdryf. Die kombinasie van kundigheid, navorsing en "know how" van elke individu gee aanleiding tot 'n sterk en robuuste bedryf as 'n geheel. Al die individue het verskillende sterkpunte; wanneer dit gekombineer word lei dit tot 'n volhoubare en kompeterende bedryf. Ek wil vir Ian en almal betrokke in die bedryf wat verseker dat suider-Afrika se sitrusbedryf dinamies bly deur middel van hul navorsing en ontwikkeling van nuwe tegnologie, bedank.

SUIDER-AFRIKA SE SITRUSPRODUSENTE BEFONDS HUL TOEKOMS DEUR MIDDEL VAN DIE CGA GROEP (CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, XSIT, CGACC, CGA GROWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND CITRUS ACADEMY)

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