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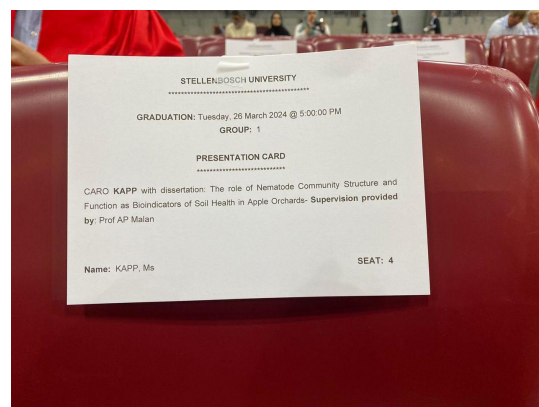
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Challenges ahead for “celebrity” Cape honeybee

The Cape honeybee might have global celebrity status in the insect world, but there are many challenges to secure the future of this “*famous bee variety*” and sustain its contribution as an apex pollinator in the Western Cape. Read more [here](#).

Caption: Dr Nanike Esterhuizen and Ansuli Theron presented Hortgro Science’s research projects at the *Big Buzz Honey Festival*.



10 years in the making: Caro Kapp’s PhD journey

she is a distinction candidate...she was set on an academic journey she never imagined. Read more [here](#).



Prospects for apple exports to Thailand moving forward

Sixteen years after Thailand banned the import of South African deciduous fruit, negotiations are in progress and moving in the right direction. Read more [here](#).

The movement of food; the logistic landscape and food security challenges

On 13 March, Hortgro attended the International Fresh Produce Association's (IFPA's) Fresh Solutions event to learn about the latest developments in the logistics landscape, how to plan for exports ahead of a bumper deciduous season, as well as challenges with food security. Read more [here](#).



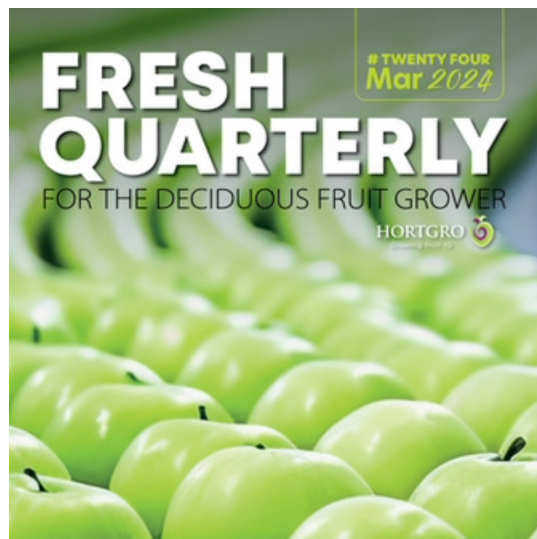
SIZA help opkomende produsente markgereed word

As jy Suid-Afrikaanse vrugte wil uitvoer, moet jy aan sekere vereistes voldoen. Of jy nou 'n mega-produsent, kleiner produsent of opkomende produsent is, die wetgewing en standaarde bly dieselfde. Lees meer [hier](#).

The process behind Provar’s fruit tastings

[Provar](#)’s well-known fruit tastings is a showcase of the latest cultivars and selections belonging to IP representatives and fruit breeders. They conduct stone and pome fruit tasting sessions for the industry to gain insights into how the different cultivars are rated by individuals. Read more [here](#).

Caption: Dr Tatenda Kawhena, Tristan Dorfling, Anika Kock



Fresh Quarterly Issue 24

We must close the gap between getting our fruit off the tree and into the consumer’s basket. Selling more cartons off each tree is one area where our industry still has an opportunity to increase profitability. This is why this issue focuses on postharvest — even though it might not be every grower’s favourite topic.

This month's issue of the Fresh Quarterly is all about preharvest and postharvest. Read it [here](#).



IZETHELO: HORTGRO MEDIA AWARD

Submit your deciduous fruit stories now and stand a chance to win. Entries close 31 March 2024. For more information on submissions and how to enter, visit [Hortgro Events website](#) or contact awards@hortgro.co.za



Hortgro Technical Symposium 2024 registrations are officially open! Find the preliminary programme and more information [here](#). Don't miss out. Register to secure your seat.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Troebe Tye

Ons wêreld is duidelik in 'n warboel, van klimaatsgedrewe gebeurtenisse tot van die afgryslikste goed wat wêreldwyd gebeur. *Homo sapiens* is skynbaar by uitstek bedraad om die onmenslikste goed aan sy eie spesie te doen. Aanslae en aanvalle op onskuldiges wat toevallig op die verkeerde tyd op die verkeerde plek is. Brutaal en bloedorstig. Oral oor – van die ooste tot die weste, en die suide tot die noorde. Niemand word ontsien of gespaar nie.

With 83 countries having national/presidential/regional elections globally during 2024, one can expect quite a disrupted and unstable globe given human behaviour and opportunism. In Africa alone there are 16 countries, including SA, with national elections. In the America's there are 14 including the USA with their 2 geriatric presidential candidates (don't they – and SA – have competent younger candidates?), in Asia 19 (even Russia and North Korea), in Europe a whopping 30, and in Oceania 4.

Hier te lande wil dit darem lyk of enkele korrupte kaders toenemend aan die pen begin ry, maar 'n aartsopportunist is steeds hartlik besig om sy bes te doen om ons regstelsel te misbruik om sy langverwagte dag in die hof te vermy. En hoewel dié *triek* naastenby hier by ons vervolmaak is, is kripvreTERS and korruptes nie 'n eksklusiewe SA ding nie. Mens bly duidelik mens!

What is very concerning though, is some horrific politically incited incidents and murders, especially in KZN and Mpumalanga, which in the run-up to the election can only get worse. Utter opportunism, entitlement, blaming, and finger pointing to score political points with blatant half-truths, inuendo's and outdated

rhetoric, will only become wilder and noisier as we get closer to the election. We must ignore the noise and drill down to the root cause of what is wrong and hold those accountable.

Selfs meer skokkend is berigte van 'n onskuldige kind en selfs toeriste wat ontvoer en vermoedelik vir moeties (muti) verkoop is. Afgrylik. En die smokkel van skaars plante en dele van diere in die naam van bygelowe en toordokters en voorvaders wat slaafs nagevolg word.

So, troubling and challenging times, but as expressed so many times before, WE – the collective US - the citizens of this great country and our civil society structures, need to continue to muster and oppose anything that threatens the fabric of our society.

Persoonlik het ek geen twyfel nie — dat die troebel tye waarin ons leef, tot 'n sterker, veerkragtiger, daadkragtiger en samehorige gemeenskap sal lei. Daar is soveel dinge wat ons deel en in gemeen het en oor saamstem. Kom ons bly daarop fokus en parkeer vir eers die goed waaroor ons verskil. Dit is in ons almal, ons kinders en kleinkinders se belang.

Tot volgende keer,
Anton

There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.

Margaret J. Wheatly

*I don't know how I'm going to win. I just know I'm not going to lose. **Anon***

Events 2024

18 April

3-6 June

Tissue Culture Facility Information Day. More information [here](#).

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