

TWO FABIANS ATTEND THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL BARCODE OF LIFE CONFERENCE

Two FABlans gave oral presentations at the 7th International Barcode of Life Conference (iBOL 2017) from 20 to 24 November in the Kruger National Park. From the more than 400 biologists from 72 countries, Prof Pedro Crous and Wilhelm de Beer of FABI were among the few who talked about microbes, specifically fungi.



Prof Crous gave one of the plenary addresses with the title 'DNA barcoding of the CBS collection: full speed ahead to bridge the gap in validated reference barcodes for fungal identification'. Prof De Beer talked about 'The disconnect between fungal taxonomists and fungal ecologists using DNA barcodes: how can we bridge the divide?' The overall purpose and contents of the congress were summarised in an article that appeared in the November 2017 issue of the journal *Genome*.