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Kim Stoltz

On 19 September 2005, Kim Stoltz was awarded her National Diploma in Horticulture. The requirements for this diploma seemed more labour intensive than most diplomas but Kim still passed third of her courses with distinction.

Although Kim spends most of her time working as an entomology technician she also assists in maintaining the library at CRI - Nelspruit and is currently working on her B. Tech.

MC Pretorius

MC Pretorius received his master's degree in Agricultural Science from the University of Stellenbosch on 13 December 2005.

He completed his thesis, "Epidemiology and Control of Pseudocercospora angolensis Fruit and Leaf Spot Disease on Citrus in Zimbabwe", under the guidance of Professor G Holz and Professor P W Crous.

MC is the project coordinator for soil-borne diseases on citrus. He is currently conducting a number of trials to evaluate the effectiveness of chemical, biological and alternative non-toxic products against the citrus nematode.

Other soil-borne diseases, which are also being investigated in collaboration with the diagnostic Centre, are for example, Phytophthora, Fusarium and Armillaria.

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