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Dr Grobler started his career as forest entomologist in the Department of Agriculture in 1949. During 1960 he spent a year on a post doctorate fellowship granted to him by the Canadian Research Council doing research on forest entomology at Sault Ste. Marie in Canada. From 1961 to 1963 he was appointed to the Locust Research Section and during this period he attended several meetings of the International Red Locust Control Services in countries like Zambia, Rhodesia and Tanganyika as scientific representative for the Department.

In 1963 he was appointed as deputy director of the Citrus and Subtropical Research Institute and the following year as director.

In 1965 he paid a visit to Malawi to advise the Malawian Government on the production of subtropical fruits.

In 1968 Dr Grobler attended the International Symposium on Citrus at Riverside, California. He still serves on the executive committee of the International Society of Citriculture which was then initiated.

As Director of the Citrus and Subtropical Fruit Research Institute he is responsible for all applied and basic research on all aspects of the citrus and subtropical fruit industry for all parts of the Republic of South Africa. This Institute played an important role in establishing an avocado industry in South Africa.

Dr Grobler has attended several conferences and has visited various countries in

connection with his research.

He attended the 4th International Citrus Conference which was held in Tokyo, Japan, as from the 7th November 1981 to the 15th November 1981. He also delivered papers on citrus entomology, and a key address on the Citrus Industry of South Africa.