BERNARD SLIPPERS



*CURRICULUM VITAE*

##### **UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**

**1. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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| **1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION** |
| **Surname** | Slippers |  |  |
| **First names** | Bernard | **ID Number** | 7205205044082 |
| **Citizenship** | South African | **Title** | Prof | **Female** |  | **Male** | X |
| **Place of birth** | Walvisbay, Namibia | **Date of birth** | 1972-05-20 |
| **Population group** | African |  | Coloured |  | Indian |  | White | X | Other*(please specify)* |  |
| **Department** | FABI, Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology | **Position** | Professor |
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| **Date of appointment** | 09-2005 | **Permanent full-time** | X | **Temporary full-time** |  |

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| **1.2 ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED** |
| Degree/**Diploma** | Field of study | Higher education institution | **Year** | **Distinctions** |
| BSc | Microbiology and Biochemistry | University of the Free State | 1994 | Microbiology and Biochemistry |
| BSc Hons | Microbiology | University of the Free State | 1995 | Yes |
| MSc | Microbiology | University of the Free State | 1999 | Yes |
| PhD | Microbiology and Plant Pathology | University of Pretoria | 2003 | N/A |

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| **1.3 WORK EXPERIENCE TO DATE** |
| **Name of employer** | **Capacity and/or type of work** | **Period****From** (mm//yy to *mm//yy)* |
| Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences | Post-doctoral Fellow | 09-2003 to 08-2005 |
| University of Pretoria | Temporary Full-time Senior Lecturer | 09-2005 to 06-2006 |
| University of Pretoria | Full-time Senior Lecturer | 07-2006 to 12-2008 |
| University of Pretoria | Head of Boekenhout Residence | 02-2008 to 08-2014 |
| University of Pretoria | Associate Professor | 01-2009 to 12-2012 |
| University of Pretoria | Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology (formerly Genetics) | 01-2013 to present |
| University of Pretoria | Head of TuksVillage Residence | 02-2016 to 06-2018 |
| University of Pretoria | Director of the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI) | 01-2018 to present |
| University of Pretoria | Project leader and founding Director: Future Africa Institute | 04-2014 to 09-2019 |
| University of Pretoria | Project leader and founding Director: Innovation Africa @UP | 09-2019 to present |

**2. TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

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| **2.1 Courses presented** |
| **Course** | **Level** *(e.g. second year, Masters)* | **Self developed***(Yes or No)* |
| Genetic manipulation and analysis – population genetics module (GTS261) | BSc second year | Partially |
| Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution (GTS363) | BSc third year | Partially |
| Scientific writing  | BSc Hons and postgraduate groups in general | Yes |
| Philosophy of Science  | BSc Hons | Partially |
| Insect – fungal interactions(MBY352) (partial) | BSc second year | Yes |
| Guest lectures in courses in Microbiology and Entomology | BSc and BSc Hons | Yes |
| Student-supervisor relationship, time management, life-long learning and other topics related to postgraduate studies | Various post-graduate groups | Yes |

**3. POSTGRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISION**

**Completed postgraduate supervisions:**

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| **Name of student** | **Degree[[1]](#footnote-1)/Title of dissertation/ thesis**  | **Supervisor** | **Co-supervisor(s)** |
| Rene Jacobs | **MSc** / *Botryosphaeria* diseases affecting Mango in South Africa | L Korsten | B SlippersMJ Wingfield |
| Carlos Rodas | **MSc** / Diseases of *Eucalyptus* in Colombia with special reference to *Botryosphaeria* spp. | MJ Wingfield | B SlippersM Gryzenhout |
| Draginja Pavlic | **MSc** / Ecology of *Botryosphaeria* spp. on exotic and indigenous Myrtaceae in South Africa | MJ Wingfield | B SlippersTA Coutinho |
| Happy Maleme | **MSc** / *Botryosphaeriaceae* affecting *Eucalyptus* spp. planted for feeding Koala bears in the Pretoria zoo | B Slippers | MJ WingfieldBD WingfieldD Pavlic |
| Francois van der Walt | **MSc** / Botryosphaeriaceae on *Acacia* species | G Marais | B SlippersJ RouxMJ Wingfield |
| Kerry-Anne Pillay | **MSc** / Diversity of endophytic fungi of *Eucalyptus* | M Gryzenhout | B Slippers MJ Wingfield |
| Angelica Marsberg | **MSc** / Diversity and distribution of fungal endophytes associated with native *Syzygium cordatum* in South Africa | M Gryzenhout | B Slippers MJ Wingfield |
| Marc Bouwer | **MSc** / Chemical ecology of the *Gonipterus scuttelatus*-*Eucalyptus* interaction | E Rohwer | B SlippersMJ Wingfield |
| Osmond Mlonyeni | **MSc** / Population genetics of *Sirex* noctilio and *Deladenus siricidicola* | B Slippers | BD WingfieldMJ Wingfield |
| Jan Nagel | **MSc** / Species of *Phytophthora* associated with native ecosystems in Gauteng | M Gryzenhout | B SlippersMJ Wingfield |
| Zander Human | **MSc** / Actinomycete bacteria associated with forest insects | MJ Wingfield | F VenterW de BeerB Slippers |
| Linda Ndove | **MSc** / Botryosphaeriaceae associated with *Podocarpaceae* in South Africa | B Slippers | MJ WingfieldE de Meyer |
| Caryn Oates | **MSc** / Genetics of host response to *Leptocybe invasa* | S Naidoo | B SlippersZ Myburg |
| Amy Wooding | **MSc** / Sex determination and symbiont transmission in the *Sirex*-*Amylostereum* mutualism | B Slippers | J GarnasB HurleyJ GreeffMJ Wingfield |
| Herman de Bruin | **MSc** / Entomopathogens affecting tree pests in South Africa | B Slippers | W de Beer |
| Lerato Maubane | **MSc** / Pine needle fungal endophytes including species of *Lophodermium* | M Gryzenhout | B SlippersMJ Wingfield |
| Kwabena Baffoe | **MSc** / *Leptocybe invasa*: The prospects of host plant resistance and biological control | BP Hurley | B SlippersMJ Wingfield |
| Caitlin Botha | **MSc** / The genetics of sexual reproduction in a Basidiomycete, *Amylostereum areolatum* | B Slippers | M CoetzeeMA van der Nest |
| Edohan Clasen | **MSc** / Horizontal gene transfer and evolution of symbiosis | B Slippers | O RevaR PierneefA Postma |
| Samantha Bush | **MSc** / Biology and management of *Glycaspis* in South Africa | BP Hurley | B Slippers |
| Bianca Rodriguez Jardim | **MSc** / Manipulation of mating systems for control of invasive Hymenoptera | B Slippers | W FickA Postma |
| Kayla Noeth | **MSc /** Biology and management of *Coryphodema tristis* | B Hurley | B Slippers |
| Caitlin Gevers | **MSc /** The insect community associated with Leptocybe galls | B Hurley | B SlippersG Dittrich |
| Luki-Marie Scheepers | **MSc /** Pheromones of selected plantation pests | E Rohwer | B SlippersM Bouwer |
| Mathew Harris | **MSc /** Fungal diversity and phylogeography in Africa | M Greve  | B SlippersM Kemler |
| Lomile Khoete | **MSc /** The diversity of *Gonipterus* sp. 2 and its biological control agent, *Anaphes nitens*, in South Africa | Martin Coetzee | B SlippersB HurleyI BarnesM Schroder |
| Jolene Kotze(University of the Free State) | **MSc /** Botryosphaeriaceae on pecans in South Africa  | Gert Marais | M GryzenhoutB Slippers |

