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Albion Holds International Conference on Plant Nutrition

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During the week of January 22-25, 2008, Albion held its latest in a series of conferences on plant nutrition. This meeting provides an opportunity for agronomists and consultants to hear presentations on the latest research being conducted throughout the world using the Metalosate® products. It also provides a unique opportunity for interaction with other individuals working with various crops in different growing regions of the US as well as internationally.

The first speaker was Dr. H. DeWayne Ashmead who spoke about the history of Albion and what led up to the formation of the plant division.

The next presentation was given by Dr. Robert Jeppsen. He spoke in great detail about the *Differences in Organic Minerals and Advantages of Albion® Metalosate Metal Amino Acid Chelates in Foliar Absorption*. The presentation was very informative on a fairly high technical level regarding the advantages of using the Metalosate products.

Following Dr. Jeppsen, Dr. Gene Lester from the USDA-ARS in Weslaco, Texas, spoke about minerals and their role in plant-derived human-health vitamins. It was a great refresher course for many dealing with some of the specific details of photosynthesis.

The next speaker was Dr. John Jifon, from Texas A&M. John and Gene

Lester are colleagues and have collaborated on several research projects. John presented data dealing with potassium applications to muskmelons to evaluate fruit quality and phytochemical content.

The next speaker was Dr. Kathy Taylor from the University of Georgia in Byron, Georgia. She reported on some research that she has been doing looking at calcium applications on peaches to increase shelf life and fruit quality.



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After Kathy's presentation Dr. Eugeniusz Szwonek with the Research Institute of Pomology and Floriculture in Skierniewice, Poland, presented data from research he has been performing looking at the response of apple trees treated with Metalosate Calcium and Metalosate Potassium.

Following Dr. Szwonek, David Holden presented the results of some research that he conducted in California on strawberry production. The results of this trial were impressive, so look for

the write-up of this research in a future issue of this newsletter.

The next presentation was given by Mr. Angel Esnaola, General Manager for Tattersall Comercial S.A. Santiago, Chile. Tattersall is our distributor for all of Chile. Angel presented a summary of many of the field trials that have taken place in Chile as the Metalosate market is being developed. The research on blueberries in the December 2007 issue of this newsletter was one of the projects presented. I will cover several more of them as the year progresses.

Lindi Grobler, a sales manager for Ocean Agriculture, our distributor in South Africa, gave a very informative presentation on work she completed in Kenya using Metalosate Iron to reduce the quantity of Fe-DTPA fed through drip irrigation onto rose plants grown for cut flowers in greenhouses.

The final speaker of the day was Felix Fares who is the Albion representative for Europe and the Middle East. Felix presented a summary of research projects taking place in his territory. Among the topics were strawberries, sweet and tart cherries, grapes, artichokes, and potatoes. I will cover these in future issues of this newsletter as well.

If you would like copies of all of the papers presented, contact your local Albion representative.☞

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