

FABIANS MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AT THE INTERNATIONAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONGRESS OF THE ICPP

A large group of FABIans participated in the International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP) held in Boston (USA) from 29 July to 3 August. The FABI delegation was led by FABI Director Prof. Bernard Slippers and members of the FABI Management Committee including Proff Terry Aveling, Teresa Coutinho, Lucy Moleleki, Brenda Wongfield and Mike Wingfield as well as Drs Irene Barnes and Tuan Duong. The ICPP meetings are held every five years and the Boston meeting followed the last meeting in 2013 held in Beijing.



The 2018 meeting was hosted by the American Phytopathological Society (APS) and was held in conjunction with the APS annual meeting. Together with the FABI MANCOM members, the group included about 10 postdoctoral Fellows and graduate students. FABIans presented numerous invited papers and posters and were able to engage actively with more than 2500 plant pathologists from many countries of the world. These included various other plant pathologists from the University of Pretoria, other institutions in South Africa and an African delegation of about 60 researchers.