

IPPS Exchange Program

Demi Tait
demi@anb-academy.co.za

Background

- Grew up in Durban, Kwa-Zulu Natal
- Surrounded by nature and plants
- Outings to Botanical Gardens
- Interest cultivated





University of Pretoria

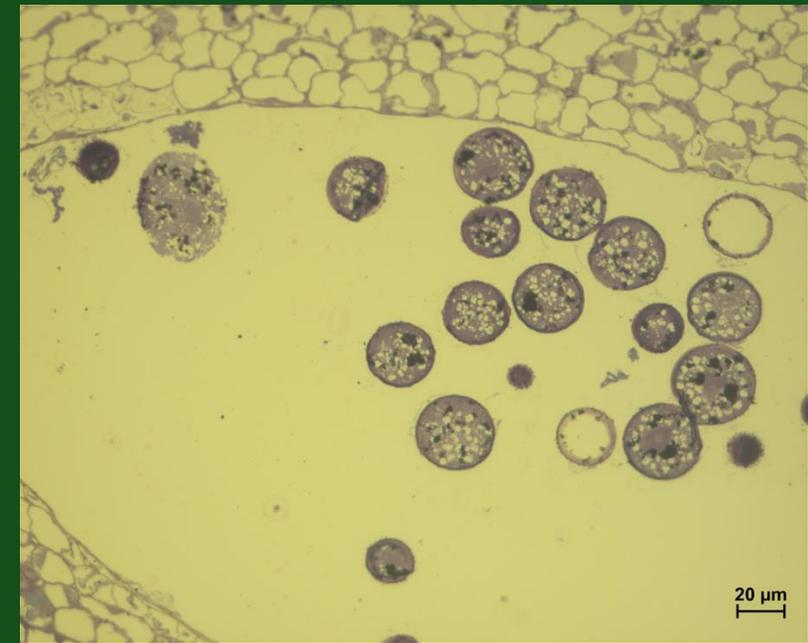
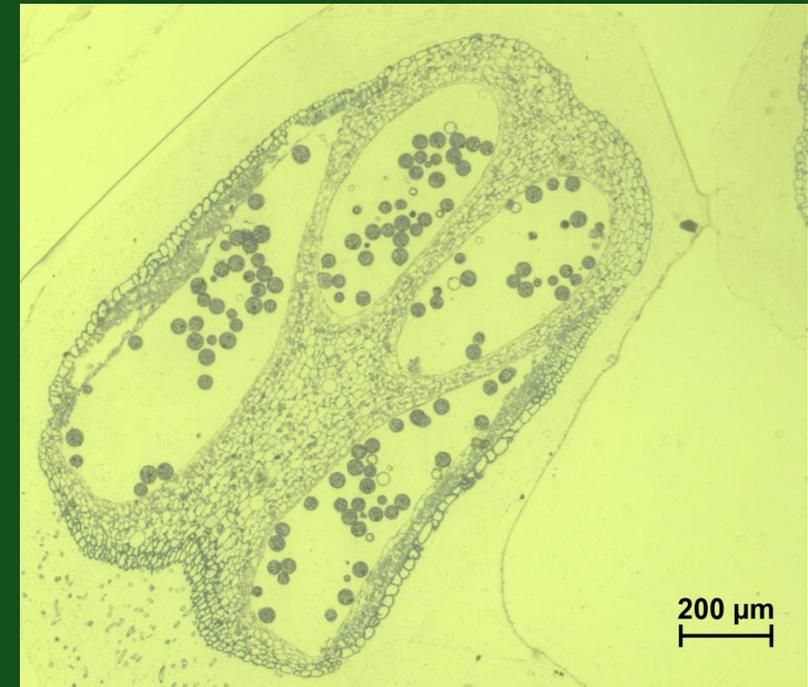
A close-up photograph of pink cherry blossoms in full bloom, set against a clear blue sky. The flowers are in sharp focus in the foreground, with some blurred in the background, creating a sense of depth. The petals are a soft pink color, and the centers show prominent stamens.

University of Pretoria

- **BSc (Agric) Applied Plant and Soil Sciences**
- **Exposure and learning**
- **Nursery Management and Ornamental Horticulture**

Further Studies

- Pollen development
- Effects of cold temperatures
- Growing Regions
- Solutions??



Tissue Culture



In Vitro Propagation

- Prof. Elsa du Toit's Tissue Culture Laboratory
- Research technician
- Optimise propagation protocols
- South African Rootstocks - SAAGA



Fruit Trees

- Young Professional Program
- Soft citrus
- Production
- Exposure to propagation
-  indigo



Budding - Orchard redevelopment



Value of Exchange

- New perspectives
- Daily approaches –
overcoming challenges
- Sharing with SA
industry
- Learning & connecting





**'To Seek and
To Share'**

Acknowledgements

- Prof. Elsa du Toit
- IPPS Southern Africa

