



→ Michelle Bosch receives the Gold Medal award as the best final-year student in Quantity Surveying in South Africa in 2013 from Onie Dhliwayo, President of the ASAQS. Larry Feinberg, Director of the ASAQS, looks on.

## Department of Construction Economics receives awards

**The Department of Construction Economics at the University of Pretoria endeavours to be locally relevant, and to compete with the best internationally.**

As a testimony to the Department's success, the Head of the Department, Prof Tinus Maritz, and alumna, Michelle Bosch, received awards at the 7th Annual Quantity Surveying Conference, hosted by the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS) and the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP) from 21 to 23 September 2014.

Prof Maritz was awarded a medal of honour for his lifelong dedication to the profession. He has been active in the industry since 1975. Michelle, who completed her BSc Hons (Quantity Surveying) (cum laude) degree at the end of 2013, received the gold medal for the best final-year student in Quantity Surveying in South Africa in 2013. She now works as a quantity surveyor at Matla Quantity Surveyors in Pretoria.

The conference aimed to bring together academics, researchers, postgraduate students and industry practitioners so that they could share thoughts on how the profession presently influences the dynamic socioeconomic environment and how it will influence the future.

The ever-changing socioeconomic, technological and environmental spheres cause various obstacles in the profession. Clients are constantly demanding better services and quantity surveyors are under pressure to deliver.

These awards are proof that the Department of Construction Economics has succeeded in its objective of delivering the best graduates to address this need. 📍