

## FABIANS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL PHYTOPHTHORA MEETING

The 8<sup>th</sup> IUFRO *Phytophthora* in Forests and Natural Ecosystems Meeting was held in Vietnam from 18 to 25 March. Professor Treena Burgess, an extraordinary Professor at FABI based at Murdoch University in Perth, along with Profs Giles Hardy and Pham Quang Thu organised this meeting. The aim was to bring together research leaders and students working on *Phytophthora* from around the world to share their research in the form of presentations and posters.



A delegation of five including postdoctoral fellows, doctoral students and a technical staff member from FABI attended this meeting where they gave oral presentations. The next meeting will be held in Italy.

### **Below is a list of FABIans' oral presentations at the meeting:**

Dr Duccio Migliorini: Comparisons of *Phytophthora* incidence and diversity in cultivated and natural endemic species of Proteaceae in South Africa.

Joey Hulbert: Cape Citizen Science: public engagement to survey *Phytophthora* in a developing country.

Juanita Engelbrecht: Identification and characterisation of polymorphic microsatellite markers to study *Phytophthora cinnamomi* populations.

Tanay Bose: Do *Phytophthora* species migrate from natural forest to plantations of non-native trees in South Africa?

Prof. Treena Burgess: Native soil-borne pathogens equalise differences in competitive ability between plants of contrasting nutrient-acquisition strategies; Current and projected global distribution of *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, one of the world's worst plant pathogens.

Dr Trudy Paap: Botanical gardens: Sentinel plantings to detect new and emerging *Phytophthora* risks.