

NAME OF FIRM: OABS Development Pty Ltd
NAME OF STAFF: Michael Oosthuizen
PROFESSION: Technical and Varietal fruit consultant
DATE OF BIRTH: 29 February 1960
NATIONALITY: South African

QUALIFICATIONS

1984 National Diploma in Horticulture, Technikon Pretoria

EXPERIENCE

FFTRI/Infritec - Agriculture Research Council

(1980 – 1998)

Cultivar Manager Pome- and Stone Fruit and consultation on Stone Fruit Production in South Africa and Zimbabwe

DPSA (Direct Produce S.A.)

(1998 -2001)

With UK partners. Technical Director: Marketing Deciduous Fruit

DPS/IFM (Integrated Fruit Marketing) (2001-2004)

Consultancy in Zimbabwe, Namibia, Egypt and South Africa.

Private Consultant 2004-Stargrow and Fruits Unlimited and private growers.

Working with several BEE growers on technical assistance in South Africa for NAMC and Flemish Government.

Working closely with international fruit breeders in Israel, USA, Australia and Nieu Zealand. Specific relationships with Zaiger California and Fruits Unlimited (SA) on interspecific varieties.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Released 43 new Stone Fruit cultivars to the industry from 1988 - 1998

First in South Africa to find out that certain apricot varieties need cross pollinators-1994

First to initiate Industry research on Biological farming approach for Stone fruit in S.A.

CPA Industry Award 1996 for development of plum cultivars for the SA Plum Industry– a Team Award.

Langkloof Floating Trophy 1991 for best Agricultural Scientist – a Team Award.

Various publications in Deciduous Fruit Grower, (now SA Fruit Journal) Landbouweekblad,

Farmer's Weekly and Infruitec Info's since 1988.

Subjects: Production practices, Cultivar info Trademarks.

Radio talks: Several

Working with OABS for the last number of years.

SPECIAL COURSES UNDERTAKEN

Edward de Bono's Lateral Thinking: Washington D.C. 1988

Presentation Skills: Stellenbosch 1994

Xhosa Language: Stellenbosch 1998

Management Development Programme: Stellenbosch 1998

Biological Farming approach: Stellenbosch 2004