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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Primary Education:

- Herbertsdale Primary School (1978-1984)

Secondary Education:

- Point High School (1985-1989)

Tertiary Education:

- University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, SA.

Degrees Obtained:

- BSc. Agric *cum laude* (Plant Pathology, 1994);
- BSc. Agric Honours *cum laude* (Plant Pathology, 1995);
- MSc Agric *cum laude* (Plant Pathology, 1997); Thesis: Characterisation of *Fusarium graminearum* and *Fusarium crookwellense* associated with head blight of wheat in South Africa (supervisor: Prof Z.A. Pretorius; co-supervisor: Prof W.J. Swart);
- Ph.D. Agric (Plant Pathology, 2001); Thesis: Control of foliar rusts of wheat in South Africa with special emphasis on *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* (promoter: Prof Z.A. Pretorius).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Present Position:

- Professor and Division Head
Department of Plant Sciences (Plant Pathology)
University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, 9300, SA.

Previous Positions:

- Associate Professor and Division Head
Department of Plant Sciences (Plant Pathology)
University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, 9300, SA.
- Senior Lecturer
Department of Plant Sciences (Plant Pathology)
University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, 9300, SA.
- PANNAR SEED (PTY) LTD
Lead Wheat Breeding (April 2006- December 2016);
Senior Wheat Breeder (April 2003 – March 2006).
- ARC-Small Grain
Plant Breeder (October 2001 – March 2003);
Plant Pathologist (January 1996 – September 2001).
- Department of Plant Pathology, University of the Free State
Second Year Plant Pathology Demonstrator (1994-1995);
Part Time Project Assistant (1994);

Assistance with field trials at Sabie (1994).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Personal Profile Summary:

After completion of my BSc Agric and BSc Agric Hons degrees in Plant Pathology at the University of the Free State (UFS) in 1995, I was appointed by the Agricultural Research Council – Small Grain (ARC-SG) to conduct rust surveillance and pre-breeding in wheat. I obtained both my MSc and PhD degrees in Plant Pathology. For my PhD, I researched the control of foliar rusts of wheat with emphasis on stripe rust. This study was inevitable after stripe rust outbreaks, first observed in South Africa (SA) during 1996, resulted in severe epidemics. Four scientific papers arose from my PhD of which two reported on the impact of stripe- and leaf rust on spring wheat, a third reported on the resistance in South African and foreign cultivars to stripe rust pathotypes 6E16A- and 6E22A- and the fourth on the establishment, distribution, and pathogenicity of the stripe rust pathogen in SA. The varieties Kariega and Cappelle-Desprez with stripe rust resistance, identified as part of my PhD studies and expressing worthwhile adult plant resistance, became the focus of many postgraduate studies in the years to follow. During my employment at ARC-SG (1996-2003) I contributed to 18 scientific papers - seven were in either Plant Pathology or Plant Disease, 12 with myself as first author and received three awards for outstanding research, two best researcher awards as well as the Dow Agro Sciences award for the best article in the SA Journal of Plant and Soil (2002).

From 2001 to 2016 I worked as a wheat breeder, firstly at the ARC-SG (2001-2003) in their spring irrigation wheat programme and thereafter at PANNAR SEED (Pty) Ltd. (2003-2016) as their winter wheat breeder where I served as the breeding lead (2006-2016). During this time, I directly contributed to the development and release of 25 spring and winter wheat cultivars which resulted in a threefold growth in market share for the company. Through my initiative's marker-assisted selection was successfully implemented in the programme which resulted in the release of cultivars having combined resistance to Russian wheat aphid, the rusts and with aluminium tolerance. My time at PANNAR SEED was dedicated to grow their wheat seed market share with no incentives placed on other scientific outputs. During this time, I represented the South-African Plant Breeders Association as an elected Member on the Research Technical Committee for wheat (2005-2016) with the responsibility to review new funding applications, annual project reports and to determine research priorities that could benefit and grow the local industry. I served as a committee member for the Southern African Plant Breeders Association (2004-2006) and as vice-president (2006-2008).

After 13 years in private industry, I was appointed as Senior Lecturer by the UFS from 1st January 2017 in the field of rust pathology to continue and expand research on rust diseases of field crops. I did take full responsibility for the UFS rust program when my predecessor retired in October 2017. Since my appointment at UFS, I studied and published extensively on the pathogenic variation of rust pathogens. I initiated and collaborated on projects involving the identification, characterisation, and

genetic analysis of existing and new sources of genetic resistance to the rusts. I am tasked with the responsibility to determine the reaction of South African wheat cultivars to the rusts on an annual base involving extensive seedling- and field evaluation. The data is made available annually to producers in the respective ARC-SG wheat production guides and in popular media. I am currently acting as the Plant Pathology division head at UFS, completed a four-year term as vice-president of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathology (SASPP2019-2023) and act as vice-chair in the organising committee for the 2024 SASPP congress.

Since my appointment at UFS, five PhD students and eight MSc students graduated with myself as supervisor/co-supervisor. I currently have eight postgraduate students including six PhD's and two MSc's studying under my supervision or co-supervision. I also supervised/co-supervised 11 BSc Agric final year and 10 BSc Hons students in their literature review and research modules. Since January 2018 I have contributed towards 56 peer-reviewed papers, 25 international and 53 local conference papers and 28 publications in the popular media on the control of rust diseases. One of my first author abstracts titled "Vulnerability of United Kingdom wheat varieties to wheat stem rust" has been selected as an oral plenary presentation by the organisers of the 2020 BGRI Technical Workshop before cancellation due to the Covid19 outbreak. International collaboration with researchers at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, China (wheat stem- and leaf rust), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (wheat stripe rust), John Innes Centre, UK (wheat stripe- and stem rust), the University of Minnesota (barley stem rust), ARS-USDA (wheat- and oat rust and powdery mildew), and the University of Sydney, Australia (wheat- and oat rust) resulted in peer reviewed papers. Nationally and regionally, I have collaborated with researchers at CenGen, ARC-SG, Syngenta (Sensako), Corteva Agriscience (PANNAR SEED), SA Seed Development, Stark Ayres, Agricol as well as companies in the Limagrain Zaad (K₂, Link Seed, and Seed Co). The scope of my research programme led me to act as a referee for research papers in several Scientific Journals (including European Journal of Plant Pathology, Crop and Pasture Science, Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology, Plant Disease, Plant Pathology, Crop Protection and SA Journal of Science) as well as an internal and external examiner of MSc and PhD dissertations. My H-indices on Web of Science, Scopus, ResearchGate and Google Scholar are currently 13 (68 papers indexed), 15 (73 papers listed), 17 (91 research items), and 19 (94 contributions), respectively. I was promoted to Professor from January 2025 and have a C2 rating from the National Research Foundation.

RESEARCH

Research Field: Control of rust diseases in field crops.

Summary of Achievements and Competencies:

- Characterisation of pathogenic variation in the wheat stem rust fungus in South Africa (1996-2000).
- Characterisation of the establishment, epidemiology, and pathogenic variation in the wheat stripe rust fungus in South Africa (1997-2001).

