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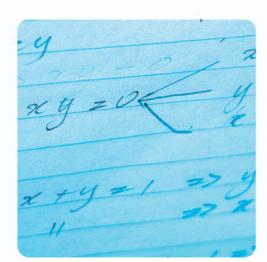


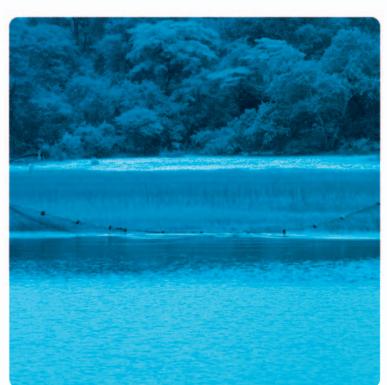




















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## **Preface**

## From the Dean's Office

n 2008 the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences once again lived up to its vision to be acknowledged as a faculty that is at the forefront of the practice of natural and agricultural science where the highest levels of quality and credibility are reflected.

During the year the faculty not only remained one of the leaders in training and career development in the natural and agricultural sciences, but it also made a concerted effort to enlarge its international footprint and to establish itself internationally. This is evident in the visits of staff from the faculty to universities such as the USA-based University of Minnesota and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) and the extension of international agreements between the University of the Free State (UFS) and these institutions. The faculty also had the privilege of hosting a high-level delegation from the University of Minnesota on the Main Campus in Bloemfontein in August 2008.

The turmoil in the international markets firstly led to very high oil prices, which spilt over to the grain markets and high food prices. This, in turn, led to high inflation levels and therefore high interest rates. Eventually the exchange rate also deteriorated against the major currencies. In the latter part of the year the whole situation was turned upside down with the collapse of the financial markets. The faculty did not escape this and the price of equipment for which orders were placed sky rocketed. Innovative skills had to be applied to remain on track with our equipment strategy.

Although 2008 was an exceptionally difficult year for the UFS and the institution had to bear the brunt of the Reitz video and the reaction of the national and international community, the faculty still managed to perform and expand its core business.

The faculty offers multi-disciplinary and holistic courses to send skilled and capable students into the South African workplace and to empower the labour force. Our general and extended programmes are continuously assessed and improved in order to improve our throughput rates and quality of teaching.

The staff at the faculty worked tirelessly this year to broaden our product offering and to provide our students with the best quality teaching in the country. I applaud their efforts of expanding capacity, developing programmes and strengthening re-



Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk.

lationships both within and outside the faculty and the university.

I also want to applaud the staff and students of the faculty with their achievements this year – whether it is on a personal level, in their capacity as staff member of their respective department/centre or for the faculty. To mention a few:

- Ms Estelle Heideman HIV/Aids coordinator of the Lengau Agricultural Development Centre, received a bursary to participate in a leadership programme in the United States of America (USA), which trains female leaders in South Africa who contribute to the prevention of HIV at a local, regional and national level:
- In the Department of Agricultural Economics, Prof. Johan Willemse, known for his contribution towards agriculture, was appointed on the nonexecutive board of Absa;

## Staff in the dean's office



The staff working in the dean's office are, from the left, front: Ms Stefanie Naborn, Manager: Marketing and Liaison, Ms René Bloem, Secretary, Prof. Neil Heideman, Vice-Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences; back: Mr Clasie Claassen, Assistant Administrative Officer, Mr Johan Kruger, Faculty Manager, Ms Lorinda Rust, Secretary, and Ms Mitzie Cloete, Typist/Clerical Assistant.

