

FABIANS TAKE IN SPECTACLE OF ALOES IN FULL BLOOM

A group of FABIans enjoyed a colourful spectacle of red, orange and yellow flowers in full bloom at the LC de Villiers campus of the University of Pretoria (UP) on 22 June. The source of this display was a walkway dedicated to different Aloe varieties, some bred by the curator of the Manie van der Schijff Botanical Garden at UP, Jason Sampson. South Africa is home to a number of Aloe species, many of whom flower in June and July. They attract bees, butterflies and birds, with some flowering throughout the year.



FABI Communications officer Morné Booij-Liewes arranged the guided walk with Jason, and took part in the walk with Dr Tanay Bose, Prof Pedro Crous, Izette Greyling, Quentin Guignard, Dr Fahimeh Jami, visiting entomologist Dr Chris Malumphy, Extraordinary Professor Stefan Naser, Josephine Queffelec, Namhla Tshisela, Prof Mike Wingfield and Dr Neriman Yilman-Visagie. Jason explained that the walkway was part of efforts at UP to plant more indigenous plant species that use less water on campus.