- Determining the efficiency of chemical control against wheat leaf- and stripe rust, including foliar sprays, timing of applications, and seed treatment (1998-2000).
- Identification of wheat germplasm with effective field resistance to local stem-, leaf- and stripe rust pathotypes and establishment of breeding, evaluation, and selection protocols (1996-2001).
- Development of adapted stem- and stripe rust resistant wheat breeding lines for use in breeding programmes (1996-2018).
- Contributed to the release of 25 spring and winter wheat cultivars of which most have been successfully commercialised (2002-2016).
- Successful implementation of a MAS wheat breeding program at PANNAR SEED Funded by SAWCIT - (2011-2016).
- Development of adapted breeding lines and cultivars with combined resistance to new Russian wheat aphid biotypes and wheat rusts (1996-2016).
- Phenotype and genotype selected wheat germplasm sources for rust resistance. Project Funded by the Winter Cereal Trust. Funding Period 2017-2018. Project PI WHP Boshoff (In collaboration with Dr R. Prins, Me E. Wessels, and Prof Z.A. Pretorius).
- Determine the reaction of South African wheat cultivars to rust diseases on an annual base and make the data available to producers through publishing in the respective ARC-SG production guidelines. Project Funded by the Winter Cereal Trust (2017-2020). Project PI WHP Boshoff. (In collaboration with Dr C.M. Bender).
- Using latest genomic advancements to understand durable disease resistance in wheat and barley (GenomicsForResistance). Competitive Research Grants (CRG) Program 2018-2021, Kaust University, Saudi Arabia. Project PI Prof. SG Krattinger. (In collaboration with Dr R. Prins, Dr. R. Niks). Funding Period 2019-2022.
- Study and extensively report on the number of rust races occurring on cereal and grain crops, their virulence profiles and impact on cultivar response (2017-ongoing). (In collaboration with mainly Prof. Botma Visser). Funding mainly through SARChI Chair (UID 84647): "Disease Resistance and Quality in Field Crops" chaired by Prof Maryke Labuschagne. Funding approved for a third term (2026-2030).
- Collaborator on a NRF Research Grant: Thuthuka (TTK190405427696) held by Dr Ansori Marè (Lecturer Plant Breeding, 2019-2023, UFS).
- Funded by WCT/SAWCIT - Explore new rust resistance sources in wheat. Continuation of project initiated in collaboration with Dr Ansori Marè following her resignation from UFS (2023-2025).
- Funded by WCT/SAWCIT - Development of stem rust resistant malting barley varieties. I was a collaborator with the PI Dr R. Prins (CenGen, 2018-2023).
- QTL mapping of rust resistance loci in Paramount and the SABBI malt barley breeding line 02-045-03 (CG/B/2023/02). I am a collaborator with the PI Dr R. Prins (CenGen, 2023-ongoing).
- Funded by SAWCIT - Characterise the source(s) of adult plant stem rust resistance in wheat line SRNS 6223 (CG/W/2023/02). I am a collaborator with the PI Dr R. Prins (CenGen, 2023-ongoing).
- Funded by SAWCIT - Screening South African stem and stripe rust race isolates for fungicide insensitivity using MARPLE diagnostics. I am a collaborator with the PI Prof. Botma Visser (UFS, 2023-ongoing).
- Funded by SAWCIT - Expanding the repertoire of disease resistance genes and associated DNA markers available to the South African malt barley industry to

- include adult plant resistance to barley leaf rust. I am a collaborator with the PI Dr R. Prins (CenGen, 2022-2024).
- Funded by SAWCIT – Wheat cultivar resistance to the rusts (2021-2024).
 - Funded by SAWCIA – Wheat cultivar resistance to the rusts (2025-ongoing).
 - Maize Trust Funded - Maize rust - joined project with the FABI Institute (2021-2024).
 - ARC-Chair in disease resistance – Chaired by Prof. Maryke Labuschagne (UFS, Plant Breeding) and in collaboration with Prof Botma Visser (UFS, Botany) and Dr Tarekegn Terefe (ARC-SG) (2025-ongoing).

Impact:

Contributed directly and significantly towards increased wheat yield stability and production in South Africa through the release of new high yielding cultivars. Through extensive publication in the popular media and farmer's days played a significant role in transferring knowledge to where it is applied at farm level. Published research on rust fungi is in strong support of local breeders and in close collaboration with local researchers and international co-workers and contributes to the control of rust diseases. I have contributed at undergraduate and post-graduate level to training of young researchers.

National Research Foundation Rating 2022:

C2

H-Index:

Scopus Profile: <https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=57204320722>

Web of Science Profile: <https://publons.com/researcher/3153993/willem-boshoff/publications/>

Google Scholar Profile:

https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=list_works&hl=en&hl=en&tzom=-120&user=hhhMD_8AAAAJ&sortBy=pubdate

ResearchGate: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Willem_Boshoff5

TRAINING AND ACADEMY

Ad Hoc Mentor Functions:

- Mr Khaya Ntushelo, 1998. Acted as mentor with head blight research. PDP-program 1 November 1998- 31 October 1999.
- Mr Louis Guinoiseau, 2000. French student spent 3 months at Plant Protection, ARC-SG, learning wheat rust research methodology. (15 May to 12 August 2000).
- Dr Ansori Maré, Plant Breeding (2020-2023). Co-supervised students at 4th year, MSc, and PhD level. Assisted her with research project initiation and collaborator on successful WCT (WCT/W/2020/07); NRF (TTK190405427696 Grant No: 128380); SAWCIT and UFS (CRF) funding applications.
- Ms Karabo Khiba, 2021. MSc student plant breeding at UFS. She did rust phenotyping under my supervision for her study.
- Mr Naledi Mkhize. PhD student from University of Johannesburg conducting gene silencing trials under my guidance in our rust laboratory. (15 April 2024 to April 2025).

Internal Promoter/Co-Promoter:

- Ansori Maré 2017. Development of wheat lines with complex resistance to rust and Fusarium head blight. PhD Agric. Department of Plant Sciences, UFS, Co-Promoter (Awarded the best PhD student in Plant Breeding). (Three peer reviewed papers published).

- Martin Chemonges 2020. Wheat stem rust – genetic analyses of resistance in SA winter wheat cultivars. PhD Agric. Department of Plant Sciences, UFS, Co-Promoter. (Two peer reviewed papers published).
- Cornel Bender 2020. Stem rust resistance in South African wheat and triticale cultivars. PhD Agric. Department of Plant Sciences, UFS, Co-Promoter. (Two peer reviewed papers published).
- Wilku Meyer 2020. Phenotypic and genotypic variation of *Puccinia helianthi* in South Africa. MSc Botany. Department of Plant Sciences, UFS, Co-Supervisor (Passed with Distinction). Co-awarded the Junior Kaptein Scott Memorial Medal for the best MSc in Plant Sciences at a South African University by the South African Academy for Science and Art). Awarded E.M. van Zinderen Bakker prize for outstanding MSc in Botany. (Peer reviewed paper published, popular paper published).
- Kholosa Maqolo 2020. Characterizing a new source of wheat stem rust resistance. MSc Plant Breeding. Department of Plant Sciences, UFS, Co-Supervisor. (Passed with Distinction).
- Zizipho Spelman 2021. MSc Plant Pathology. Occurrence, pathogenicity, and genetic variation of *Puccinia hordei* in South Africa. Supervisor (Passed with Distinction). (Peer reviewed paper published, popular paper published)
- Ridokunda Sivhada 2022. MSc Plant breeding - Influence of stripe rust resistance genes on yield and gluten protein composition in bread wheat genotypes. Co-Supervisor (Final mark 73%). (Peer reviewed paper published)
- Huzaifa Bilal 2023. PhD Botany - Priming effect of leaf rust and salicylic acid in Russian wheat aphid resistance. Co-Promoter. (Peer reviewed paper published).
- Nyasha Chiuraise 2023. PhD Plant Pathology - Pathogen variation and genetic control of *Puccinia triticina* in Zimbabwe. Promoter. (Peer reviewed paper published).
- Isabella du Toit 2023. MSc Botany - Triazole fungicide sensitivity among South African *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* isolates. Co-supervisor. (Passed with Distinction). (Peer reviewed paper submitted).
- Emily Tsoetsi 2023. MSc Botany - Functional analysis of *AvrSr35* and *AvrSr50* avirulence genes in South African *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* isolates. Co-supervisor. (Passed with Distinction). (Peer reviewed paper drafted).
- Lineo Maphobole 2024. MSc Plant Pathology - Phenotypic and genotypic characterisation of *Puccinia sorghi* isolates from South Africa. Supervisor. (Passed with Distinction – awarded for exceptional MSc by NAS). (Peer reviewed paper published).
- R. Dembe 2025. MSc Botany - Genetic diversity of *Puccinia coronate* from grasses and cultivated oat in South Africa. Co-supervisor. (Passed with Distinction). (Peer reviewed paper drafted).
- A. Coetzer 2026. MSc Plant Pathology – Characterisation of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* and wheat resistance in South Africa. Supervisor. (Under examination).

