

## **PETER VAN ELDIK (Prof)**

### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Peter Van Eldik obtained his academic training at Potchefstroom University and holds a Ph D in Mathematics. He did post-doctoral studies at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands and at the California Institute of Technology in the United States.

He was linked to Potchefstroom University (now named North West University) for 22 years in various capacities as Professor of Mathematics, as Dean of the Faculty of Sciences and as Executive Director: Technology and Development.

In 1992 he joined the Foundation for Research Development (FRD) as the Director of Tertiary Programmes and a member of the FRD Executive. He was responsible for several research support programmes in Science, Engineering and Technology at universities and technikons and building appropriate links with local industry.

In 1996 he joined Technikon Pretoria as Chief Director of the new Directorate of Strategic Information and Planning. He has made major contributions to the development of a number of R&D focus areas linked to the priorities and needs of the country and industry. Since October 1997 he was appointed as Professor and a member of Senate and Council, and in 2001 appointed as Member of the Executive Management Committee of Technikon Pretoria.

Peter has published more than twenty-five papers in internationally recognized scientific journals and has participated in several international and national conferences and strategic planning sessions for higher education. He played an important role in repositioning Technikon Pretoria as a University of Technology.

During 2003 he became a member of the Joint Merger Team, and was playing an important role with the merging of Technikon Pretoria, Technikon Northern Gauteng and Technikon North West.

Tshwane University of Technology was born on 1 January 2004, and Peter was appointed as the Interim Vice-Chancellor's Personal Advisor. In addition to this responsibility, he is a Member of the Executive Management Committee, and also very much engaged with the promotion of Technological Innovation and Technology Transfer.

Peter officially went on retirement at the end of August 2005, but was reappointed on a part time contract as the Projects Manager for the Office for Innovation & Technology Transfer up to June 2007. Thereafter he has done a number of strategic planning projects for various institutions on a consultancy base.

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