

## SIZA said goodbye to the current Chairman of the Board and welcomes Nicholas Dicey, the new elected chair

It is with a heavy heart that this week we bid farewell to Mr Nigel Mudge, the long-standing and first official Chairman of the SIZA Board of Directors. He served on the SIZA Board for 4 years, and has been instrumental in the establishment and growth of SIZA towards a stable and effective service entity. Nigel indicated that he wishes to retire, and we wish him a wonderful future with lots of time to enjoy with his family, friends and hobbies.

At the same time, we are extremely privileged to announce that Mr Nicholas Dicey has unanimously been elected as a successor to take over from Nigel Mudge. Nicholas is well equipped for the task and we are confident that he will be a more than capable successor to this key position.

Nicholas obtained a BCom degree from the University of Stellenbosch in 1992, after which he spent a year gaining practical farming knowledge on Elgin Orchards under the guidance of Keith Downes. He joined the fourth-generation family farming business in Wolseley in 1994 at La Plaisante Estate with his two brothers where they produce pears, plums, and canning peaches. Over the last two decades, due to the wealth of knowledge he obtained from traveling to and engaging with global trade, Nicholas has been an immeasurable asset to the various industry organisations and boards on which he has served and will continue to serve. His practical experience gained from farming on the family farm, which is over a century old, has also provided valuable insight to his endeavours.

Nicholas also represents South Africa on the World Apple and Pear Association (WAPA), and in 2019 he was elected as the president of WAPA.

Photo Caption: From left to right - Nigel Mudge (resigning chair) and Nicholas Dicey (new elected SIZA chair)

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