Registered Students:

- K. Venter - PhD Plant Pathology - Rust resistance in a diverse wheat germplasm collection. Promoter.
- W. Meyer - PhD Botany - Virulence and genotype assessment of *Puccinia helianthi*. Co-promoter.

- I. du Toit – PhD Botany - Improved wheat rust surveillance in South Africa using MARPLE diagnostics. Co-promoter.
- K. Mhelembe – PhD Plant Breeding – Comparison of methods used to identify new leaf rust resistance loci in wheat. Co-promoter.
- T. van Rooyen - PhD Plant Breeding Characterisation of South African sweetcorn germplasm for *Puccinia sorghi* resistance. Co-promoter.
- N.A. Ntjabane *Puccinia triticina* holocellulolytic enzymes: production and comprehensive characterisation of the recombinant xylanases and cellulases. MSc Botany. Co-supervisor.
- J. du Plooy Identification and characterisation of a putative virulence effector from *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*. MSc Botany. Co-supervisor.
- M.E. Tsoetsi Analysis of *Puccinia triticina* isolates causing wheat leaf rust in South Africa using Genotyping-by-Sequencing PhD Botany. Co- promoter.

Undergraduate (final year) and Post Graduate Honours Students Mentored:

- E. Semu (2015215771) 2017. The global threat of wheat rust. Literature review. BSc Hons Plant Pathology.
- N. Yekelo (2013094996) 2017. A comparative study of virulence and growth rate between rye and wheat leaf rust. Final year research project BSc Agric. Plant Pathology.
- K. Kemp (2014135871) 2018. Characterisation and transfer of wheat leaf rust genes to South African cultivars. Literature review. BSc Agric. Plant Breeding. (Best presentation – Plant Sciences).
- K. Kemp (2014135871) 2018. Breeding for durable leaf rust resistance: Past, present, and future. Final year research project BSc Agric. Plant Breeding.
- T.B. Masisi (2014058628) 2018. Comparative virulence of stripe rust pathotype 6E22A+ and field isolate GWK2015_56. Final year project BSc Agric. Plant Pathology.
- P.P. Myburgh (2015011279) 2019. Challenges in breeding for stem rust resistance in wheat. Literature review BSc Agric. Plant Breeding.
- P.P. Myburgh (2015011279) 2019. Phenotypic and genotypic characterisation of South African winter wheat cultivars for stem rust resistance. Final year research project BSc Agric. Plant Breeding.
- Z. Spelman (2015104728) 2019. Control of barley leaf rust. Literature review. Final year BSc Agric. Plant Pathology.
- Z. Spelman (2015104728) 2019. Occurrence, pathogenicity, and genetic variation of *Puccinia hordei* in South Africa. Final year research project BSc Agric. Plant Pathology. (Best presentation – Plant Sciences).
- I. du Toit (2016042547) 2020. An overview of fungicide resistance in modern agriculture. Literature review BSc Hons. Botany.
- I. du Toit (2016042547) 2020. Correlation analysis of fungicide resistance and the *CYP51* gene sequence in four South African wheat stem rust races. Research project BSc Hons Botany. Awarded best BSc Hons student in Botany. (Best presentation – Plant Sciences).
- A.A. Smit (2016027142) 2020. Cloning of plant disease resistance and avirulence genes. Literature review. BSc Agric. Plant Breeding.

- A.A. Smit (2016027142) 2020. Phenotypic and genotypic characterisation of wheat varieties with potential new sources of rust resistance. Final year research project BSc Agric. Plant Breeding.
- M.E. Tsotetsi (2016244697) 2020. Determination and characterization of the sequence variation in the *AvrSr35* gene in South African wheat stem rust races. Research project BSc Hons Botany.
- S. Mpanza (2013062498) 2020. Crown rust – the most devastating disease of oat. Literature review. BSc Agric. Plant Pathology.
- S. Mpanza (2013062498) 2020. Characterising a new race of *Puccinia coronata* Corda var. *avenae* f. sp. *avenae*. Final year research project BSc Agric. Plant Pathology.
- L. Maphobole (2017154440) 2021. Common rust of maize caused by *Puccinia sorghi*. Literature review BSc Agric. Plant Pathology.
- L. Maphobole (2017154440) 2021. Characterising isolates of *Puccinia sorghi*. Final year research project BSc Agric. Plant Pathology.
- R. Dembe (2016181378) 2021. Genetic mechanisms whereby rust fungi convert from avirulence to virulence. Literature review BSc Hons Botany.
- R. Dembe (2016181378) 2021. Identification of eggplant (*Solanum melongena*) rust as *Puccinia penicillariae*. Research project BSc Hons Botany.
- S.I. Hlongwa (2020722753) 2022. Bean production in South Africa and the control of rust. Literature review. BSc Hons Plant Pathology.
- S.I. Hlongwa (2020722753) 2022. Phenotypic characterisation of *Uromyces appendiculatus* isolates. Research project BSc Hons Plant Pathology.
- T. Makhetha (2017272184) 2022. Global Positioning System (GPS) mapping for leaf rust resistance in the wheat genome. Literature review. Final year project BSc Agric. Plant Breeding. (Best presentation – Plant Sciences).
- T. Makhetha (2017272184) 2022. The phenotypic and genotypic validation of leaf rust resistance in wheat varieties. Final year project BSc Agric. Plant Breeding.
- A. Coetzer (2019023965) 2023. Control of stripe rust on wheat. Literature review. BSc Hons Plant Pathology. (Best presentation – Plant Sciences).
- A. Coetzer (2019023965) 2023. Detection of race 142E30A+ of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* presents a threat to local wheat production. Research project BSc Hons Plant Pathology. (Best presentation – Plant Sciences).
- K. Pule (2016423275) 2023. Wheat cultivar development. Literature review. BSc Hons Plant Breeding. (2nd Best presentation – Plant Sciences).
- K. Pule (2016423275) 2023. Phenotypic and genotypic evaluation of wheat plants developed for combined rust and Fusarium head blight resistance. BSc Hons Plant Breeding. (2nd Best presentation – Plant Sciences).
- N.A. Ntjabane (2017095908) 2023. A sweet plant defence response against pathogens: Rust-grain crops interaction case study. Literature review. BSc Hons Botany.
- N.A. Ntjabane (2017095908) 2023. Unravelling functions of the modified cell wall in Thatcher and ThatcherLr9 wheat infected by *Puccinia triticina*. BSc Hons Botany.
- A.Z. Magwaba (2019330568) 2024. Rust diseases of barley. Literature review. BSc Agric. Plant Pathology. (Best presentation – Plant Sciences).

