

Two UP professors elected to International Society for Plant Pathology

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Prof Lise Korsten and Prof Brenda Wingfield.

At the recent International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP) meeting in Beijing it was announced that two South Africans (both from the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences), Prof Brenda Wingfield and Prof Lise Korsten were elected to the ISPP Executive Committee. Their term of office is from 2013 until 2018.

Prof Wingfield was elected as the Secretary General while Prof Korsten as the Global Food Security Task Force Chair of the ISPP. The International Society for Plant Pathology promotes the world-wide development of plant pathology and the dissemination of knowledge about plant diseases and plant health management.

The Society also sponsors the International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP) at regular intervals and other international meetings on plant pathology and closely related subjects. The Society establishes committees to consider and report on special fields or problems in plant pathology. The Society organises other activities including the publication of journals newsletters and websites, as approved by the Executive Committee.

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