

## APPS Fellow



**Dr Ian Hood** began his forest pathology career in 1967 at the Forest Research Institute, Rotorua working on the recently discovered Swiss needle cast disease where he determined provenance susceptibility and developed predictive models in North America and New Zealand. Ian is best known for his basidiomycetes research. He found that unlike boreal forests where *Armillaria* spp. spread mainly through rhizomorphs, dispersal in New Zealand exotic plantations is through basidiospores. In Australia he studied colonisation of fire-damaged pine logs by decay fungi. Ian has contributed greatly to plant pathology by his two illustrated books on fungi on wood in New Zealand and in Queensland, his understanding of *Armillaria* root disease including a description of *Armillaria aotearoa*, and his 65 journal articles, 6 books or book chapters, and over 150 technical notes.