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| Ashleigh Smith | **MSc /** Genetic characterisation of moth species in the Macadamia nut borer complex | G Fourie  | B HurleyB Slippers |
| Sophia Makua | **MSc /** The genetics of the *Sirex noctilio* response to infection by *Deladenus siricidicola* | B Slippers | MPA CoetzeeA Postma |
| Leandri Bezuidenhout | **MSc /** Genetics of chemical communication in *Sirex noctilio* | B Slippers | T DuongJ Allison |
| Zorada Swart | **MSc /** Genetics of parasitism in *Deladenus siricidicola* | B Slippers | T DongB Wingfield |
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| Sari Mohali | **PhD** / Taxonomy and biology of *Botryosphaeria* sp. affecting *Eucalyptus* and other commercially important woody plants from Venezuela | MJ Wingfield | B Slippers |
| Draginja Pavlic | **PhD** / Taxonomy and population biology of *Botryosphaeriaceae* infecting native and introduced Myrtales | B Slippers | MJ WingfieldTA Coutinho |
| Ryan Nadel | **PhD** / Molecular and chemical ecology of *Thaumastocoris peregrinus*, the *Eucalyptus* host and its parasites | B Slippers | M ScholesMJ Wingfield |
| Brett Hurley | **PhD** / Factors that influence the control of the *Sirex noctilio* woodwasp | B Slippers | MJ Wingfield |
| Alvaro Duran | **PhD** / Pine Needle Disease of *P. radiata* in Chile | MJ Wingfield | B SlippersM GryzenhoutBD Wingfield |
| Didier Begoude  | **PhD** / Botryosphaeriaceae infecting native and non-native Terminalia | J Roux | B SlippersMJ Wingfield |
| Guillermo Perez | **PhD** / Biology and population dynamics of *Mycosphaerella* spp. infecting *Eucalyptus* | MJ Wingfield | B SlippersBD Wingfield |
| Wubetu Bihon | **PhD** / Biology and population dynamics of *Diplodia pinea* infecting *Pinus* spp. | BD Wingfield | B SlippersMJ WingfieldTI Burgess |
| Magriet van der Nest | **PhD** / Compatibility and mating in *Amylostereum* | BD Wingfield | B SlippersMJ Wingfield |
| Rodrigo Ahumada | **PhD** / Diseases of *P. radiata* in Chile | MJ Wingfield | B Slippers |
| Fahimeh Jami | **PhD** / Taxonomy and ecology of the Botryosphaeriaceae associated with *Acacia karoo* in South Africa | M Gryzenhout | B Slippers MJ Wingfield |
| Dawit Degefu | **PhD** / Biology and biological control of *Coryphodema tristis* | B Slippers | B HurleyJ GarnasMJ Wingfield |
| Gudrun Dittrich-Schroder | **PhD** / Molecular ecology of *Leptocybe invasa* (Hymenopetra: Eulophidae) and its biological control agent in South Africa | B Slippers | MJ WingfieldBP Hurley |
| Marc Bouwer | **PhD** / Chemical communication of key forest pests in South Africa | E Rohwer | B Slippers |
| Elsie Cruywagen | **PhD** / Diversity, ecology and pathology of fungi infecting *Adansonia* (Baobab) | MJ Wingfield | B SlippersJ Roux |
| Milica Zlatkovic(University of Belgrade) | **PhD** / Botryosphaeriaceae, diverse hosts and climate change in the Western Balkans | N. Keca | B Slippers |
| Eston Mutitu | **PhD** / The biological control of *Thaumastocoris peregrinus* using *Cleruchoides noacke* | B Slippers | JR GarnasBP HurleyMJ Wingfield |
| Birhan Abate | **PhD** / Diveristy of Entomopathogenic nematodes | BP Hurley | B SlippersMJ Wingfield |
| Mesfin Gossa | **PhD** / Ecology, diversity and management of Deodar Weevil, *Pissodes nemorensis* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) in South Africa | BP Hurley | B SlippersJR Garnas |
| James Mehl | **PhD** / Evolutionary ecology of *Botryosphaeria* endophytes and pathogens | MJ Wingfield | B SlippersJ Roux |
| X. Osmond Mlonyeni | **PhD** / Evolutionary genetics of the entomoparasitic nematode, *Deladenus siricidicola* | B Slippers | BD WingfieldJ GreeffMJ Wingfield |
| Jan Nagel | **PhD** / Causes and consequences of speciation within the *Neofusicoccum parvum/ribis* complex | B Slippers | MJ Wingfield |
| Katrin Fitza | **PhD** / The diversity and specificity of the *Deladenus siricidicola - Sirex noctilio - Amylostereum areolatum* complex | B Slippers | J Garnas |
| Quentin Guignard | **PhD** / Sirex chemical and visual ecology | J Allison | B Slippers |
| Josephine Queffelec | **PhD** / Sirex mating biology | B Slippers | J AllisonJ Greeff |
| Yosef Hamba Tola | **PhD** / Gut microbiota of African bees | J Parades | B Slippers |

