



## ARNOLD VAN ZYL IS THE NEW Vice-Rector: Research

**P**rof Arnold van Zyl, the University's new Vice-Rector: Research, took office at the beginning of April. He was appointed Vice-Rector in June last year, but could only take up his post now due to contractual obligations.


Regarding his appointment, Prof Van Zyl said he was very happy to be back home after 20 years overseas. "I am excited about the potential of the University's research outputs to support the objectives of the integrated strategic plan."

Prof Van Zyl takes over from Prof Leopoldt van Huyssteen, who has been Acting Vice-Rector for the past few months. Prof van Huyssteen is the new Executive Director: Operations and Finance (see article below).

Prof Van Zyl, an engineer, is a former student of the University of Cape Town, where he obtained the BScEng, MScEng and PhD(Eng) degrees. He worked as an engineer (Industrial Research) for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and also was a postdoctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research in Stuttgart. From 1990 to 2000 he served in a number of posts at DaimlerBenz (currently Daimler) in Europe. He was appointed General Secretary of Fuel Cell Alliance in San Diego (USA) in 2001 and as Executive Director, EUCAR (the European Council for Automotive Research) in 2003. He has been Chief Executive Officer of ERTICO-ITS Europe in Brussels since 2006 - an organisation that specialises in research on intelligent traffic systems.

Prof Van Zyl is also an advisory professor at the China-German Traffic Research Centre at the University of Tongji in China.

His list of publications includes more than 59 patents.

Prof Van Zyl is registered as a professional engineer with the South African Council for Professional Engineers and serves on the boards of a number of European advisory organisations and as consultative editor of various technical publications and congresses. 

## LEOPOLDT VAN HUYSSTEEN IS THE NEW Executive Director: Operations and Finances



**P**rof Leopoldt van Huyssteen, who retired as Dean of the Faculty of AgriSciences in December 2007, is the University's new Executive Director: Operations and Finance. Prof Van Huyssteen, a Maties Alumnus, acted as Vice-Rector: Research for a while. He will also be responsible for Innovation and Commercialisation in his new role.

He has overall responsibility for Facilities Management, Finance, Information Technology, Interactive Telematic Education and InnovUS and

also serves in the line function of the Unistel Group of companies.

Prof Van Huyssteen was appointed Dean of the former Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at Stellenbosch University (SU) in October 1999 and as Dean of the Faculty of AgriSciences in January 2000 after the amalgamation of two faculties (Agriculture and Forestry) under his management. 