

# New Dean for Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

The University is pleased to announce the appointment of Prof Sunil Maharaj as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology.



Prof Maharaj obtained his BSc and MSc degrees in Electronic Engineering at the University of Natal, after which he completed an MSc in Operational Telecommunications at Coventry in the United Kingdom. He completed his PhD in Electronic Engineering at the University of Pretoria.

Prof Maharaj began his career at Electromagnetic Laboratories and then moved to academia where he worked as a part-time lecturer at the ML Sultan Technikon in Durban and a senior lecturer at the Transkei Technikon. He then accepted a position as Vice-Rector: Academic at the Eastern Cape Technikon.

He joined the University of Pretoria as a senior lecturer in 2000, where he progressed to Head of the Department of Electrical, Electronic

and Computer Engineering. Prior to his appointment as Dean, he was the Chairholder of the Sentech Chair in Broadband Wireless Multimedia Communications (BWMC).

Prof Maharaj has published widely in several accredited journals in his field, and has received a number of awards, including the Technology and Human Resources for Industry (THRIP) Award of the Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) in the Advanced Hi-tech Category for his research in broadband wireless communications in 2013.

*Innovate* would like to congratulate Prof Maharaj on his appointment and wishes him well in his future career as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology. ➔