# TREEHEALTHNET

#### What is Treehealthnet?

TreeHealthNet is an e-mail List Server that has been set up to provide a discussion forum concerning tree and forest health issues. The server is set up in such a way that only those seriously involved in forestry in South Africa are involved and it is carefully maintained by a moderator (Wilhelm de Beer). The attractive part of a List Server is that all participants receive messages written to it. This means that it serves as an excellent forum for discussion and announcements (meetings, new web sites).

## Why is Treehealthnet necessary?

With the increasing pressures on forestry and forests due to pests and diseases, we all benefit from a communication platform treating tree health issues, which reaches a broader community, including forestry staff at grassroots level.

## Who is responsible for the listserver?

The listserver is maintained at FABI at the University of Pretoria.

## Who can subscribe and participate?

- staff of the TPCP member-companies

- scientific and technical staff linked to Tree Protection Co-operative Programme (TPCP) and the DST/ NRF Centre of Excellence in Tree Health Biotechnology (CTHB)

- at present the list server has about 120 subscribers

## What is discussed on Treehealthnet?

- news relevant to tree health issues
- important announcements
- feedback about current research efforts and field work

- field trips are announced in advance, enabling foresters, forest managers and other stakeholders to request visits from the TPCP and CTHB researchers.

#### About subscription

The listserver is SPAM secure and every effort is made not to overburden subscribers. It is also open only to those who have subscribed and it is possible to unsubscribe as easily as it is to subscribe.

#### How does one subcribe?

Send an e-mail to the list manager, Wilhelm de Beer, at <u>wilhelm.debeer@fabi.up.ac.za</u>, requesting subscription to Treehealthnet