



## Construction economics bids farewell to Head of Department

**The Department of Construction Economics in the School for the Built Environment is a leader in the provision of well-prepared practitioners in the fields of construction and property development in the private and public sectors, locally and abroad. Head of Department, Prof Tinus Maritz, who has made major contributions to the Department's success, will be retiring at the end of 2015.**

Prof Maritz obtained a BSc (Quantity Surveying) degree cum laude in 1973, a master's degree in 1987 and a doctorate in 2003, all from the University of Pretoria. He was appointed as a full-time lecturer in the erstwhile Department of Quantity Surveying in 1975, and was promoted to senior lecturer in 1987. In 2003, he was appointed associate professor, and promoted to Head of the Department of Construction Economics in 2007. He was also appointed Chairman of the School for the Built Environment in 2008.

He serves on various professional bodies and committees, such as the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP) and the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS). He also serves on the technical and review committees of the Joint Building Contracts Committee (JBCC), the

Standard System Joint Committee of the ASAQS, Master Builders South Africa (MBSA) and the ASAQS Preliminaries Committee. He is the ASAQS constituent representative on the JBCC.

In 2014, Prof Maritz received the ASAQS Gold Medal for outstanding service to the quantity surveying profession. This is a highly selective award and has been awarded to fewer than 10 people until now.

Prof Maritz has experienced a number of highlights during his tenure at the University of Pretoria. Among these is his establishment of a research culture in the Department, which did not exist before 2007. As a result, academic staff members are motivated to improve their qualifications. His hope is that all academic staff members will soon have a doctorate, which will be a first for the Department. He has also been involved

in the development of the Construction Adjudication Certificate course through the campus enterprise Continuing Education at University of Pretoria (CE at UP). This is offered to senior law professionals and practitioners in the construction industry.

Another highlight has been his involvement in the compilation of model documentation and processes for quantity surveying practices. These include, inter alia, the Standard Method of Measuring Building Work (SMM), the Model Bills of Quantities, which is based on the 6th edition of the SMM, and Model Bills of Quantities for Small or Simple Buildings.

Prof Maritz hopes to maintain his involvement with the ASAQS as its representative on the JBCC and the International Coalition for Measurement Standards (ICMS). ➔