

FABIANS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Drs Brett Hurley and Michelle Schröder attended the 5th International Symposium on Biological Control of Arthropods (ISBCA) held in Langkawi, Malaysia, from 11 to 15 September. This meeting is held about every four years and draws researchers working in biological control systems from around the world. The meeting is normally kept relatively small; with no concurrent sessions and provides opportunities for researchers from different systems, for example agriculture and forestry, to share ideas and learn new approaches.

The session topics included aspects of accidental introduction of biocontrol agents, pre and post-release genetics, Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) policy as well as the successes and uptake of biocontrol in developing countries. Dr. Hurley organised and co-chaired the session 'Frontiers in Forest Insect Control', which focused on some of the advances in biological control research on forest insect pests, and included presentations from five continents.

Presentations from FABI included:

"Investigating the complex gall community of *Leptocybe invasa*" by Dr. Hurley.

"Biological control of the *Gonipterus scutellatus* species complex: testing the species, climatic and phonological mismatch hypotheses" by Dr Michelle Schröder.

Samantha Bush submitted a poster titled "Host specificity testing of *Psyllaephagus bliteus*, an accepted biocontrol agent of *Glycaspis brimblecombei*, reveals a new host", on her MSc work, which won the Best Poster Award. Congratulations Samantha!