

## FABI CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE 2016 YEAR-END FUNCTION

FABlans looked back on the challenges they faced in 2016 and celebrated their achievements at the annual year-end function and awards ceremony on 19 November. The function was held at Monument Restaurant in Pretoria. Vice-chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria, Professor Cheryl de la Rey and Dean in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Prof Jean Lubuma attended the event; as did heads of departments linked to FABI, FABI stakeholders and most members of the FABI TEAM.



Chairman of the board of the Hans Merensky Foundation and Chancellor of the University of the Free State, Prof. Khotso Mokhele was the guest speaker on the night. He commended young people such as those at FABI, for their contributions as scientists in a globalised world. Prof Mike Wingfield applauded FABlans for their ability to communicate, their flexibility which allowed them to constantly move forward and their commitment to mentorship; some of the key indicators to which he attributed to the Institute's success.

Congratulations to the following people on their awards from Prof Jolanda Roux in recognition of their contributions to FABI:

FABlan of the Year: Arista Fourie

Best FABI Student Publication: Angelica Marsberg-de Villiers

Best FABI Post-Doc Publication: Dr Alistair McTaggart

Best MSc: Andi Wilson

FABI Award for Mentorship: James Mehl, Katrin Fitz, Esna du Plessis, Tanay Bose, Arista Fourie, Andi Wilson and FeiFei Liu

Best FABI Student Personal Website: Joey Hulbert, Darryl Herron and Tanay Bose

FABI Award “Getting the Message to the Public”: Darryl Herron and Tanay Bose and Benedicta Swalarsk-Parry

FABI Award Recognising Contributions by a Person External to the Institute: Dr Charlie Clark

FABI Award Recognising Contributions by a Member of Staff of the University of Pretoria: Leanne van Zyl

FABI Photographic Awards – FABIans at Work: Prof. Jolanda Roux

FABI Photographic Awards – FABI Research: Ginna Granados

BSc Honours students with projects linked to FABI and undergraduate students who participate in the FABI Mentorship programme also received certificates of appreciation.