- J. du Plooy (2019264437) 2024. Fungal effectors: Their role in plant-pathogen interactions. Literature review. BSc Hons Botany.
- A.Z. Magwaba (2019330568) 2024. Phenotyping of resistance sources to *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* in barley. Final year project BSc Agric. Plant Pathology.
- J. du Plooy (2019264437) 2024. Identification of putative virulence effector genes from *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*. Research Project. BSc Hons Botany.
- S.N. Hlongwane (2020128274) 2025. The influence of stripe rust and breeding for resistance on yield and quality of bread wheat. Final year literature review BSc Agric Plant breeding. Co-supervisor.
- T. Khawula (2020058067) 2025. Atlas of *Puccinia triticina*'s cell wall-degrading enzymes: Mapping their function during the infection of wheat. Literature review BSc Hons Botany. Co-supervisor.
- S.N. Hlongwane (2020128274) 2025. Characterisation of wheat back cross lines for stripe rust response and agronomic and quality traits. Final year research project BSc Agric Plant breeding. Co-supervisor.
- T. Khawula (2020058067) 2025 Pectinolytic enzymes and mannosidase are virulence factors of wheat rust fungi. Research Project. BSc Hons Botany. (Best presentation – Plant Sciences).

Post-graduate Thesis Examination External:

- MSc Agric (2000, 2001, 2004, 2008, 2008, 2009, 2017) (University Free State);
- MSc Agric (2009); 2x 2021 (University Stellenbosch);
- PhD Agric (2017), 2024 (University Stellenbosch), 2025 University of KwaZulu-Natal;
- MSc Agric (2019, 2023) (University of South Africa);
- PhD 2021 (University of Sydney).

Post-graduate Thesis Examination Internal:

- MSc Agric (2017, 2018, 2021);
- PhD Agric (2018);
- PhD Plant Breeding (2019, 2020).

Referee for Journal Articles:

- Agriculture (2022 1x)
- Australasian Plant Disease Notes (2024 1x)
- SA Journal of Plant and Soil (2002 3x, 2007 3x, 2008 3x, 2009 1x, 2010 1x, 2021 1x)
- Crop & Pasture Science (2018 1x)
- European Journal of Plant Pathology (2018 1x, 2022 1x)
- Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology (2019 1x, 2020 1x, 2x 2021 1x, 2022 1x, 2024 1x)
- Plant Disease (2019 1x, 2020 1x, 2023 1x, 2024 1x, 2025 1x, 2026 1x)
- Plant Pathology (2025 2x)
- South African Journal of Science (2020 1x)
- Crop Protection (2020 1x, 2021 1x)
- Journal of Phytopathology (2021 1x, 2024 1x, 2025 1x)
- PhytoFrontiers (2023 1x)

- Physiological and Molecular Plant Pathology (2022 1x, 2024 1x)
- Journal of Plant Pathology (2022 1x, 2025 1x)

Referee for Projects Submitted:

- Technical Committee Winter Cereal Trust (2017 2x projects; 2018 2x projects; 2019 1x project)
- SAWCIT 2021 (Convenor for 14 Crop Protection related projects)
- Maize Trust (2020 1x project; 2021 1x project; 2022 1x project; 2026 1x project)

Awards Received:

- Small Grain Institute Directors Award for outstanding Research Performance for three consecutive years 1997, 1998, and 1999.
- Small Grain Institute Directors Award for Best Researcher – period 1999-2000.
- Small Grain Institute Directors Award for Best Academic Performance – 2002.
- Dow Agro Sciences Prize for the best article published in the South African Journal of Plant and Soil during 2002.
- Co-author: Best poster award at BGRI Technical Workshop, Marrakech, Morocco, 2018.
- Co-author: Best poster award at 15th ICRPMC. 23 – 27 September 2018. Kruger National Park, South Africa.
- Co-author: Best poster award at SANSOR Conference. SANSOR Annual Conference. 21-24 May 2019. Umlazi, KwaZulu-Natal.
- Author/co-author of six “Best in edition paper awards” for popular articles in Wheat Focus since 2017 to 2025.
- Co-author “Best paper for 2025” for popular articles in Wheat Focus 2025.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Courses Completed:

- Programme in Project Management (26 January 1996)
- Supervision course (2 February 1996)
- Effective presentation techniques (26 March 1997)
- Marketing course (17 & 18 February 1998)
- Labour relations June 2004
- Occupational Health and Safety Act – 27 January 2004
- Performance appraisals 2 & 3 August 2006
- OHS Act Global training February 2009. OHS Act and HASCHEM
- Basic Fire Training – May 2014
- Basic Fire and evacuation training – September 2018 & January 2025
- Attended #UFSTeachOn webinars – April 2020

Membership of Professional Societies:

- The Southern African Society for Plant Pathology (SASPP 1995 to date):
 - Representative of the SASPP in the Free State 1996,
 - Vice-President of the SASPP – from April 2019 – March 2023,
 - Vice-chair COC September 2022 – January 2024.
- The Southern African Plant Breeders Association (SAPBA 1998 to date):
 - Session chair: 2012, 2016,
 - Committee member of the SAPBA - from April 2004 – March 2006,
 - Vice-President of the SAPBA – from April 2006 – March 2008.

Professional Registration:

- Registered as a professional agricultural scientist (Pr. Sci. Nat) with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP 2017 to date).
- SA Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns

Review Boards / Panels / Evaluation Committees:

- Evaluation of annual research proposals and reports submitted to the Technical Committee of the Winter Cereal Trust (2005-2016).
- Review of research proposals to the Maize Trust (2020-ongoing).
- Review research proposal to the Winter Cereal Trust (2017-2020).
- Convenor rust consortium project applications to Winter Cereal Trust (2018-2020).
- Convenor of Wheat Crop Protection Consortium SAWCIT (2021-2024).
- Member, National Small Grain Cultivar Advisory Committee (1996-ongoing).
- Member of ARC-SG annual planning committee meeting (2017-2019).
- Review NRF-rating applications (2022 2x, 2023 2x, 2024 1x, 2025 1x).
- MMed students project proposal (2022):
 - TH Gama “In vitro Differentiation of Embryonic Carcinoma Stem (P19 EC) into Insulin Producing Cells by Extracts of *Carpobrotus edulis* and *Sclerocarya birrea*” 21 July 2022.
 - B Baloyi “Investigation of the Antidiabetic and Antihypertensive Potential of *Tephrosia capensis* (Jacq.) Pers. var. *capensis* Crude Extracts and Isolated Fractions” 17 November 2022.
 - J Kobo “In vitro cannabis sativa, its major cannabinoids and schotia brachypetala extracts effects for potential development of AD drugs” 8 December 2022.
 - L Nene “Ischemic cardiomyopathy modelling by selected differentiation of ventricular-like human induced pluripotent stem cell-cardiomyocytes” 16 May 2024.
 - KR Mabusela “An *in vitro* mechanistic study of *Cannabis sativa* L. extracts towards mitigating anti-aggregation effects of amyloid beta protein in Alzheimer’s disease” 28 May 2024.
 - PV Ncume “*In vitro* investigations of *Cannabis Sativa* L extract for possible Neuroprotective Effects – Mechanistic studies towards Mitigating Some Symptoms of Alzheimer’s Disease” 8 July 2024.

Workshops Attended:

- Workshops on Wheat Rust Pathology (1-day each) (UFS, 2009 and 2010).
- Marker assisted breeding 6 & 7 November 2006.
- PANNAR SEED workshop on strategies for breeding towards pest and disease resistance 19 & 21 September 2007.
- Workshop on Bioinformatics and Wheat Genomics by Rob Davey and Bukhard Steuernagel (26 & 27 June 2017, Worcester SA).
- Agbiz Grain Wheat Indaba. CSIR convention centre, Pretoria, 17th February 2017.
- Workshop on Grant Writing Skills by Henriette van den Berg 27 & 28 June 2017, Worcester, SA.
- SANSOR organised event on student capacity development. CSIR convention centre, Pretoria, 4th September 2017.

