

Note from the Managing Director

Although we work mostly in a commercial environment, it was great to see the number of research projects reported at the CRI symposium that were supported by products, materials, insects, or inputs from River Bioscience and XSIT. The work of research in sustainable crop protection is never done, and the more we work with and support each other across the CGA entities, the better our chances of building the crop protection programs we'll need in the future.

*Cheers,
Rob*

River Bioscience at the 13th CRI Citrus Research Symposium: Connecting Research with Grower Needs

The 13th CRI Citrus Research Symposium provided an important opportunity for the RBX team to engage with the research, people and challenges shaping the future of the citrus industry.

Held in the Drakensberg, the symposium brought together researchers, growers, consultants, technical experts and industry partners, creating a valuable platform for sharing the latest research and discussing how scientific developments can translate into practical solutions in the orchard.

For us, one of the most valuable aspects of the symposium was the opportunity to have strategic conversations with growers and industry partners. Discussions at our interactive exhibition stand went beyond our products, with growers sharing their experiences, pest management challenges and the pressures they are facing in an increasingly complex production environment.

These conversations are important to us. Understanding the challenges growers experience in the field helps us ensure that our solutions remain relevant, practical and aligned with the needs of sustainable citrus production. It also provides valuable insight into where further innovation, research and collaboration may be needed.

The extensive research programme was a key highlight of the symposium. Presentations covered a broad range of topics relevant to citrus production, providing insight into emerging challenges, new management approaches and ongoing research across the industry.

For River Bioscience, staying close to this research is essential. As a business focused on biological crop protection and integrated pest management, scientific research provides the foundation for understanding pest biology, evaluating control strategies and developing solutions that can be incorporated into effective orchard management programmes.

The symposium also reinforced the importance of collaboration between researchers, growers and industry. Research has the greatest impact when it addresses real-world production challenges and when the findings can ultimately be translated into practical, economically viable solutions for growers.

Our team made the most of the opportunity to engage with researchers and industry specialists, ask questions, exchange perspectives and identify areas where River Bioscience can contribute to the continued development of sustainable crop protection in citrus.

While our sponsorship included an interactive exhibition stand, the Symposium Golf Day and the River Bioscience Happy Hour, these activities were ultimately part of a much bigger objective: being present, listening to the industry and strengthening the relationships that enable meaningful collaboration.



The 13th CRI Symposium reminded us that innovation does not happen in isolation. It is built through research, collaboration and ongoing conversations with the people working in the industry every day.

For the RBX Group, those conversations will continue long after the symposium has ended.

September Birthdays

Bronwin Fransman, Elton Stalmeester, Saul Titus, Marlin Brink, Lionel Fransman, Cuman Oostendorff, Khomotso Mothibi, Daniel Tooley, Mandla Dilima, Rustum Jansen, Nombulelo Polisa, Siyavuya Maxobongo, Elrico Jafta, Shaynita Olifant, Olwethu Tsewu, Samantha Huggo, Sandhya Ramsern, John Opoku-Debrah, Zonia Fortuin

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