

## **FABIANS MAKE AN IMPACT AT THE SASPP CONGRESS**



**FABIans attending the 49<sup>th</sup> congress of the SASPP**

The 49th congress of the Southern African Society of Plant Pathology (SASPP) took place in Bloemfontein in January. It was one of the largest meetings in the history of the society with more than 200 delegates representing the industry, academia, government and regulatory bodies. FABI was well represented with FABIans giving one keynote address, 15 oral and 17 poster presentations. Profs Emma Steenkamp and Lucy Moleleki chaired two of the sessions. Apart from the congress participations, Prof Teresa Coutinho served for the past term of four years as SASPP president of the Society and Prof Jolanda Roux also served on the council. FABIans were proud when three of their own were honoured at the gala dinner. Prof Brenda Wingfield was bestowed the society's highest honour - the 18 carat gold Christiaan Hendrik Persoon medal. Prof Gerhard Pietersen was selected as a Fellow of the Society and Johan van der Linde won the Inqaba prize for best student presentation that included molecular techniques. Congratulations to all three FABIans!