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| Agil Katumanyane | **PhD /** Entomopathogenic Nematodes in the management of plantation forestry pests | B Hurley | B Slippers |
| Nombuso Ngubane | **PhD /** Endophytic fungi in native and introduced Oleaceae in South Africa | F Roets | B SlippersL Dreyer |
| Mandy Messal | **PhD** / Endophyte-host interaction | B Slippers | M KemlerS Naidoo |
| Elisa Pal | **PhD /** The chemical ecology of stink bugs in Macadamia | G Fourie | B SlippersJ AllisonB Hurley |
| Privilege Makunde | **PhD /** Hemiptera affecting forestry in Southern Africa | B Hurley | B Slippers |

**Ongoing postgraduate supervisions:**

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| **Name of student** | **Project title** | **Supervisor** | **Co-supervisor(s)** |
| Hannes Strydom | **MSc /** Modeling the spread of gene drives in invasive pest populations | B Slippers  | M ChapwanyaM Yusuf |
| Matthew Jackson | **MSc /** Population genetics and gene editing of *Spodoptera frugiperda* | B Slippers | B HurleyK Kruger |
| Sumari Venter | **MSc /** Genetics of parasitism in *Deladenus siricidicola* | B Slippers | A PostmaT Duong |
| Lihan Esterhuizen | **MSc /** Spectral analysis of *Teratosphaeria destructans* infection | A Hammerbacher | B Slippers |
| Preston Shaw | **MSc /** Ceratocystis genomics | T Duong | B SlippersB Wingfield |
| Kyle Leeuwendaal | **MSc /** Next generation pathogen diagnostics | L de Vos | B SlippersB Wingfield |
| Christiaan Grobler | **MSc /** Functional analysis of chemosensory genes of *Sirex noctilio* | B Slippers | A Postma |
| Alisa Postma | **PhD** / Genomics of *Sirex*-*Amylostereum*-*Deladenus* | B Slippers | F JoubertMJ Wingfield |
| Mathew Harris | **PhD /** Fungal diversity and phylogeography in grasses | M Greve | B SlippersM Kemler |
| Firehiwot Eshetu | **PhD** / *Sirex-Amylostereum-Deladenus* microevolution in invasive populations | B Slippers | I Barnes |
| Elelwani Ramabulana(University of Venda) | **PhD** / Diversity and species overlap of Botryosphaeriaceae on some Anacardiaceae in agricultural and natural systems in South Africa | E Kunjeku | M CoetzeeB Slippers |
| Angel Maduke | **PhD /** Macadamia flower, twig and nut diseases | G Fourie  | M WingfieldB Slippers |
| Pfano Mbedzi | **PhD /** Population genetics and gene editing of *Busseola fusca* | B Slippers | B Hurley |
| Phophi Nethonondo | **PhD /** Biological control of *Spodoptera frugiperda* | B Slippers | B Hurley |
| Luki-Marie Scheepers | **PhD /** Pheromones of selected plantation pests | J Allison | B SlippersE Rohwer  |
| Samkelisiwe Thango | **PhD /** Multiperspective analysis of *Exserohilum tercicum* infection development | B Slippers | D NsiboD BergerC Visagie |
| Ashleigh Smith | **PhD /** Chemical ecology and genomics of the Macadamia nut borer  | G Fourie  | B SlippersJ Allison |
| Harmen Barten | **PhD /** The genetics of biological control adaptation in *Gonipter*us parasitoids, *Anaphes nitens* | B Hurley | B SlippersM Schröder |

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| Caitlin Gevers | **PhD /** The insect community associated with Leptocybe galls | B Hurley | B Slippers |

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| GuoQing Li | **PhD /** The Botryosphaeriaceae affecting Eucalyptus plantation forestry in China | S Chen | B SlippersMJ Wingfield |
| Ndamulelo Nengovhela | **PhD /** Response of Soybean varieties to bollworm feeding  | A Hammerbacher | B Slippers |
| Alandie Nieuwoudt | **PhD /** The genomics of lineage specificity in *Exserohilum turcicum* on Maize | C Visagie | B Slippers |
| Vaylen Hlaka | **PhD /** Diversity and distribution of Aphids and their associated viruses in SA  | L De Vos | B SlippersD Read |

