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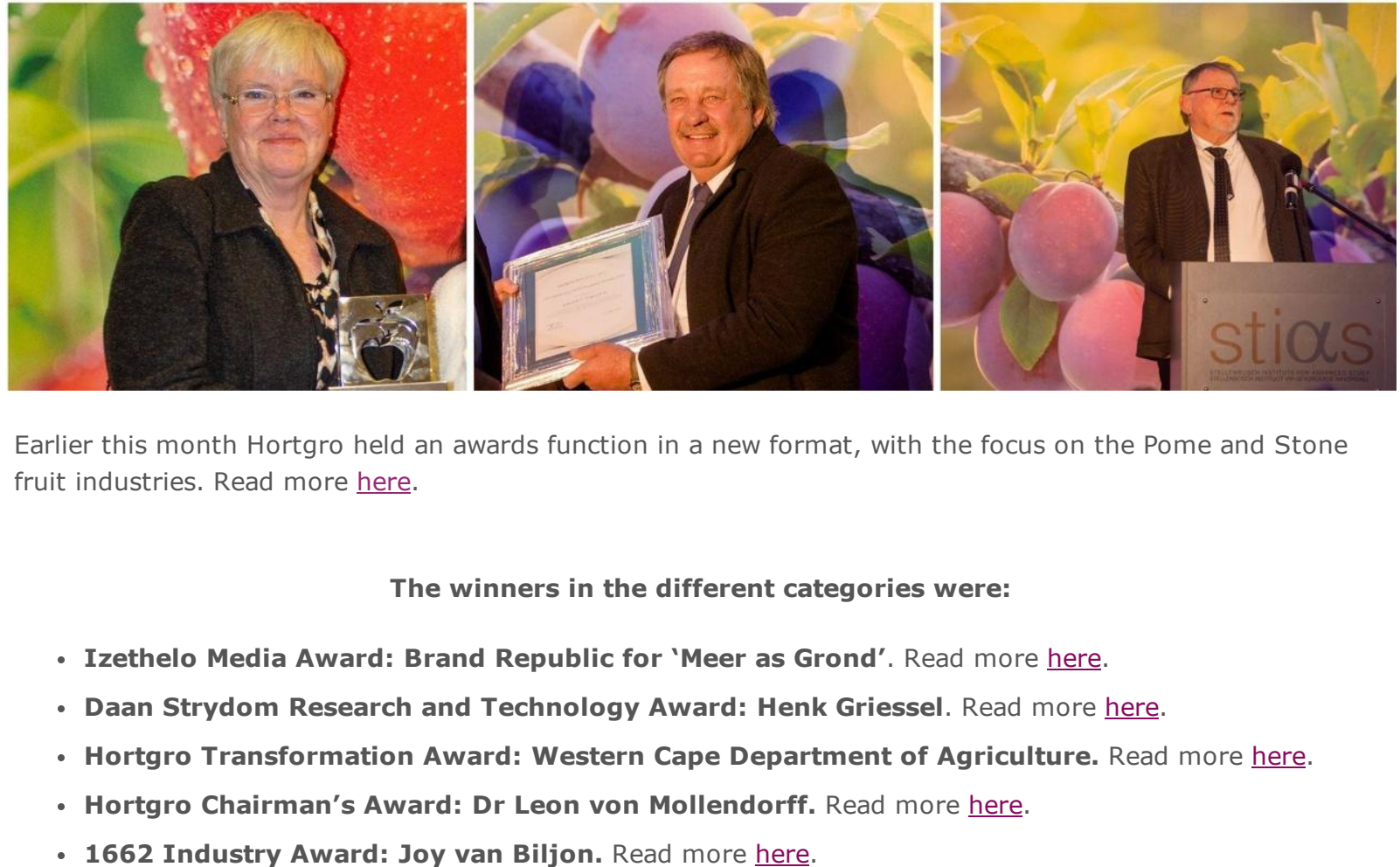
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Kernvrugbedryf beleef stormagtige seisoen

Wydverspreide hael het beduidende verlies veroorsaak maar goeie reëns en koue bring gunstige vooruitsigte vir die komende seisoen. Lees meer [hier](#).

Hortgro Awards 2023



Earlier this month Hortgro held an awards function in a new format, with the focus on the Pome and Stone fruit industries. Read more [here](#).

The winners in the different categories were:

- **Izethelo Media Award: Brand Republic for 'Meer as Grond'.** Read more [here](#).
- **Daan Strydom Research and Technology Award: Henk Griessel.** Read more [here](#).
- **Hortgro Transformation Award: Western Cape Department of Agriculture.** Read more [here](#).
- **Hortgro Chairman's Award: Dr Leon von Mollendorff.** Read more [here](#).
- **1662 Industry Award: Joy van Biljon.** Read more [here](#).
- **OSH Reinecke Frontrunner Award 2022: Grant Smuts.** Read more [here](#).
- **OSH Reinecke Frontrunner Award 2023: Kobus Eigelaar.** Read more [here](#).

Wes-Kaap Jongboer van die Jaar

Rietfontein in die Koue Bokkeveld se Christi van den Heever, is op 14 Junie 2023 aangewys as die Agri Wes-Kaap en Santam Jongboer van die Jaar. Lees meer [hier](#).