- UFS post-graduate school researcher development programme. Roles and responsibilities of the supervisor, supervisor agreement, and delivering effective research outputs, 22 January 2018.
- NAS Curriculum Transformation and Innovation Discussion Workshops – July to September 2017.
- Wheat Breeding Technology Workshop, BGRI Marrakech, Morocco, 13 & 14 April 2018.
- UFS Teaching Portfolio Workshop. 20 & 21 July 2022.
- SANSOR organised event on “Bridging the gap between science and policy”. Future Africa, University of Pretoria, 23rd January 2023.
- National Grain Research Programme. Third Annual Meeting. 3-4 April 2024, Equitas Senate Hall, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein.
- National Grain Research Programme. Fourth Annual Meeting – Farming 2.0: Smarter & Greener. 18-20 March 2025, Synod Hall, Potchefstroom.

Committees:

- Member of the stripe rust task team from 18 November 1996 to March 1998.
- SAPBA elected Member of the Research Technical Committee for wheat from January 2005 – December 2016.
- ICRPMC organising 2018.
- Plant Sciences asset committee – PPLG representative 2017 to date.
- UFS greenhouse committee 2017 – Chair from 2019 to date.
- Plant Sciences ExCom committee 2020 to date.
- Plant Sciences research committee January 2021 to date.
- SA-Grain reduction committee – January 2021 to date.

Directorships:

- SANSOR elected representative on the Board of Directors for the South African Grain Laboratory from 1st January 2010-2016.

Community Service:

- Involved on a continual basis in diagnostic services, extension and sharing expertise regarding identification, occurrence, and control of wheat diseases.
- Regular advice to GSA employees on production threats involving diseases and research to be considered.
- Taking research results to farm level through regular papers in the popular media.
- Career Profile in support of SAPBA Food for Mzansi program to promote agricultural research and plant pathology under prospect students, 2020 (<https://agricareers.co.za/2020/10/28/yes-plant-breeding-is-actually-a-thing/>)

International Visits:

- CIMMYT wheat breeding program in Mexico for two weeks during August 1991 including.
- Long Reach and AGT wheat breeding programs as well as scientists at the University of Adelaide in Australia during 2008. Attended the IWGS in Brisbane Australia 2008.
- PHI wheat breeding programs at Windfall and Lincoln respectively as well as the wheat breeding program at the University Kansas State. 7th to 19th June 2014.
- Attended the 13th IWGS in Tulln Austria, 23-28 April 2017.

- Beijing, China, Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences. March 30 to April 5, 2018.
- Attended the 9th BGRI in Marrakech-Morocco, 14-18 April 2018.
- Attended the 1st WGS in Saskatoon, Canada, 21-26 July 2019.
- Attended the 17th ICRPMC/BGRI in Vancouver, Canada, 15-20 June 2025.

International Scientist Hosted:

- Zhang, J. 2017. Visited the UFS from 28 October to 24 November characterising stem rust resistant lines for PhD studies. Supervise during visit. Plant Breeding Institute (Cobbitty), School of Life and Environmental Sciences, The University of Sydney, 107 Cobbitty Road, Cobbitty, NSW 2570, Australia.
- Li, H. 2017. Visited the UFS from 26 to 30 November 2017. Held discussions on current collaboration and progress as well as areas of future collaboration. Give a presentation on the status of rust research in South Africa. Tour the Eastern Free State wheat growing area and visit the seed company Sensako. Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China.
- Prof. Simon Krattinger and Dr Jan Bettgenhaeuser from Kaust University visited the UFS on the 16th of September 2019. They had a tour of our greenhouse and rust lab facilities followed by a field trip to trials planted outside Greytown, KwaZulu-Natal.
- Prof. Robert Park from the University of Sydney, Australia, Faculty of Science, School of Life & Environmental Sciences visited the Department on the 9th of October 2019 to discuss collaborative research opportunities.
- Dr Renjie Chen, postdoc at KAUST University visited the UFS from 23 April 2023 to 20 May 2023 to conduct stem rust evaluations. He was trained in our stem rust assessment protocols.
- Prof. Diane Saunders from John Innes Centre, United Kingdom from 19 – 27 January 2024. Keynote address at the 53rd SASPP, Golden Gate.

Technology Transfer:

Refereed Journal Articles:

- 1) W.H.P. Boshoff, W.J. Swart, Z.A. Pretorius, M.M. Liebenberg & P.W. Crous 1995. Genetic variation among isolates of *Phaeoisariopsis griseola* in Southern Africa. [Phytopathology 85: (692)]: 1200. **Q1**
- 2) W.H.P. Boshoff, W.J. Swart, Z.A. Pretorius, M.M. Liebenberg & P.W. Crous 1996. Isozyme variability among isolates of *Phaeoisariopsis griseola* in Southern Africa. Plant Pathology 45: 344-349. <https://doi.org/10.1046/j.1365-3059.1996.d01-115.x> **Q1**
- 3) W.H.P. Boshoff, Z.A. Pretorius & W.J. Swart 1996. A comparison of scab development in wheat infected by *Fusarium graminearum* and *Fusarium crookwellense*. [Phytopathology 86: (498(A))]. 58. **Q1**
- 4) Z.A. Pretorius, W.H.P. Boshoff & G.H.J. Kema 1997. First report of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* on wheat in South Africa. Plant Disease 81: 424. <https://doi.org/10.1094/PDIS.1997.81.4.424D> **Q1**
- 5) W.H.P. Boshoff, Z.A. Pretorius & W.J. Swart 1998. *Fusarium* species in wheat grown from head blight infected seed. South African Journal of Plant and Soil 15 (1): 46-47. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02571862.1998.10635114> **Q3**
- 6) W.H.P. Boshoff, Z.A. Pretorius & W.J. Swart 1999. In Vitro differences in fungicide sensitivity between *Fusarium graminearum* and *Fusarium crookwellense*. African Plant Protection 5 (1): 65-71. https://hdl.handle.net/10520/AJA10233121_135 **Disc.**