**Completed Postdoctoral and Research Fellow supervisions**

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| Marieka Gryzenhout | Diversity of tree endophytes | B Slippers | MJ Wingfield |
| Emilie Boissin | Global spread of *Sirex noctilio* | B Slippers |  |
| Sze Huei Yek | Genomics of *Sirex*- *Deladenus* interaction | B Slippers |  |
| Martin Kemler | Diversity and phylogeography of tree infecting endophytes | B Slippers | MJ Wingfield |
| Maria Vivas | The influence of maternal effects on tree infecting endophytes | B Slippers | MJ Wingfield |
| Sandra Heinzelmann | Nutrition and specificity of *Sirex noctilio* | B Slippers | A HammerbacherB Hurley |
| Kennedy Eguzozie | Chemical ecology of sugarcane insect pests | B Slippers | M Bouwer |
| Fahimeh Jami | Botryosphaeriaceae in Southern Africa | MJ Wingfield  | B SlippersP Crous |
| Gerda Fourie | Macadamia Protection Programme | B Slippers | B Hurley |
| Marc Bouwer | Chemical ecology of plantation forest insect pests | B Slippers | MJ WingfieldE Rohwer |
| David Nsibo | Disease of maize in South Africa | B Slippers | C Visagie |

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| Godfrey Gatle | Foliar diseases of maize in South Africa | C Visagie | B SlippersET Steenkamp |
| Olabimpe Orubuloye | Chemical ecology of plantation forest insect pests | J Allison | B SlippersB Hurley |
| Jan Nagel | Genomics of the Botryosphaeriaceae | B Slippers | MJ Wingfield |

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| Agil Katumanyane | Entomopathogenic nematodes in the management of plantation forestry pests | B Hurley | B Slippers |

**Ongoing Postdoctoral and Research Fellow supervisions**

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| Gudrun Dittrich-Schroder | Molecular ecology of forest pest invasions | B Slippers | B HurleyMJ Wingfield |
| Michelle Schröder | Ecology and biological control of *Gonipterus* spp.  | B Hurley | B Slippers |
| Neriman Yilmaz | *Fusarium* species of Southern Africa | P Crous  | MJ WingfieldB Slippers |
| Mesfin Gossa | The distribution of forest plantation pests and their biological control agents in Africa | B Hurley | B Slippers |
| Katrin Fitza | Evolution of Siricid-Amylostereum symbiosis | B Slippers | J Allison |

**3. RESEARCH FUNDING**

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| **3.1 Obtaining research funds** |
| **Origin of research funds** *(e.g. contract research, THRIP, international funding organisations, other(s)* | **Title of research project or programme** | **Duration** |
| Sida (Sweden)-NRF | *Sirex*-*Amylostereum* interaction | 2004-2006, 2010-2012 |
| Forestry SA (as part of TPCP funding) | Sirex, Insect pest control and biocontrol and general forest health research | 2005-present |
| Tree Protection Co-operative Programme | Tree health research linked to the commercial forestry sector | 2005-present |
| THRIP (as part of TPCP funding) | Tree health research | 2005-2015 |
| Centre of Excellence in Tree Health Biotechnology; DST-NRF | Tree health research on native trees | 2005-present |
| Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries | Tree health research | 2005-present |
| NRF competitive grant | Symbiosis and biological control | 2010-2012, 2014-2016 |
| USDA Forest Service | Genetics of Sirex biocontrol | 2012-2017 |
| Natural Resources Canada | Biology of Sirex  | 2015-2022 |
| Australian Sirex Control Program | Invasion history and management of Sirex | 2016-2022 |
| Future Africa; University of Pretoria, Bosch, Carnegie, Microsoft, others | Transdisciplinary Research & Leadership for Innovation | 2015-present |
| Various | Smaller grants linked to academic meeting, sabbatical, smaller research projects, etc | Ongoing |

