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Mike Wingfield, founding director of the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI), serves as an advisor to the University of Pretoria Executive. His research focuses on the health of forest trees, having published more than 1000 papers in highly recognized journals on this topic together with more than a hundred past PhD students. He has held an NRF A-rating for more than 26 years and served a five-year term as President of the International Union of Forestry Research Organisations (IUFRO), based in Vienna and that represents more than 15 000 forest researchers globally. Prof Wingfield has been widely recognized for his research being included on the Clarivate list of most highly cited scientists for numerous years and has received the Kwame Nkrumah Science Award from the African Union as well as honorary doctorates from the University of British Columbia (Canada), North Carolina State University (USA) and the University of the Free State (South Africa).