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News In Brief

New Citrogold Chairman

Citrogold is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr Viresh Ramburan** as chairman of the Board.

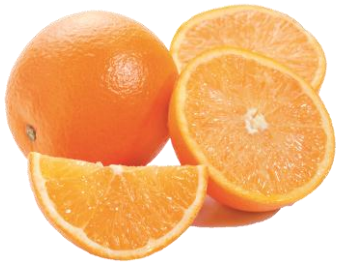
Viresh has an MBA degree, a very good grounding in plant genetics and extensive experience in the management of Intellectual Property. He has been involved in the Biogold Group for the past 3 years.

New Capacity In The Team

Deidre Hampshire heads up the Citrogold legal department. Deidre recently returned to South Africa from London where she attended to worldwide trade mark portfolio management including applications, registrations and renewals for numerous multi-national companies. Deidre is highly skilled and competent in dealing with all trade mark matters as well as document management and since her time at Citrogold has significantly increased her knowledge of PBR legislation in various territories.

Witkrans Nawel - *Verbeterde alternatief vir laat nawel seleksies*

Johann Chris Grobler (JC) is nie net die eienaar van die Witkrans Nawel maar ook 'n bekende karakter agter die Witkrans Kwekery. Die Witkrans is oorspronklik deur JC se vader ontdek as vermoedelik 'n mutasie van Palmer nawel en hy het 'n boord gevestig om die materiaal te toets en te vermeerder. JC het later jare self seleksies gemaak uit die boord wat verbeterde eienskappe getoon het as ander bome. Seleksie E11 is geregistreer en goedgekeur in 2005 as Witkrans. Witkrans is 'n besondere laat nawel met goeie uniforme ronde vruggroote, uitstekende vrug kleur en volhoubare oeslading. 'n Ander kenmerkende eienskap is die goeie vruggrootte verspreiding van die Witkrans nawel in vergelyking met ander laat nawel seleksies. Verdere uitstaande eienskappe is die uitstekende interne vruggehalte en kenmerkende gladde skil. Die varieteit word in laat Julie, vroeg Augustus ryp in die Oos Kaap.



Die varieteit se kommersiële produksie was terug gehou deur die gebrek aan skoon plantmateriaal tot op hede. Skoon plantmateriaal is nou beskikbaar vanaf die Sitrusgrondvesblok (SGB). Die vermeedering van die plantmateriaal by die SGB sal die beskikbaarheid van plantmateriaal nog vertraag maar kwekerye en boere word aangemoedig om hulle bestellings vroegtydig te plaas.

Vir meer inligting besoek ons webblad: http://www.citrogold.co.za/Citrogold%20-%20Witkrans%20navel.pdf

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B17 Mandarin

The first B17 fruit on the parent trees at the CFB is expected during the winter of 2012. The first budwood of the GFMS 12 pre-immunisation strain was released to nurseries this month.

Ester Granadilla

Citrogold has initiated the process of producing the first virus free Passiflora plant material available to farmers in South Africa. The Ester plant material which is a protected variety, has tested free of viruses.

The first plant material was submitted to the ARC in 2008. The first virus free material has been included in comparative production trials in various locations throughout South Africa.

Passionfruit flower

M7 Navel Field Days

Greg Chislett and his wife Sue visited South Africa in November 2011. Greg is the owner of the M7 early navel and the later maturing Chislett summer hanging navel. (*June 2010 Newsletter*)

M7 field days were held in Groblersdal, Citrusdal & in Sundays River Valley which were well attended.
The Chislett's were satisfied with the performance of the M7 in various trial sites that were visited. Greg Chislett was also satisfied that the South African M7 source was true–to–type and performing well compared to the original plant material in Australia.

Smith Pomegranate –

Californian growers confirm excellent performance

Pomegranate growers from various countries including South Africa, participated in a tour and field day in California in September 2011.

The Smith pomegranate is a protected early maturing variety that originated from the USA. It is performing well in California.

3 year old Smith pomegranate trees in Visalia, California, USA

The Smith is soft seeded, ripens earlier than any other commercially grown variety and produces full red fruit with excellent fruit size. The variety is currently being trialed in South Africa and is showing promising signs of performing as well in South Africa as California.

For more information, please visit our website:
http://www.citrogold.co.za/Citrogold%20Smith%20Pomegranate%20.pdf

Grower Tour to Israel –

February 2012

Citrogold is planning a grower tour to Israel from the 1st until the 7th of February 2012 with limited spaces available. All costs to be covered by each party that attends the trip – travel, accommodation, meals & any other out of pocket expenses etc.

The main focus of the tour will be mandarins with a better overview of the Israeli Citrus Industry, their new variety program and associated variety cultural practises. An Australian Citrus Grower group organised by Variety Access will also be joining us for this Israel citrus tour.

Some of us will be attending Fruit Logistica after the Israeli visit which is held in Berlin from the 8th to the 10th February 2012.

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