- Prof. James du Preez, Departmental Chair of the Department Microbial, Biochemical and Food Biotechnology, received the silver medal for exceptional published research awarded at the biennial conference of the South African Society for Microbiology hosted in Graham's Town. It was only the seventh time since 1986 that the medal was awarded;
- A study of the UFS about how the change in the packaging of DNA with cellular development is influenced by die expression of genes, in which Prof. Hugh Patterton played a leading role, was published in a leading peerreviewed scientific journal Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA (PNAS). The PNAS journal has an impact factor of 10, which means that studies published in this journal

- are referred to by ten other scientific studies within the scope of two years;
- Prof. Riaan Luyt, professor in Chemistry and head of the Natural Sciences Programme at the Qwaqwa Campus, received an honorary medal from the Polymer Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences during a conference hosted in the High Tatras mountains of Slovakia:
- Prof. Maryke Labuschagne from the Department of Plant Sciences was the recipient of the National Science and Technology Forum's (NSTF) research capacity-development award. A team consisting of Prof. Jan van der Westhuizen and Dr Susan Bonnet from the Department of Chemistry, Prof. Kenneth Swart and Prof. Thinus van der Merwe from FARMOVS-PAREXEL also

- received the innovation award for an outstanding contribution to science, engineering and technology by either an individual or a team over the last ten years from the NSTF;
- Prof. Maryke Labuschagne received a second prestigious national award for her research when the 2008 Cereal Science and Technology SA's (CST-SA) Award for research and development was awarded to her; and
- Prof. Ivan Horak, extraordinary professor at the university's Department of Zoology and Entomology, became the third person in the history of the UFS to receive the D.Sc. degree.

In closing I would like to thank the faculty's lecturing staff for their support and enthusiasm during the past year. However, none of these achievements would have been possible without the interest and hard work of the administrative staff.

During 2008 we have all worked together to live up to the faculty's motto: "There is no substitute for excellence!" This report covers the activities of the faculty in 2008. It is a reflection of a year's commitment from a team of highly skilled academic and support staff.

Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences University of the Free State

## Faculty news

## Successful visit from delegation of the University of Minnesota

senior delegation from the University of Minnesota in the United States of America (USA) paid a very successful visit to the University of the Free State (UFS) in May 2008 to explore ways of strengthening already existing ties between the two institutions.

Teacher training, capacity building in health sciences and student preparedness were among the areas of cooperation that were investigated, within the context of the Strategic Academic Cluster initiative of the UFS. Poverty reduction strategies were also a strong focus area.

The Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences has had a cooperation agreement with the University of Minnesota's Department of Applied Economics since 2002 and the exchange of staff



During the visit are, from the left: Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk, Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the UFS, Prof. Robert Jones, Senior Vice-President: System Academic Administration at the University of Minnesota, Dr Meredith Quiad, Associate Vice-President and Dean: International Programmes, University of Minnesota, Prof. Teuns Verschoor, Acting Rector of the UFS and Prof. Ezekiel Moraka, Vice-Rector: Student Affairs at the UFS.

has been taking place on a regular basis. This agreement will be expanded and both institutions are now exploring the possibility of applying it across faculties. Both institutions have committed seed funding to formalise the cooperation agreement.

## 50 years of Agriculture celebrated



of the teaching of agriculture at the UFS in November 2008. Part of the celebrations was a seminar with the theme "Challenges in a changing agricultural environment". Some of the guest speakers are, from the left: Mr Corwyn Botha, Chairman: Agri Business Chamber and Managing Director of the Cape Agri Group, Mr Motsepe Matlala, President of NAFU, Mr Hans van der Merwe, Executive Head: Agri SA, Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk: Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the UFS, and Mr Sugar Ramakarane, Head: Department of Agriculture, Free State Province.

## Winners of NSTF awards assist with recruitment of students



Here are, from the left: Dr Martin Ntwaeaborwa, senior lecturer at the Denartment of Physics and finalist in the category for black researchers, Prof. Kenneth Swart, FARMOVS-PAREXEL, Prof. Maryke Labuschagne, head of Plant Breeding at the UFS's Department of Plant Sciences and female recipient of the award for the development of research capacity over the past five to ten years, and Prof. Jan van der Westhuizen, Department of Chemistry at the UFS: front: Ms Kedibone Aphane, MRC. Prof. Swart and Prof. Van der Westhuizen were the leaders of the team who received the award for the development of innovation by a corporate organisation or institution

epresentatives of the South African Medical Research Council (MRC) visited the UFS to recruit students who want to study in the fields of science, engineering and technology. To assist with the recruitment, the winners of awards made by the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) earlier this year,

made presentations to create an interest amongst students. The UFS had four finalists of whom two were the winners in their respective categories.