 **4. RESEARCH OUTPUTS**

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| **4.1 Publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals**Slippers B, Wingfield MJ, Wingfield BD, Coutinho TA. 2000. Relationships among *Amylostereum* species associated with Siricid woodwasps inferred from mitochondrial ribosomal DNA sequences. *Mycologia* 92, 955-963.Meyer L, Slippers B, Korsten L, Kotzé JM, Wingfield MJ. 2001. Two distinct *Guignardia* species associated with citrus in South Africa: research letter. *South African Journal of Science* 97, 191-194.Slippers B, Wingfield MJ, Coutinho TA, Wingfield BD. 2001. Population structure and possible origin of *Amylostereum areolatum* in South Africa. *Plant Pathology* 50, 206-210.Wingfield MJ, Slippers B, Roux J, Wingfield BD. 2001. Worldwide movement of exotic forest fungi, especially in the Tropics and the Southern Hemisphere. *Bioscience* 51, 134-140.Slippers B, Wingfield BD, Coutinho TA, Wingfield MJ. 2002. DNA sequence and RFLP data reflect relationships between *Amylostereum* species and their associated wood wasp vectors. *Molecular Ecology* 11, 1845-1854.De Wet J, Burgess T, Slippers B, Preisig O, Wingfield BD, Wingfield MJ. 2003. Multiple gene genealogies and microsatellite markers reflect relationships between morphotypes of *Sphaeropsis sapinea* and distinguish a new species of *Diplodia*. *Mycological Research* 107, 557-566.Denman S, Crous PW, Groenewald JZE, Slippers B, Wingfield BD, Wingfield MJ. 2003. Circumscription of *Botryosphaeria* species associated with Proteaceae based on morphology and DNA sequence data. *Mycologia* 95, 294-307.Slippers B, Coutinho TA, Wingfield BD, Wingfield MJ. 2003. A review of the genus Amylostereum and its association with woodwasps. *South African Journal of Science* 99, 70-74.Gezahgne A, Roux J, Slippers B, Wingfield MJ. 2004. Identification of the causal agent of *Botryosphaeria* stem canker in Ethiopian Eucalyptus plantations. *South African Journal of Botany* 70, 241-248.Pavlic D, Slippers B, Coutinho TA, Gryzenhout M, Wingfield MJ. 2004. *Lasiodiplodia gonubiensis sp. nov*., a new *Botryosphaeria* anamorph from native *Syzygium cordatum* in South Africa. *Studies in Mycology* 50, 313-322.Slippers B, Burgess T, Wingfield BD, Crous PW, Coutinho TA, Wingfield MJ. 2004a. Development of simple sequence repeat markers for *Botryosphaeria spp.* with *Fusicoccum* anamorphs. *Molecular Ecology Notes* 4, 675-677.Slippers B, Crous PW, Denman S, Coutinho TA, Wingfield BD, Wingfield MJ. 2004b. Combined multiple gene genealogies and phenotypic characters differentiate several species previously identified as *Botryosphaeria dothidea*. *Mycologia* 96, 83-101.Slippers B, Fourie G, Crous PW, Coutinho TA, Wingfield BD, Carnegie AJ, Wingfield MJ. 2004c. Speciation and distribution of *Botryosphaeria spp.* on native and introduced Eucalyptus trees in Australia and South Africa. *Studies in Mycology* 50, 343-358.Slippers B, Fourie G, Crous PW, Coutinho TA, Wingfield BD, Wingfield MJ. 2004d. Multiple gene sequences delimit *Botryosphaeria australis sp. nov.* from *B. lutea*. *Mycologia* 96, 1030-1041.van der Waals JE, Korsten L, Slippers B. 2004. Genetic diversity among *Alternaria solani* isolates from potatoes in South Africa. *Plant Disease* 88, 959-964.Barber PA, Burgess TI, Hardy GESJ, Slippers B, Keane PJ, Wingfield MJ. 2005. *Botryosphaeria* species from *Eucalyptus* in Australia are pleoanamorphic, producing *Dichomera* synanamorphs in culture. *Mycological Research* 109, 1347-1363.Gure A, Slippers B, Stenlid J. 2005. Seed-borne *Botryosphaeria spp*. from native *Prunus* and *Podocarpus* trees in Ethiopia, with a description of the anamorph *Diplodia rosulata sp. nov*. *Mycological Research* 109, 1005-1014.Rodas CA, Lombard L, Gryzenhout M, Slippers B, Wingfield MJ. 2005. *Cylindrocladium* blight of *Eucalyptus grandis* in Colombia. *Australasian Plant Pathology* 34, 143-149.Slippers B, Johnson GI, Crous PW, Coutinho TA, Wingfield BD, Wingfield MJ. 2005a. Phylogenetic and morphological re-evaluation of the *Botryosphaeria* species causing diseases of *Mangifera indica*. *Mycologia* 97, 99-110.Slippers B, Stenlid J, Wingfield MJ. 2005b. Emerging pathogens: fungal host jumps following anthropogenic introduction. *Trends in Ecology & Evolution* 20, 420-421.Slippers B, Summerel BA, Crous PW, Coutinho TA, Wingfield BD, Wingfield MJ. 2005c. 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Diversity of Botryosphaeriaceae on Proteaceae in South Africa, Australia and Portugal. International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP), Boston, USA, 29 July – 3 August. Slippers B, Barnes I, Steenkamp ET, Wingfield MJ. 2018. The worldwide web of forest fungi. International Congress of Plant Pathology, Boston, USA, 29 July-3 August. (Invited speaker). Eshetu FB, Nahrung H, Barnes I, Fitza KNE, Elms S, Slippers B. 2018. Genetic diversity of the biocontrol nematode *Deladenus* *siricidicola* in Australia and New Zealand. International Congress on Invertebrate Pathology and Microbial Control and the 51th Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology, Qt Gold Coast Hotel, Australia, Gold Coast, 12-16 August.Fitza KNE, Eshetu F, Garnas JR, Ahumada R, Ayres MP, Krivak-Tetley FE, Lombardero MJ, Barnes I, Nahrung H, Wingfield MJ, Slippers B. 2018. Genetic diversity in global collection of *Deladenus* *siricidicola*. International Congress on Invertebrate Pathology and Microbial Control and the 51th Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology, Qt Gold Coast Hotel, Australia, Gold Coast, 12-16 August.Bouwer MC, Slippers B, Wingfield MJ, Rohwer ER. 2018. Mass trapping of the Eucalyptus cossid moth (*Coryphodema tristis*) in South Africa. **I**nternational Society of Chemical Ecology, Budapest, Hungary, 12-17 August 2018.Dittrich-Schröder G, Gevers C, Hurley BP, Wingfield MJ, Slippers B. 2018. The use of molecular techniques to understand pest introductions and pest complexes. Eucalyptus 2018, Managing *Eucalyptus* plantations under global change, Le Corum, Montpellier, France, 17-21 September. Dittrich-Schröder G, Clasen E, Hurley BP, Wingfield MJ, Slippers B. 2018. An online mitochondrial DNA sequence database to support pest management research in *Eucalyptus* and *Pinus* plantations. 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Insights from population genetics and genomics for the management of the invasive pest *Sirex noctilio*. IUFRO World Congress, Forest Research and Cooperation for Sustainable Development, Curitiba, Brazil, 29 September – 5 October. Slippers B, Steenkamp ET, Jami F, Wingfield MJ. 2019. Interconnected global populations of forest pathogens created through anthropogenic spread. IUFRO World Congress, Forest Research and Cooperation for Sustainable Development, Curitiba, Brazil, 29 September – 5 October. (Invited talk)Slippers B. 2019. Precision biological pest control. Meeting of IUFRO WG 7.03.13, Biological control of forest insect pests and pathogens, Pretoria, South Africa, 6-8 November. Scheepers L, Slippers B, Rohwer ER, Allison JD, Bello JE and Bouwer MC. 2020. Pheromone field trapping of *Nudaurelia clarki*(Saturniidae) in South African pine plantations”. Entomological Society of America (ESA) Annual meeting, Entomology 2020, online, 11- 25 November.Nagel JH, Wingfield MJ, Slippers B. 2020. Secreted enzymes and secondary metabolite genes reveal Botryosphaeriaceae adaptation to latent pathogenicity. MSA 2020: Mycology from the Cloud. Virtual Conference hosted by the Mycological Society of America, 22 July.Nagel JH, Wingfield MJ, Slippers B. 2020. The rise of Botryosphaeriaceae genomics: Exploring the impact of next-generation sequencing. Biodiversity Genomics 2020, Virtual Conference hosted by the Wellcome Sanger Institute, 5-9 October.Katrin N.E. Fitza, Sharon Reed, Jeremy Allison, Bernard Slippers. 2021. Genetic diversity of *Litylenchus crenatae mccannii* in BLD-affected trees in Ontario, Canada and potential pathways of introduction. Beech Leaf Disease Workshop, United States of America, 16 April. Pal E, Allison J, Hurley B., Slippers B, Fourie G. 2021. Characterization of the alarm pheromone of *Bathycoelia distincta* (Pentatomidae), a major pest of macadamia. 36th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Chemical Ecology (ISCE), Stellenbosch, South Africa, 5-10 September.Pal E, Allison J, Hurley B., Slippers B, Fourie G. 2021. Genetic diversity of the two-spotted stink bug *Bathycoelia distincta* (Pentatomidae) associated to macadamia orchards in South Africa. 22th Biennial congress of the Entomological Society of Southern Africa (ESSA), Limpopo, South Africa, 28 June - 01 July.Scheepers L, Allison JD, Slippers B, Rohwer ER, Mc Millan PM, Bello JE and Bouwer MC. 2021. The major pheromone component identity of the Pine Emperor moth, *Nudaurelia clarki*(Lepidoptera: Saturniidae), is confirmed. 36th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Chemical Ecology (ISCE), online, 6-10 September.Scheepers L, Allison JD, Rohwer ER, Slippers B. 2022. The pheromone of the pine emperor moth, *Nudaurelia clarki* (Lepidoptera: Saturniidae), IUFRO Working Party 7.03.16 Graduate Student Webinar Series, Behavioral and Chemical Ecology of Forest Insects, online, 24 January.Posters citations for 2023 to be added. |