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Koos Lötter se boek postuum bekend gestel

Die legendariese hortoloog Koos Lötter se boek: *Die beginsels van wondgenesing en oorwerk van vrugtebome* is tydens die Hortgro Toekennings 2023 bekend gestel. Lees meer [hier](#).

Pictured here: Dr Ilse Trautmann hands over the book to Nicholas Dicey.

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RESEARCH SHOWCASE & POSTHARVEST SYMPOSIUM

To present years of work in five minutes is a big challenge for anyone. Yet, that is precisely what Hortgro Science asked researchers to do at this year's Research Showcase. Read more [here](#).

In case you missed our Research Showcase and Postharvest Symposium, not to worry we've got you covered. The presentations from the events were recorded and those approved by the presenters have been made available for viewing on the [Hortgro Youtube](#) page. Additionally, the [Fresh Quarterly](#) has also published a special edition [Research Showcase issue](#), featuring selected Hortgro funded research.

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POSTHARVEST SYMPOSIUM

2023

Intended phase-out of active ingredients and products classified as CMR categories 1A and 1B

On 14 April 2022 the Registrar of Act No. 36 of 1947 published a letter informing agricultural remedy registration holders in South Africa of his intention to prohibit the use of agricultural remedies (products) that contain one or more active ingredients or co-formulants considered to be classified as category 1A or 1B carcinogenic, mutagenic, or reproductive toxic substances (CMR), according to the GHS classification system from 1 June 2024. Read more [here](#).

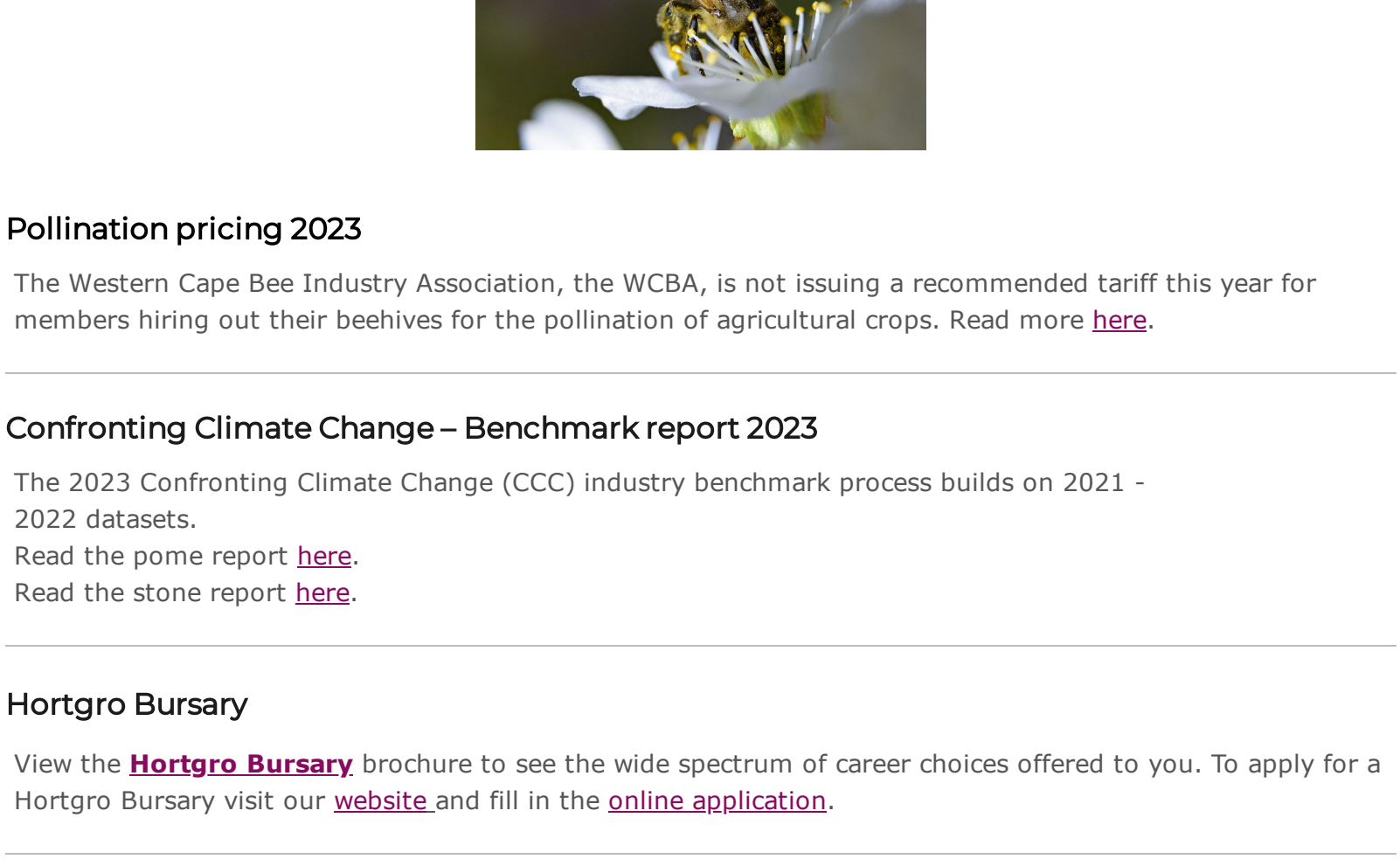
African voice needed to negotiate European Green Deal

In May, CropLife South Africa and CropLife Africa and Middle East, hosted several workshops where they called on South African agriculture to work together with their counterparts in other African countries to create an "African voice" in response to the European Union's Green Deal. Read more [here](#).

