

A TREE HEALTH ENGAGEMENT IN FLORIDA

Professor Mike Wingfield spent three days in Gainesville, Florida, in February. His short visit was to participate in a workshop seeking to promote forest health research in the southeastern United States and to share with colleagues in Industry and academia, experiences that have led to the many successes of the Tree Protection Co-operative Programme (TPCP) in FABI. Prof Wingfield's primary host was Prof Jiri Hulcr of the University of Florida, who provided a stimulating itinerary allowing engagement with forest pathology and forest entomology students and academic colleagues.



The visit also included an invitation to present at the College of Forestry annual John Gray Memorial Lecture. During his time in Gainesville, Prof Wingfield met many colleagues and friends of FABI including his academic “brothers”, Prof Jason Smith (University of Florida) and Prof Scott Enebak (Auburn University) who followed him as PhD students of Prof Robert (Bob) Blanchette at the University of Florida.