- 7) W.H.P. Boshoff, Z.A. Pretorius & W.J. Swart 1999. A comparison of head infection and blight development caused by *Fusarium graminearum* and *Fusarium crookwellense* in wheat. South African Journal of Plant and Soil 16 (2): 79-84. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02571862.1999.10634851> **Q3**
- 8) W.H.P. Boshoff & Z.A. Pretorius 1999. A new pathotype of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* on wheat in South Africa. Plant Disease 83 (6): 591. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1094/PDIS.1999.83.6.591C> **Q1**
- 9) W.H.P. Boshoff, W.J. Swart & Z.A. Pretorius 1999. Isozyme characterisation of *Fusarium graminearum* isolates associated with head blight of irrigated wheat in South Africa. South African Journal of Botany 65 (4): 281-286. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0254-6299\(15\)30995-9](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0254-6299(15)30995-9) **Q2**
- 10) W.H.P. Boshoff, B.D. van Niekerk & Z.A. Pretorius 1999. Pathotypes of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* detected in South Africa during 1991-1997. South African Journal of Plant and Soil 17(2): 60-62. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02571862.2000.10634868> **Q3**
- 11) B.D. van Niekerk, Z.A. Pretorius & W.H.P. Boshoff 2001. Variability of *Puccinia coronata* f. sp. *avenae* and *P. graminis* f. sp. *avenae* on Oat in South Africa. Plant Disease 85 (10), 1085-1090. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1094/PDIS.2001.85.10.1085> **Q1**
- 12) B.D. van Niekerk, Z. A. Pretorius & W.H.P. Boshoff 2001. Potential yield losses caused by barley leaf rust and stem rust to South African barley and oat cultivars. South African Journal of Plant and Soil 18 (3), 108-113. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02571862.2001.10634413> **Q3**
- 13) B.D. van Niekerk, Z.A. Pretorius & W.H. P. Boshoff 2001. Occurrence and Pathogenicity of *Puccinia hordei* on Barley in South Africa. Plant Disease 85, 713-717. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1094/PDIS.2001.85.7.713> **Q1**
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- 16) W.H.P. Boshoff, Z.A. Pretorius & B.D. van Niekerk 2002. The impact of leaf rust on spring wheat in the winter rainfall region of South Africa. South African Journal of Plant and Soil 19 (2), 84-88. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02571862.2002.10634443> **Q3**
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<https://doi.org/10.1080/02571862.2003.10634898> **Q3**
- 21) V.P. Ramburan, Z.A. Pretorius, J.H. Louw, L.A. Boyd, P.H. Smith, W.H.P. Boshoff, & R. Prins 2004. A genetic analysis of adult plant resistance to stripe rust in the wheat cultivar Kariega. *Theoretical and Applied Genetics* 108: 1426-1433.
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- 22) R. Prins, V.P. Ramburan, Z.A. Pretorius, L.A. Boyd, W.H.P. Boshoff, P.H. Smith, & J.H. Louw 2005. Development of a doubled haploid mapping population and linkage map for the bread wheat cross Kariega X Avocet S. *South African Journal of Plant and Soil* 22 (1), 1-8. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02571862.2005.10634672> **Q3**
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<https://doi.org/10.1094/PDIS-08-18-1312-RE> **Q1**: IF 3.6
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- 31) T. Terefe, Z.A. Pretorius, B. Visser, & W.H.P. Boshoff. **2019**. First Report of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* Race PTKSK, a Variant of Wheat Stem Rust Race Ug99 in South Africa. *Plant Disease* 103 (6), 1421. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1094/PDIS-11-18-1911-PDN> **Q1**: IF 3.6
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- 33) E. Wessels, R. Prins, W.H.P. Boshoff, J.D. Zurn, M. Acevedo & Z.A. Pretorius **2019**. Mapping a Resistance Gene to *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* in the Bread Wheat Cultivar Matlabas. *Plant Disease* 103 (9), 2337-2344. <https://doi.org/10.1094/PDIS-10-18-1731-RE> **Q1**: IF 3.6
- 34) W.H.P. Boshoff, C.M. Bender & Z.A. Pretorius **2019**. The value of field ratings of differential lines for pathotyping *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*. *European Journal of Plant Pathology* 155(1), 349-352. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10658-019-01754-7> **Q2**: IF 1.7
- 35) Z.A. Pretorius, G.J. Booyesen, W.H.P. Boshoff, J.H. Joubert, G.J. Maree & J. Els **2019**. Additive Manufacturing of Devices used for Collection and Application of Cereal Rust Urediniospores. *Frontiers in Plant Science* 10, article 639. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpls.2019.00639> **Q1**: IF 4.3
- 36) N. Yekelo, L. Rothmann, C.M. Bender, Z.A. Pretorius & W.H.P. Boshoff **2019**. Response of an international triticale collection to *Puccinia triticina* and *Puccinia recondita* and assessment of temperature sensitivity in leaf rust isolates. *Cereal Research Communications* 47 (3), 496–505. <https://doi.org/10.1556/0806.47.2019.23> **Q2**: IF 0.7
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- 38) W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser, T. Terefe, Z.A. Pretorius **2019**. Diversity in *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *avenae* and its impact on oat cultivar response in South Africa. *European Journal of Plant Pathology* 155, 1165-1177. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10658-019-01845-5> **Q1**: IF 1.7
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- 41) G.J. Maree, H.D. Castelyn, C.M. Bender, W.H.P. Boshoff and Z.A. Pretorius. **2020**. Comparing infection and colonisation of *Puccinia graminis* in barley and wheat. *Australasian Plant Pathology* 49, 431-445. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13313-020-00715-7> **Q3**: IF 1.4
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- 48) A. Marè, W.H.P. Boshoff, L. Herselman **2021**. Molecular and phenotypic evaluation of wheat containing different combinations of rust resistance genes. *Plant Breeding* 140(3): 419-431. <http://doi.org/10.1111/pbr.12913> **Q2**: IF 1.7
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- 31) P.P. Myburgh, A. Marè, & W.H.P. Boshoff 2019. Phenotypic and genotypic characterisation of South African winter wheat cultivars for stem rust resistance. 3rd November 2019. Annual post-graduate symposium of the Department of Botany and Plant Biotechnology at University of Johannesburg. Awarded runner-up in BSc Honours category.
- 32) L. Herselman, A. Marè, W.H.P. Boshoff & Z.A. Pretorius 2020. Wheat pre-breeding for rust and Fusarium head blight resistance at the University of the Free State. 13th SAPBA Conference. 8-11 March 2020. Future Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa.
- 33) W.B. Meyer, W.H.P. Boshoff & B. Visser 2021. Race diversity of *Puccinia helianthi* in South Africa (presented in Afrikaans). Student Symposium Natural Sciences. South African Academy for Science and Art. Potchefstroom, South Africa. 28-29 October 2021. Virtual (In Afrikaans).
- 34) W.B. Meyer, W.H.P. Boshoff, A. Minnaar-Ontong & B. Visser 2021. An overview of virulence and genotypic assessment of South African *Puccinia helianthi* isolates. Annual post-graduate symposium of the Department of Botany and Plant

- Biotechnology at University of Johannesburg, South Africa. 9-12 November 2021, Virtual. Awarded runner-up in PhD category.
- 35) Z. Spelman, B. Visser & W.H. P. Boshoff 2021. Phenotypic and genotypic variation of *Puccinia hordei* in South Africa. Annual post-graduate symposium of the Department of Botany and Plant Biotechnology at University of Johannesburg, South Africa. 9-12 November 2021, Virtual.
 - 36) K. Venter, A. Marè, L. Herselman, Z.A. Pretorius, & W.H.P. Boshoff 2022. Rust response of the Watkins Core Collection of wheat landraces. Paper delivered 14th SAPBA Conference. Protea Hotel by Marriott, Stellenbosch, South Africa. 6-9th March 2022.
 - 37) N. Chiuraise, B. Visser, A. Marè & W.H.P. Boshoff 2022. Status of resistance to *Puccinia triticina* in Zimbabwean wheat germplasm. Poster presented at the 14th SAPBA Conference. Protea Hotel by Marriott, Stellenbosch, South Africa. 6-9th March 2022.
 - 38) W.B. Meyer, W.H.P. Boshoff & B. Visser 2022. Occurrence and pathogenicity of *Puccinia helianthi* on sunflower in South Africa. Poster presented at the 14th SAPBA Conference. Protea Hotel by Marriott, Stellenbosch, South Africa. 6-9th March 2022.
 - 39) W.B. Meyer, W.H.P. Boshoff, and B. Visser. 2022. South African sunflower rust race variants and hybrid responses. Paper delivered at the 33rd SANSOR Annual Conference. 8-9 June. The President Hotel Bantry Bay, Western-Cape, South Africa. Awarded the Best PhD Research Poster Presented.
 - 40) T.G. Terefe, B. Visser, Z.A. Pretorius & W.H.P. Boshoff. 2022. The continual emergence of new *Puccinia triticina* races on wheat in South Africa. 52nd SASPP Conference. Paper delivered at the 52nd congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 1-3 August 2022.
 - 41) C.M. Bender, W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser, A.R. Wood, L. Rothmann, Z.A. Pretorius. 2022. Fig rust: an unexplored disease in South Africa. Paper delivered at the 52nd congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 1-3 August 2022.
 - 42) I. du Toit, W.H.P. Boshoff, L.A. Rothmann and B. Visser. 2022. Fungicide sensitivity among South African *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* isolates. Poster presented at the 52nd congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 1-3 August 2022.
 - 43) W.H.P. Boshoff, T.G. Terefe, B. Visser, C.M. Bender & Z.A. Pretorius. 2022. Rust diseases of food and forage crops in South Africa: new threats and research to mitigate their impact. Paper delivered at the 52nd congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 1-3 August 2022.
 - 44) Z. Spelman, B. Visser, T. Terefe, Z.A. Pretorius & W.H.P. Boshoff. 2022. Pathogenicity and microsatellite characterization of *Puccinia hordei* in South Africa. Poster presented at the 52nd congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 1-3 August 2022.
 - 45) A.R. Wood, W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser, C.M. Bender & Z.A. Pretorius. 2022. The heteroecious life cycle of *Puccinia digitariae* on *Digitaria eriantha* and *Solanum* species, the first to be elucidated in South Africa in a century. Paper delivered at the 52nd congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 1-3 August 2022.