## Young scientists learn what faculty can offer



Young science lovers gathered in Sasolburg for the annual Sasol TechnoX in August 2008. The faculty's exhibition captured the learners' attention through an interactive representation of the application fields of science. Delegates from the Departments of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, Chemistry, Zoology and Entomology, as well as UFS Marketing stood ready to answer the questions of the 20 832 learners who attended the event. Pictured here is Theo Viljoen, M.Sc. student in Forensic Entomology, sharing interesting facts regarding insects with learners.

## Two UFS academics appointed on the Land Bank Board



Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk (left), Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, and Mr Theo Potgieter from the UFS School of Management were appointed on the Land Bank Board in March 2008. Prof. van Schalkwyk was appointed as Director and Deputy Chairperson and Mr Potgieter as Director of the Board. The appointments were made by the Minister of Agriculture and Land Affairs, Ms Lulu Xingwana, and are effective for a period of four years.

## UFS extends exchange agreement with USA university



Here are, from the left, front: Dr SK de Datta, Vice-Rector: International Affairs, VT, Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk, Dean of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, UFS, Dr Martin Ntwaeaborwa, senior lecturer at the Department of Physics, UFS; back: Prof. Jim McKenna, Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Affairs, VT, Prof. Izak Groenewald, Director of the Centre for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development at the UFS and responsible for the faculty's international liaison, Dr Michael Bertelsen, VT's international office, Dr Aldo Stroebel, Head: Internationalisation at the UFS and Dr Liesel Herselman, senior lecturer at the Department of Plant Sciences, UFS.

delegation from the faculty visited the Virginia Tech University (VT) in the USA in June 2008 to confirm and extend the existing student exchange agreements between the two institutions.

During the visit the agreement, which started in 1997, was extended for the next five years. More than 150 students from both institutions have already taken part in this exchange agreement and it is the most successful student exchange agreement that VT is involved in. Although agricultural students from the UFS initially took part in the agreement, it was extended to other departments in the faculty and also to the rest of the UFS.

## **Itjoriseng Project launched**



The faculty launched the Itjoriseng Project on the Main Campus in Bloemfontein in March 2008. The aim of the project is to improve the skills of teachers in the subjects Mathematics and Physical Science for Grades 10–12. "Itjoriseng" is the Sotho word for "sharpen yourself". At the launch were, from the left: Mr Mzamo Jacobs, Director: Curriculum Development for Further Education and Training, Free State Department of Education, Mr Johan Kruger, Faculty Manager, Ms Elna Marais, Chief Education Specialist: Curriculum Development, Free State Department of Education, and Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk, Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the UFS.

## 2007 Faculty report launched

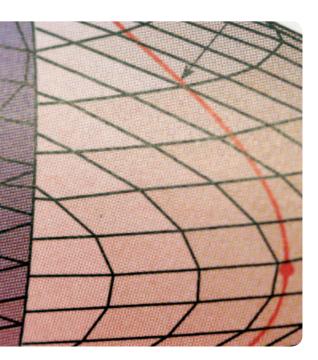


The faculty once again produced another report in which the various departments and centres highlighted their activities for 2007. The report was so well received that a second edition had to be printed. Here are some of the departmental chairpersons during the launch of the report in June 2008.

## Department of

# Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

"Members of staff are actively involved in research and have excelled in their respective fields" - Prof. Alain Cloot.





Prof. Alain Cloot.

## Overview

he Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics offered a wide range of courses, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. Many of the staff members were actively involved in research and community service.

Among the various accomplishments obtained in their respective fields, the outstanding research achievements of Prof. Johan Meyer were acknowledged by the management of the University of the Free State (UFS) who promoted him to the rank of Senior Professor in March 2008.

Prof. Schalk Schoombie, in collaboration with Mr Christiaan Venter,

continued with a project funded by the National Research Foundation (NRF) on the use of computational adaptive dynamics in the modelling of evolution and adaptive processes in population modelling.