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| **5.2 Membership in national and international bodies**Southern African Society of Plant Pathology, MemberSouth African Institute of Forestry, MemberEntomological Society of Southern Africa, Member, Vice-President (2017-2019)South African Society of Microbiology, MemberInternational Mycological Association, MemberInternational Entomological Society, MemberSouth African Young Academy of Science, Founding member, Executive Committee member (2012)Global Young Academy, Founding member, Executive Committee (2010), Co-chair (2011-2013)Academy of Science of the Developing World (TWAS), Young affiliateAcademy of Science of South Africa, MemberRoyal Society of South Africa, Fellow |

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**6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**

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| Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI): Management committee member (2005-present); Director (2018-present)Tree Protection Cooperative Programme: Management committee member (2005-present); Director (2018-present)Head of Residence (Boekenhout/Tau Mens Residence; 2008-2014) (TuksVillage; 2016-2018)UP Residence Advisory Board and Chairman of Clubhouses (2008-2014)National Sirex Control Steering Committee member (2005-present)National Forest Research Forum, DAFF (2017-present), Deputy Chair (2018-present)Planned and oversaw building and establishment of the Quarantine Insect facility and the Biological Control research facility on the UP experimental farm (2008-present), and proposal for substantial expansion of the facilities (2015-2018)Global Young Academy: the voice of young scientists around the world; Founding member, (2010), Executive Committee (2010-2011) and Co-chair (2011-2012) South African Young Academy of Science; Founding member and Executive Committee (2011-2012)Seconded to the Rector’s office (2014) and interim director: University of Pretoria *Future Africa* initiative, which includes development of accommodation, function/dining, office and conference space for 300 visiting scholars, research fellows, postdocs and PhD fellows, as well as researcher and project development processes (2014-2015)Director: Africa Science Leadership Programme (2015-present) and Tuks Young Research Leader Programme (2016-present)Next Einstein Forum, Scientific Programs Committee; an initiative of AIMS and the Bosch foundation to develop a high profile, continent wide, general science advancement conference (2015-2020)Scientific and Strategic Steering Committee (SSSC) of the IRD-CNRS-Cirad (France) joint office in South Africa (2018-2019)Future Africa: Conceptualization, fund-raising and implementation of the project and founding director (2014-2019)Innovation Africa@UP: Conceptualization, fund-raising and implementation of the project and founding director (09-2019 to present)Board of Trustees: Africa Agricultural Technology Foundation (2021-2024)  |

