



# FRUIT FLASH

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## FRESH FROM SAPO TRUST BOARD

Dear reader,

At our September SAPO Trust meeting, Anton Rabe, Wiehan Victor and Paul Roos regretfully resigned as SAPO Trustees. We wish them all the best with their future endeavours. With an eye to the future, we are pleased to welcome Muller Oosthuizen, a producer from Modimolle, as the new SASPA representative.

Dr Fourie and Peter Dall were re-elected.

SAPO Trust is currently in the process of moving their apricot and plum foundation activities from Riviersonderend to the Montagu area. This is a big step forward for the company, and we will be updating you with new developments as the project gains momentum.

Backed by the stone fruit industry, SAPO Trust also established a brand new Royal Apricot orchard in

Prins Albert for the production and collection of seeds for rootstocks.

Enjoy reading more about what's fresh and exciting at SAPO Trust this month. Should you have any questions, or feedback, please send an email to [info@saplant.co.za](mailto:info@saplant.co.za)

Until next time,

**Dr Phillip Fourie**  
General Manager

## LONG-SERVICE AWARD

Daniël Lekeba completed 25 years of uninterrupted service at SAPO Trust. He joins the group of Koos Andreas, Johan Laubscher, Paul Stemmet, Adam Mouton and Ernest Oekhuys, who each received a golden watch in appreciation for the many years of loyal service to SAPO Trust.



## VIRUS-FREE TABLE GRAPE MATERIAL

The following virus-free table grape varieties are available at SAPO Trust:

- Redglobe
- Flame Seedless
- Sultanina (H4 & H5)
- Crimson Seedless
- Dauphine



## PICK OF THE MONTH



**TIPPIÉ (ISMAEL) MALGAS**

– SEPTEMBER

Tippie received the award for always going the extra mile to get the job done. He is held in high esteem by his colleagues, who consider him highly dependable and competent. Tippie is a senior farmworker at SAPO Trust and assists with the budding process at SAPO Trust, and presents demonstrations on a regular basis. When asked if he finds his job stimulating, he replied that he enjoys working with his hands. He is an extremely well-balanced individual. He looks up to his mother and siblings as role models. Tippie stays in Koelenhof, just outside Stellenbosch, where he has the good fortune to be surrounded by a patchwork of picturesque landscapes. On Saturdays, he enjoys watching the rugby, and on Sundays he is a pastor at his church.

## EUROPEAN RESEARCH TOUR

SAPO Trust's Business Unit Manager, Frederik Voigt, recently returned from a visit to Italy and the Netherlands. At the Laimburg Institute in Italy, he learnt more about new certification, plant improvement and multiplication systems used. The research tour to Europe included a visit to two budwood companies, where practical information regarding the selection of unstable apple varieties and budwood operations was obtained. Frederik also paid a visit to the Vermeerderingstuinen in the Netherlands. There he gained new insights and understanding on their plant improvement systems regarding foundation plant material – especially pertaining to the multiplication processes of unstable varieties and pome fruit rootstocks.



**PATRICK DAZANA**

– AUGUST

Patrick stays in Kraaifontein. He is a tractor driver and the worker responsible for the neatness of the premises at SAPO Trust. He received the award for single-handedly trimming the Beefwood trees surrounding the SAPO Trust grounds. His fellow workers consider him attentive and caring – someone you can always rely on, and who is pleasant to be around. When asked who his role models were, Patrick singled out his parents and Dr Fourie. He is passionate about music and dancing; something he always keenly partakes in when he gets a chance to do so. His favourite fruit are apples, pears and prunes. Whenever there is some free time available, Patrick enjoys quality time with friends and family.

## FRUIT VARIETY FIELD DAYS

Rudi Vos will be presenting two showcases of new Florida, USA and Mexico varieties to producers. The events will take place on two dates: 22 October (Rustenburg) and 12 November (Riebeek-Kasteel).



## NEW APPLE TEST SITES

Two new apple varieties, Maribelle (Lola®) and Annabel, from the Netherlands were recently planted at six different test sites for the industry. Lola® especially, will be interesting to test in South Africa. Its attractive appearance, special flavour and good shelf life are all reasons why it is currently preferred by supermarkets in the Netherlands, Germany, England and Hong Kong.