New Roots | Volume II

This issue encourages nurturing of the new roots (and routes) to build sustainable growth. Read the new volume [here](#).

WATCH: Hortgro Awards



Pollination pricing 2023

The Western Cape Bee Industry Association, the WCBA, is not issuing a recommended tariff this year for members hiring out their beehives for the pollination of agricultural crops. Read more [here](#).

Confronting Climate Change – Benchmark report 2023

The 2023 Confronting Climate Change (CCC) industry benchmark process builds on 2021 - 2022 datasets. Read the pome report [here](#). Read the stone report [here](#).

Hortgro Bursary

View the [Hortgro Bursary](#) brochure to see the wide spectrum of career choices offered to you. To apply for a Hortgro Bursary visit our [website](#) and fill in the [online application](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Prophyta Short Course with its focus on pome and stone production, is presenting its annual 6-day short course in August 2023. More information [here](#). Direct enquiries to Anine Cook at info@prophyta.co.za.

Western Cape Prestige Agri Awards 2023 (regional competitions)

Provar: Industry New Cultivar Information Day, Slaghoek Mountain Resort, Rawsonville. For more information contact events@provar.co.za

[Stone fruit postharvest app](#).

E-mail info@hortgro.co.za for more information.

→ **HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS**

[Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics](#)

Hortgro Stone: [July Timely Hints/Julie Tydige Wenke](#)

Fresh Notes: [205 PAG Feedback March 2023](#)

Fruit South Africa [Transformation Summary](#)

New Roots: [Volume 2 | April 2023](#)

Hortgro News: [All previous issues](#).

→ **HORTGRO YOUTUBE**

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PLUS: 36 Boordopleiding video's nou beskikbaar in [AFRIKAANS](#), [XHOSA](#) en [ENGELS](#)

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Aanpas en Beplan

Na die buitengewone reën, hael en gevolglike vloede en oes-skade einde 2022, en pas weer die laaste paar weke in die Wes-Kaap, is die kwessie van klimaatsverandering en uitskieter weer-patrone sigbaarder as ooit.

Bogenoemde opskrif sien ek onlangs in 'n Landbou Weekblad-artikel m.b.t. klimaatsverandering en stappe wat gedoen moet en kan word om pro-aktief en volhoubaar aan te pas by 'n veranderende omgewing. Stappe wat op beide privaat/kommersiële vlak en owerheidsvlak lê.

Hierdie aspek het ook sterk uitgekóm in Hortgro se Visie van die Toekoms (Vision of the Future) proses wat verlede jaar met insette van 'n wye spektrum van bedryfsverteenwoordigers ontwikkel is, o.a. om die relevansie en impak van bedryfsdienste en -funksies met behoeftes en prioriteite te bely. Dit het nou tot 'n nuwe program binne die Hortgro Pome/Stone strategiese raamwerk gelei – Resource Management and Sustainability.

This programme will be jointly managed by Wiehann Steyn and Mariette Kotze given the technical/science and economic dimensions linked to this issue. A project to develop a climate change response strategy for the industry has also just been concluded. Seven broad recommendations are made with envisaged outcomes on farm level, processing and storage facilities, and for the export business.

The objective is to enable access to existing and new natural resources and infrastructure, the sustainable management thereof, and to mitigate associated risks that will enable pome and stone fruit producers to remain competitive, profitable, and sustainable as encapsulated in the "people, planet, purpose, and profits" continuum as part of the growing ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) debate.

A strategic water resource plan, including ground water, filtered down to each production region, and related research and promotion of water and energy saving technology to ensure environmental sustainability, are contemplated. Hortgro will collaborate where possible with like-minded institutions and lobby for critical water and related enabling infrastructure and assist water user associations to devise strategies to mitigate risks associated with climate change and extreme weather events.

Promotion and advancement of efficiency and productivity gains throughout the value chain to counter the cost squeeze brought on by unsustainable increases in input costs, and quantified impact of climate change (drought/floods etc.) and risks on the industry will conclude this programme in order to inform and lobby support and to influence decision making by both producers and Government.

Dus, soos ons in Afrikaans sê, 'n spreekwoordelike bekvol, maar absoluut noodsaaklik om ons bedryf voor te berei vir die vele uitdagings wat op die terrein voorlê. Uitdagings wat waarskynlik grootliks deur onself in die afwesigheid van 'n effektiewe staat hanteer sal moet word!

Tot volgende keer,
Anton

*A sustainable business is resource efficient, respects the environment and is a good neighbour – **Phil Harding***

*The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it – **Robert Swan***



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