## WELCOME TO THE TPCP/CTHB

Kersney Naidoo joined FABI in the second half of 2006 to conduct her PhD studies under the supervision of Mike and Brenda Wingfield. Kersney was born and raised in Pietermaritzburg and completed all her previous degrees at the University of Natal, now known as the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She holds a BSc. majoring in Genetics, a BSc Honours degree in Genetics and obtained her MSc. working on bacterial antibiotic resistance and protein-protein interactions. Kersney's PhD will be focused on the complete characterization of the mating type genes of the important *Acacia mearnsii* wilt pathogen, *Ceratocystis albifundus*.

