

Bio-Blog

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Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Note from the Managing Director

Production of moths begins again this week in Citrusdal. Releases only start early September but with the 4 week life cycle of the moths we need to start production even before all contracts with producers are signed for the new season. Support for the programme is encouraging, especially in these tough times, and in certain areas we have producers joining SIT for the first time.

At River Bioscience the registration of CryptoMax is an event we have waited a long time for and it is awesome to give more options and flexibility to producers with our fantastic virus products.



International Collaboration Tour

A critical contributor to the growth of our companies over the years has been the collaboration with like-minded and synergistic companies around the world. This is to ensure we can have access to and offer our producers awesome products that fit into a sustainable and holistic integrated pest management programme. At the same time we also look outside of South Africa for markets where our patented and world-class virus products, among others, are much needed.

Unfortunately, the COVID19 travel and interaction restrictions over the last two years significantly curtailed our ability to travel and interact one-on-one with our business partners. With so many development projects and new business opportunities being explored this reduction of workshop time just could not be replaced completely by on-line interactions and a number of our projects have been delayed as a result.

In early July Rob, our Managing Director, and Sean, our Chief Commercial Officer, embarked on an extensive trip around Europe and the USA to look at progressing our current projects and exploring options for new ones. Dr Andre Schreuder, one

of our non-executive directors, also joined the group for part of this trip.



Rob and Sean with Azenor, CEO of ISCA, California USA, and Charlene their Key Account Manager

We are happy to report that the meetings went very well and key projects to drive both our South African and international business were scoped, and actions agreed.

CRYPTOMAX™

Getting you out of sticky situations...

False codling moth (FCM) continues to be a phytosanitary risk for many export markets. River Bioscience is committed to assisting the growers with FCM management on various levels and is proud to announce the official launch of our CryptoMax product – an insect pathogenic virus formulation that targets and kills FCM larvae before they infest fruit. CryptoMax maintains a high level of efficacy without the addition of molasses as a feeding stimulant. This improves the ease of use of our virus for citrus growers.

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August Birthdays

Malizca Abrahams, Cheslin Aford, Welton Basson, Tristan Comley, Cornelius Damon, Edwald Dirks, Jan Dirks, Getruida Engelbrecht, Frederick Lionel Fortuin, Kenneth Gamble, Zoleka Marwanqana, Gurmour Pedro, Bronwill Pieters, Marco Saayman, Franco September

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