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Michael (Mike) Wingfield, Ph.D., University of Minnesota (1983), Harvard Business School AMP175 has been involved in IUFRO activities since the early days of his career. During this time he has served as an officeholder in most of IUFRO's structures including being a Division Coordinator, Vice-President responsible for the Divisions and served on the IUFRO Management Committee for nine years prior to becoming President of the Union in October 2014.

While Mike is broadly interested in forests and forestry, his specific research experience has been in the field of tree health. In this regard, he has conducted research on tree pests and pathogens especially concerning their global movement for more than thirty years. Amongst his most important contributions to forestry has been his role as an advisor to more than 70 Ph.D. students, many of who now hold very senior positions globally. He was responsible for establishing the Tree Protection Co-operative Programme (TPCP) in 1990, which became the catalyst for the establishment in 1998 of the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI; www.fabinet.up.ac.za) of which he is the founding director.

He has published widely on the topic of tree health in more than 700 research papers, seven books and in numerous prestigious invited presentations globally.

He serves/ has served in many prestigious positions and based on his research, has received numerous awards and honours, in South Africa and elsewhere in the world. He has been elected as a fellow of scientific societies including the Royal Society of South Africa, Academy of Sciences of South Africa the Southern African Society for Plant Pathology and the American Phytopathological Society. He has received honorary doctorates from the University of British Columbia, Canada (2012) and North Carolina State University (2013) and received the highest scientific award (Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Award) of the African Union in 2013.

Further details can be found on his personal web pages <http://www.fabinet.up.ac.za/mwingfield>