

UNITING RESEARCH LABS ACROSS FABI

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As the 2010 FIFA Soccer World celebrations spread throughout South Africa, the University of Pretoria was not excluded. FABI was fully in the clutches of World Cup Fever and had been transformed into a brightly coloured Fan Park.

The normally serene FABI courtyard got spiced up with an assortment of flags, banners and vuvuzelas. The fever spread to all of FABI's labs where each was turned into one of the ten hosting stadiums. Each lab's members were assigned the task of decorating their lab befitting their World Cup Stadium. The result was that every lab was decked out in flags, soccer balls and of course the World Cup mascot, Zakumi. In fact, FABI took soccer support one step further with the wearing of FABI soccer shirts on Fridays to bolster the World Cup atmosphere.

But what would a Fan Park be without a place to watch the soccer match? For the duration of the World Cup, games could be watched, projected on a big screen in the FABI boardroom. With the combination of supporters in soccer shirts, various countries' flags flying high in the courtyard, decorated corridors and labs and the echo of vuvuzelas from a cinema/boardroom, FABI ensured that this World Cup would not go unnoticed.