- 46) M.E. Tsotetsi, W.H.P. Boshoff & B. Visser. 2022. Functional analysis of the *AvrSr50* avirulence gene in South African *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* isolates. Poster presented at the 52nd congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 1-3 August 2022.
- 47) W.B. Meyer, W.H.P. Boshoff & B. Visser. 2022. Identification of new *Puccinia helianthi* race variants in South Africa and their impact on sunflower hybrids. Paper delivered at the 52nd congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 1-3 August 2022.
- 48) B. Visser, C.M. Bender, W.H.P. Boshoff, and Z.A. Pretorius. 2022. Back to the future: using herbarium specimens to reconstruct the genetic development of two wheat rusts in South Africa. Paper delivered at the 52nd congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 1-3 August 2022.
- 49) W.B. Meyer, W.H.P. Boshoff & B. Visser. 2022. *Puccinia helianthi* race variants and sunflower hybrid responses. Paper delivered at the Annual post-graduate symposium of the Department of Botany and Plant Biotechnology at University of Johannesburg, South Africa. 21-24 November 2022.
- 50) T. Makhetha, W.H.P. Boshoff, & A. Maré. 2022. The phenotypic and genotypic validation of leaf rust resistance in wheat varieties. Paper delivered at the Annual post-graduate symposium of the Department of Botany and Plant Biotechnology at University of Johannesburg, South Africa. 22-23 November 2022. Awarded best talk in Honours category.
- 51) I. du Toit, L. A. Rothmann, W. H. P. Boshoff, & B. Visser. 2023. The sensitivity to triazole fungicides among South African *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* isolates. Paper delivered at the Annual post-graduate symposium of the Department of Botany and Plant Biotechnology at University of Johannesburg, South Africa. 23-25 October 2022.
- 52) A. Coetzer, A. Maré, & W.H.P. Boshoff. 2023. First report of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* race 142E30A+ on wheat in South Africa. Paper delivered at the Annual post-graduate symposium of the Department of Botany and Plant Biotechnology at University of Johannesburg, South Africa. 23-25 October 2022.
- 53) K. Pule, W.H.P. Boshoff, & A. Maré. 2023. Phenotypic and genotypic evaluation of wheat plants developed for combined rust and Fusarium head blight resistance. Paper delivered at the Annual post-graduate symposium of the Department of Botany and Plant Biotechnology at University of Johannesburg, South Africa. 23-25 October 2022. Awarded 3rd best talk in Honours category.
- 54) N.A. Ntjabane, W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser & M.S. Mafa. **2024**. Unravelling functions of the modified cell wall in Thatcher and ThatcherLr9 wheat infected by *Puccinia triticina*. South African Association of Botanists Conference. Richards bay campus, University of Zululand, South Africa. 7 to 11 January 2024.
- 55) B.N. Gqola, J. Mebalo W.H.P. Boshoff & T.G. Terefe. **2024**. Virulence diversity of *Puccinia triticina* collected from wheat and triticale in South Africa from 2021 to 2022. Combined Crops, Soils, Horticulture and Weeds Congress. Wilderness Hotel, George. 22-25 January 2024.
- 56) W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser, C.M. Bender, Z.A. Pretorius **2024**. The response of *Allium* species and varieties to *Puccinia porri* in South Africa. Paper delivered at the 53rd Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Golden Gate National Park, Clarens, South Africa. 22-25 January 2024.

- 57) W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser, Z.A. Pretorius **2024**. *Thinopyrum distichum* as a possible ancillary host for cereal rusts in South Africa. Poster presented at the 53rd Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Golden Gate National Park, Clarens, South Africa. 22-25 January 2024.
- 58) T.G. Terefe, W.H.P. Boshoff, R.F. Park, Z.A. Pretorius, B. Visser **2024**. - Virulence diversity of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* on wheat and triticale in South Africa. Paper delivered at the 53rd Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Golden Gate National Park, Clarens, South Africa. 22-25 January 2024.
- 59) M.E. Tsotetsi, W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser **2024**. Sequence analysis of the *AvrSr35* and *AvrSr50* avirulence genes in South African *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* isolates. Paper delivered at the 53rd Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Golden Gate National Park, Clarens, South Africa. 22-25 January 2024.
- 60) C.M. Bender, S.I. Hlongwa, W.B. Meyer, Z.A. Pretorius, W.H.P. Boshoff **2024**. Macro- and microscopic phenotyping of *Uromyces appendiculatus* on beans. Poster presented at the 53rd Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Golden Gate National Park, Clarens, South Africa. 22-25 January 2024.
- 61) A. Coetzer, T. Terefe, A. Maré, J. Mebalo, B. Gqola, W.B. Meyer, Z.A. Pretorius, W.H.P. Boshoff **2024**. Virulence of a new race of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* detected on wheat in South Africa. Poster presented at the 53rd Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Golden Gate National Park, Clarens, South Africa. 22-25 January 2024.
- 62) L.A. Maphobole, B. Visser, W.B. Meyer, Z.A. Pretorius, W.H.P. Boshoff **2024**. Pathogenicity and microsatellite analysis of *Puccinia sorghi* isolates in South Africa. Poster presented at the 53rd Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Golden Gate National Park, Clarens, South Africa. 22-25 January 2024.
- 63) D. Ramovha, C.M. Bender, W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser **2024**. A study of *Puccinia coronata* isolates from oat and *Phalaris aquatica* in South Africa. Poster presented at the 53rd Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Golden Gate National Park, Clarens, South Africa. 22-25 January 2024.
- 64) I. du Toit, L.A. Rothmann, W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser **2024**. Triazole fungicide sensitivity among South African *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* isolates. Paper delivered at the 53rd Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, Golden Gate National Park, Clarens, South Africa. 22-25 January 2024.
- 65) T.G. Terefe, B. Visser, Z.A. Pretorius, W.H.P. Boshoff **2024**. Variation in *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* and *P. triticina* on wheat in South Africa and reaction of commercial cultivars and breeding lines to recently identified races. ARC-DALRRD Conference, ARC-VIMP, Roodeplaat, Pretoria, South-Africa. 12-14 February 2024.
- 66) W.H.P. Boshoff, W.B. Meyer, L. Maphobole, A. Coetzer, C.M. Bender, T.G. Terefe, Z.A. Pretorius, B. Visser **2024**. Mitigating the threat of rust pathogens of food and forage crops in South Africa. Paper delivered 15th Southern African Plant Breeding Symposium. Monte Bello Estate, Bloemfontein, South Africa. 11th - 13th March 2024.
- 67) J. du Plooy, W.H.P. Boshoff, B. Visser **2024**. Identification of putative virulence effector genes from *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*. Paper delivered at the Annual post-graduate symposium of the Department of Botany and Plant Biotechnology at University of Johannesburg, South Africa. 21 October 2024.

