

News from the office

Since the last issue of the Leaflet some areas of the Eastern Cape have greened up and are looking good. It did not last long however in my part of the world as my grass is dead and things are getting critical again!

Kobus has completed his rounds of certification and many nurseries have paid and received their certificates. Nurseries please remember that if you pay within 30 days you are entitled to a 5% discount.

There has been a baby boom within SGASA. Congratulations to Andrew and Megan on the birth of Leah, Jacqui Wallis on the birth of Thomas and more recently Adrian and Kelly have welcomed Mark into their fold!

New members have joined the Seedling Growers Association; we welcomed Isolite in the last issue. Agri Challenge joined the association as a supplier member soon after them. Some grower nurseries have also become members and we welcome Braam Colyn and his team from Roodehoogte in the Western Cape and Cecil Nel from Old Bridge Agri in Musina. Cecil communicates to me exclusively in Afrikaans for which I am very grateful as it improves my Afrikaans. Living in the Eastern Cape I am teased constantly about my Natalian accent. "Welkom by die organisasie. Ons hoop dat ons 'n lang en wedersyds vrugbare vriendskap sal hê."

The 2011 symposium is to be held on 17th – 19th May 2011. It is to be held at The Farm Inn in Pretoria. There is a great line up of presenters. More details and booking forms will be sent to you shortly.