**7. COMMUNITY SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

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| **7.1 Outreach projects**Regular talks and consultation with members of the South Africa forestry and agricultural industry at field days, workshops and congresses, as well as radio talks and popular articles regarding plant pests and diseases.I regularly lead student development, leadership and stereotype reduction workshops with undergraduate students.A number of talks to religious groups about the relation between science and faith, particularly around the topic of evolution, including radio and television.I have been actively involved in the establishment of the Global Young Academy: the voice of young scientists around the world, made the initial proposals and served on the committee appointed by ASSAf to help establish a South Africa Young Academy of Science. I was a founding member of both these organizations and served in executive leadership positions for both. I also lead the team to produce the ‘Blueprint for establishment Young Academies’ document, and am actively involved in stimulating the establishment of young academies in other parts of the world. Lead bid and organizing team for Global Young Academy general assembly (GIBS, University of Pretoria, Johannesburg). Including outreach activities after the meeting of GYA members to various schools and research institutions.Regular participation and leadership in school science outreach activities via FABI and the Centre of Excellence in Plant Health Biotechnology.  |

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| **7.2 Professional service performed**Regular presentations at fields days and other industry meetings organized by the Institute for Commercial Forestry Research and the SA Institute of ForestryInternational research panel and meeting involvement:4-18 June 2006, Kerinci, Indonesia. April Group, Research and Development review, Pest and diseases threatening plantation forestry in Indonesia.15-16 December 2006, Indianapolis, USA. APHIS USDA, Sirex Science Panel meeting, Sirex research and its control in the USA and South Africa.2007-2008, various European countries. FORTHREATS, EU funded project to assess pathogen risk factors to European forests. 10-17 May 2007. Pretoria and Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. International Sirex Research symposium and workshop. Lead the organising committee. 1-5 July 2008. IUFRO Recent Advances in Forest Entomology, Pretoria, South Africa. Lead the organising committee.6-11 July 2008. ICE2008, Durban, South Africa. Co-organiser of two symposia on insect-microbe symbioses and invasive forest insects.23-28 August 2010. IUFRO 2010 World Congress, Seoul, Republic of Korea. Organiser of session on molecular ecological and evolutionary perspectives on changing populations of forest insects and their symbionts symbioses. 26-27 October 2011, Future Forests, various European and other international participants, EU funded project. Sustainable strategies under uncertainty and risk to European Forests14-16 September 2011. Young Scientist Mentor, at the Annual meeting of the New Champions, World Economic Forum, Dalian, China, invited by the Inter Academy Panel.20-23 May 2012. Lead bid and organizing team for Global Young Academy general assembly (GIBS, University of Pretoria, Johannesburg). Including outreach activities after the meeting of GYA members to various schools and research institutions, as well as visits and talks by Prof Bruce Alberts (Editor of Science), Prof Howard Alper (Co-Chair of IAP) and Prof Helmut Schwarz (President of Von Humbolt Foundation)*.* 25-27 February 2013 Bi-annual IAP meeting. Theme: Grand Challenges and Integrated Innovations: Science for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development; Rio de Janeiro. Served on the organizing committee, attended the meeting, presented on YA movement and moderated some sessions. 18-20 March 2013. GYA, SAYAS, Junge Akademi workshop steering committee on Socio-ecological novelty: Fronteirs in sustainability research. Berlin, Germany. (including a public panel discussion on 'Bridging Two Hemispheres: Policy Advice and Sustainability Research in Germany and South Africa') 12-14 May 2013. Global State of Young Scientists international workshop. Served on steering committee. Hannover, Germany. 15-18 May 2013. GYA General Assembly. Theme: Demography and Global Research. Steering committee. Halle, Germany. 2-3 October 2013. USAID PEER (Partnership for Enhanced Engagement in Research) congress, Bangkok, Thailand. Participated in panel on 'Importance of Reaching Outside the Scientific Community: Making Your Voice Heard to the Public and to Policy Makers'. 18-23 May 2014. GYA General Assembly. Theme: Demography and Global Research. Steering committee. San Diego, Chile. 2-6 February 2014. First joint Africa Young and Senior Academies workshop. Theme: Demography and Global Research. Steering committee. Nairobi, Kenya. Annually since June 2015, Africa Science Leadership Programme workshops for scholars from across Africa.Annually since October 2016, Tuks Young Research Leadership Programme workshops for scholars from the University of Pretoria.25-30 September 2016. International Congress of Entomology, Symposium on the Sirex Woodwasp as a global invasive pest, Pretoria, South Africa. 6-8 November 2019. IUFRO WG 7.03.13. Biological control of forest insect pests and pathogens. January 2021. Southern Africa Society for Plant Pathology, society online pre-meeting for the 52nd Biennial Congress, which was postponed due to COVID-19, Pretoria, South Africa. September 2021. International Society of Chemical Ecology, Annual Congress, intended to be held in Stellenbosch, South Africa, but hosted online due to COVID restrictions. Host and part of the organising committee. August 2022. Southern Africa Society for Plant Pathology, 52nd Biennial Congress, Pretoria, South Africa. Co-leading the organizing committee.  |