- 68) B. Visser, I. du Toit, T. Terefe, C.M. Bender, Z.A. Pretorius & W.H.P. Boshoff, 2024. Wheat rust surveillance in South Africa: past, present and future. University of Johannesburg Annual Postgraduate Student Symposium, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa. 21 October 2024
- 69) I. du Toit, W.H.P. Boshoff, L.A. Rothmann, B. Visser **2024**. Monitoring of wheat rust in South-Africa with MARPLE-diagnostics. South African Academy for Science and Art. Bloemfontein, South Africa. 30-31 October 2024. (In Afrikaans).
- 70) A. Coetzer, A. Maré, W.H.P. Boshoff **2024**. First report of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* race 142E30A+ on wheat in South Africa. South African Academy for Science and Art. Bloemfontein, South Africa. 30-31 October 2024. (In Afrikaans). Awarded best talk in Session.
- 71) N. Ntjabane, C.M. Bender, J. du Plooy, J. Nekundi, G. Kemp, B. Visser, W.H.P. Boshoff, M. Mafa. **2025**. Invertase mediates *Puccinia triticina* proliferation leading to cell wall collapse in susceptible wheat. Prepared for the 50th conference of South African Association of Botanists (SAAB). Wits Rural Facility, Kruger National Park. 30 June-3 July 2025.
- 72) I. du Toit, W.H. P. Boshoff, D. G. O. Saunders, T. G. Terefe, Z.A. Pretorius and B. Visser. **2026**. Phylogenetic analysis of South African isolates of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* and *P. graminis* f. sp. *tritici*. Talk presented at the 54th Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, 18 – 21 January 2026, Premier Hotel Umhlanga, KwaZulu-Natal.
- 73) T.G. Terefe, B. Visser, W.H.P. Boshoff. **2026**. *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* remains an evolving threat to wheat production in South Africa. Talk presented at the 54th Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, 18 – 21 January 2026, Premier Hotel Umhlanga, KwaZulu-Natal.
- 74) B. Visser, W.H.P. Boshoff, C.M. Bender, Z.A. Pretorius. **2026**. Uncovering new *Ficus* hosts for *Phakopsora nishidana*. Talk presented at the 54th Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, 18 – 21 January 2026, Premier Hotel Umhlanga, KwaZulu-Natal.
- 75) J. du Plooy, W.H.P. Boshoff, C.M. Bender, T.G. Terefe, and B. Visser. **2026**. Identification and characterisation of a putative virulence effector from *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*. Talk presented at the 54th Congress of the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists, 18 – 21 January 2026, Premier Hotel Umhlanga, KwaZulu-Natal.
- 76) B.N. Gqola, J. Mebalo, M.E. Tsotetsi, B. Visser, W.H.P. Boshoff, and T.G. Terefe **2026**. Tracking the threat: *Puccinia triticina* races detected on wheat in South Africa in 2024. Combined Crops, Soils, Horticulture and Weeds Congress. North West University, Tlokwe, 19-22 January 2026.

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- Z.A. Pretorius, T.G. Terefe, B. Visser, W.H.P. Boshoff **2024**. Battling Wheat Rust in South Africa: Challenges and Strategies. CABI planthealthcases.2024.0019 <https://doi.org/10.1079/planthealthcases.2024.0019>

Invited Talks and Lectures:

- 1) Boshoff W.H.P. 2008. Status of wheat breeding in SA. AGT wheat breeding. Adelaide, Australia.
- 2) Boshoff W.H.P. 2018. Status of rust research at the University of the Free State. Beijing, China, Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

- 3) Boshoff W.H.P. 2018. Report back on travel to Beijing China and Marrakech Morocco. IPP Lecture meeting. University of the Free State.
- 4) Boshoff W.H.P. 2019. Stem rust in wheat – the Southern African perspective. On-line seminar to MSc Students taking the course Plant Breeding (BI1296) and Protection for Sustainable Production. Department of Plant Protection Biology. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.
- 5) Boshoff W.H.P. 2020. Stem rust in wheat – the Southern African perspective. On-line seminar to MSc Students taking the course Plant Breeding (BI1296) and Protection for Sustainable Production. Department of Plant Protection Biology. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. (20 February 2020).
- 6) Boshoff W.H.P. 2021. Stem rust in wheat – the Southern African perspective. On-line seminar to MSc Students taking the course Plant Breeding (BI1296) and Protection for Sustainable Production. Department of Plant Protection Biology. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. (17 February 2021).
- 7) Boshoff W.H.P. 2021. Disease resistance in small grain cereals: The South African approach. National Science and Technology Forum, Discussion Forum, Plant health in South Africa – threats to biosecurity, biodiversity, and food security. 10-11 June 2021. Virtual Conference.
- 8) Boshoff W.H.P. 2022. Stem rust in wheat – the Southern African perspective. On-line seminar to MSc Students taking the course Plant Breeding (BI1296) and Protection for Sustainable Production. Department of Plant Protection Biology. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. (16 February 2022).
- 9) Boshoff W.H.P. 2023. Stem rust in wheat – the Southern African perspective. On-line seminar to MSc Students taking the course Plant Breeding (BI1296) and Protection for Sustainable Production. Department of Plant Protection Biology. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. (15 February 2023).
- 10) Boshoff W.H.P. **2024**. Stem rust in wheat – the Southern African perspective. On-line seminar to MSc Students taking the course Plant Breeding (BI1296) and Protection for Sustainable Production. Department of Plant Protection Biology. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. (13 February 2024).
- 11) Boshoff W.H.P. **2025**. Stem rust in wheat – the Southern African perspective. On-line seminar to MSc Students taking the course Plant Breeding (BI1296) and Protection for Sustainable Production. Department of Plant Protection Biology. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. (19 February 2025).

Non-Refereed Publications:

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- 2) W.H.P. Boshoff 1997. Stripe rust. Annual Wheat Newsletter. Volume 43: 216.
- 3) Z.A. Pretorius, A. van Jaarsveld, W.H.P. Boshoff & L. Robertson 1997. Streeproes: Inligting aan koringprodusente vir die 1997 - seisoen. Pamflet saamgestel deur streeproestaakspan, Universiteitsdrukkery, UVS, Bloemfontein.
- 4) W.H.P. Boshoff & B. D. van Niekerk 1997. Streeproes moeilik om raak te sien. Plaagbeheer by wintergewasse. Bylae in Landbouweekblad: bl 7-8.
- 5) W.H.P. Boshoff 1997. Die beheer van aarskroei onder spilpuntbesproeiing. Kleingraaninstituut, Bethlehem. Adviseursdagboekie: bl 112-115.
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- 9) F.J. Kloppers & W.H.P. Boshoff 1998. Yellow rust: Fight it early. Farmer's weekly/Boereweekblad: bl 12-15.
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- 12) W.H.P. Boshoff 1998. Die beheer van Streeproes. Kleingraaninstituut, Bethlehem, Boeredagboekie vir Somerreënvalgebied: bl 36-37.
- 13) W.H.P. Boshoff & Z.A. Pretorius 1999. Nuwe streeproesras in Oos-Vrystaat geïdentifiseer. Koringfokus 17 (1): bl 4-5. Januarie/Februarie 1999.
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- 15) W.H.P. Boshoff 1999. Streeproes – Noodsaaklike inligting vir doeltreffende beheer. Kleingraaninstituut, Bethlehem, Boeredagboekie vir Somerreënvalgebied: bl 36-37.
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