

THE 27TH ANNUAL TPCP-CTHB SYMPOSIUM DRAWS NEAR!

The annual meeting of the Tree Protection Co-operative Programme (TPCP) and DST/NRF Centre of Excellence in Tree Health Biotechnology (CTHB) is rapidly drawing closer. The event, which has become one of the most important relating to forest tree health in South Africa, will again be held in mid-May (Monday 16 to Wednesday 18). The main TPCP Symposium will be on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 with satellite meetings, lab and facility visits and a meeting of the Core Team Members of the CTHB will be held on Monday 16 - with all welcome to attend these events.

As has been the case in the past, the 27th annual meeting of the TPCP will focus on key issues relating to forest tree health in South Africa. Importantly, the meeting will again seek to provide feedback to forest industry and other stakeholders on programmes focused on dealing with threatening pest and disease problems following an integrated pest management approach. This year, we will again have the opportunity to learn from colleagues in other parts of the world and to 'benchmark' TPCP work internationally. Internationally recognised tree health specialists who will present talks include, amongst others; Prof. Everett Hansen (Oregon State University, Dr Jeremy Allison (Natural Resources, Canada) and Dr Peter Scott (Scion, New Zealand).