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| **7.3 Referee duties**Journal reviews: African Entomology, African Plant Protection, Basic Microbiology, Biological Invasions, Canadian Journal of Forest Science, Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology, Czech Mycology, Ecology and Evolution, Environmental Entomology, European Journal of Plant Pathology, FEMS Microbiology, Forestry, Forest Ecology and Management, Forest Pathology, Fungal Biology, Fungal Ecology, Journal of Invertebrate Pathology, Molecular Ecology, Mycotaxon, Mycological Research, Persoonia, Phytopathology, Phytopathologia Mediteranea, Plant Disease, Plant Pathology, PLOS ONE, Research in Microbiology, Scientific Reports, South African Journal of Science, Southern Forests, Sydowia and Studies in Mycology, The Canadian Entomologist. Joint editor for two issues of Studies in Mycology; 55 -100 Years of Fungal Biodiversity in southern Africa; 76 - Plant pathogenic and endophytic *Botryosphaeriales* known from cultureJoint editor of special issue of Fungal Biology, Vol 121, Issue 4; Botryosphaeriaceae: systematics, pathology and geneticsJournal editorial board: Plant Pathology; Fungal Ecology, Frontiers in Formas, Swedish Research Council, review panel on *Ecosystems and biodiversity on land* (2021 to present)Examiner:Me M Sakalidis, BSc Hons thesis, Murdoch University, Australia (2005)Mr Gavin Hunter, PhD, University of Pretoria (2007)Me J Akello, MSc thesis, Makerere University Uganda (2008)Mr TS Mapondera, BSc Hons thesis, Murdoch University, Australia (2008)Ms Juanita de Wet, PhD, University of Pretoria (2008)Mr SW Newete, MSc, University of the Witwatersrand (2009)Mr Didier Begoude, PhD, University of Pretoria (2009)Mr Lorenzo Lombard, PhD, University of Pretoria (2010)Ms J-A Hepple, MSc, University of Stellenbosch (2010)Mr MZ Ahmed, PhD, University of Pretoria (2011)Mr MZ Ahmed, PhD, University of Pretoria (2011)Mr B Wessels, MSc, University of Stellenbosch (2012)Mr AT Duong, PhD, University of Pretoria (2013)Mr James Harrison, PhD, University of Pretoria (2013)Mr Carlos Rodas, PhD, University of Pretoria (2013)Ms F Wilken, MSc, University of Pretoria (2014)Mr J Saaiman, MSc, University of Pretoria (2014)Mr T Tinago, MSc, University of KwaZulu-Natal (2014)Ms KE Termer, MSc, University of Pretoria (2014)Mr Fazile Yousuf, PhD, Charles Sturt University (2014)Ms Nt Kunene MSc, University of Pretoria (2016)Mr Johan van der Linde PhD, University of Pretoria (2017)Mr Ludwig Eksteen, MSc, University of Pretoria (2018) |

**8. AWARDS AND SCIENTIFIC/SCHOLARLY RECOGNITION**

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| **8.1 Evaluation status as scientist/scholar**NRF President’s Award (P-rating); 2008-2014NRF B1; 2015-present |

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| **8.2 Research awards and prizes**Andries Brink-Sasol Prize for best M.Sc. dissertation in Microbiology (1999)S2A3 Billiton Bronze Medal for best M.Sc. dissertation at the University of the Free State (1999)Junior Captain Scott Medal for the best dissertation at an South African University (Academy for Science and Art – Biological Sciences) (2000)British Society for Plant Pathology - Assistance to attend 7th International Congress of Plant Pathology and 7th International Mycological CongressMellon Foundation Award (1999-2002) - Mellon postgraduate mentoring programme, administered by the University of Pretoria and funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, USA. Southern African Society for Plant Pathology (2001) - Young Plant Pathologist award to support attendance of the 39th annual congress. International Mycological Society 2002 - Bursary to cover registration, accommodation and functions at the 7th International Mycological Congress – invited speaker.Skye Foundation, South Africa 2003 - Support for postdoctoral study at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. Post-doctoral support 2003-2004 from the Swedish University of Agricultural SciencesSida (Sweden) and NRF (South Africa) (2003-2006) - Co-applicant. Sweden - South African collaboration; Travel, publication and other costs related to a collaborative *Sirex* – *Amylostereum* research project International Union of Forestry Research Organisation (IUFRO) (2005) - Award for Outstanding Doctoral researchUniversity of Pretoria (2008, 2009, 2013), Exceptional Young Researcher award, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Young Scientist, amongst 60 selected by the Inter Academy Panel on international issues to attend the Annual meeting of the New Champions, World Economic Forum, Dalian, China (2009)Academy of Science of the Developing World (TWAS) Young Affiliate (2009).Southern African Association for the Advancement of Science (S2A3) British Association Medal (Silver) for scientific excellence to a South African scientist under the age of 40 (2010).Young Scientist Mentor, invited by the Inter Academy Panel, at the Annual meeting of the New Champions, World Economic Forum, Dalian, China (2011).Inaugural AU TWAS Young Scientist national award (2011).Inaugural JE Vanderplank award from Southern African Society of Plant Pathology (2013)Elected member of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) (2016)University of Pretoria Chancellors’ medal, highest award for research excellence (2016)Highly Cited Researcher, top 1% cited researchers in the field of Plant & Animal Science, Clarivate Analytics (2018)South African Institute of Forestry, Continuous Service Excellence Award (2018)Havenga Prize for Life Sciences from the Academy for Science and Art (2020)Elected as fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa (2021)Christiaan Hendrik Persoon Gold Medal from the Southern African Society of Plant Pathology, the highest award of the Society in recognition of a world leader in Plant Pathology (2022) |

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