Furthermore, Prof. Schoombie, in collaboration with Prof. Eben Maré of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at the University of Pretoria, continued his investigation of non linear instabilities induced by spurious high frequency components in the numerical solution of certain non linear ordinary differential equations. In particular, the effect of using third and fourth order Nyström methods on the Van der Pol equation was

investigated. A research article on this topic was published in the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics' (SIAM) *Journal of Numerical Analysis*.

Prof. Johan Meyer paid a research visit to Prof. J Szigeti at the University of Miskolc in Hungary in May 2008 as well as to Prof. W-F Ke at the National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, Taiwan in November 2008. Prof. Meyer gave two invited lectures. The first one took place at the Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest, Hungary in June, and the second was given in November at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Prof. Meyer received a research visit from Prof. CJ Maxson of Texas A&M University in the United States of America (USA) in April 2008.

Prof. Alain Cloot continued his fundamental research on the topic of partial derivatives of non-integer orders and their applications in groundwater modelling. He and his colleagues, Mr Willem van Wyk and Dr William Rae of the Department of Medical Physics at the UFS, presented some of their results at the congress of the South African Association of Physicists in Medicine and Biology (SAAPMB) in June 2008. The presentation was awarded the prize for the most insightful presentation.

Prof. Thomas Acho was the external examiner for two M.Sc. dissertations, namely, the work of Mr KB Mfumadi entitled "Variation

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Viscosity Arterial Blood Flow: Its Nature and Stability" and the dissertation of Mr T M Kgasago on the subject: "Modelling the Transmission Dynamics of Infectious Diseases with Vaccination and Temporary Immunity". Both candidates were from the University of Limpopo.

Prof. Acho was also invited by the editor of the *Journal of the American Mathematical Society* to act as a reviewer for one of their articles.

In the area of community service, Prof. Johan Meyer and Mr Christiaan Venter were closely involved in the activities offered by the Nautilus Mathematics Project.



Staff members of the department during a meeting with Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk, Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.



Prof. CJ Maxson (right) of Texas A&M University in the United States of America visited the department in April 2008.

## Research outputs

### **Research articles**

Schoombie, S.W. 2008. High frequency induced instability in Nystrom methods for the van der Pol equation. SIAM Journal of Numerical Analysis 46(3): 1147-1165.

**Groenewald, N.J., Juglal, S. & Meyer, J.H.** 2008. Prime ideals in group near-rings. *Algebra Colloquium* 15(3): 501-510.

#### **Conference contributions**

Schoombie, S.W. 2008. Doing non linear analysis with Ron Mitchell.

Paper delivered at the South African Symposium on Numerical and Applied Mathematics (SANUM 2008), Stellenbosch, South Africa. 26-28 March.

Van Wyk, W.P., Rae, W.I.D. & Cloot, A. 2008. Fractional order calculus in medical imaging processing. Paper delivered at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress and Winter School of the South African Association of Physicists in Medicine and Biology (SAAPMB), Durban, South Africa. 24-28 March.

### Staff

#### Main Campus:

Professors: Profs Johan Meyer, Schalk Schoombie, Dana Murray, Alain Cloot Associate Professor: Prof. Thomas Acho Senior Lecturer: Dr Hubertus Bargenda, Ms Julia van Niekerk

Lecturers: Dr Samantha Dorfling, Mr Chistiaan Venter, Ms Ansa Kleynhans

**Temporary Lecturers**: Mss Magrietha Theron, Martie Calitz, Anita Swart, Marina

Botha

Administrative Officer: Ms Marinda Venter

#### Qwagwa Campus:

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Lecturer: Mr Patrick Mbambo

**Temporary Lecturers**: Messrs Nallapan Sebastian, Neo Tsosane, Ms Christa Faber

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## Statistical data



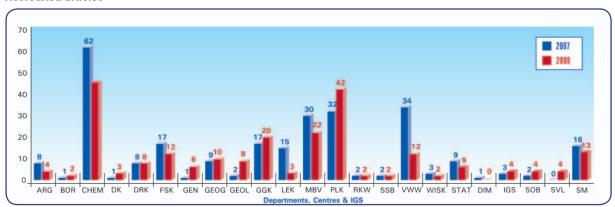
## Research outputs: 2007-2008

## List of abbreviations

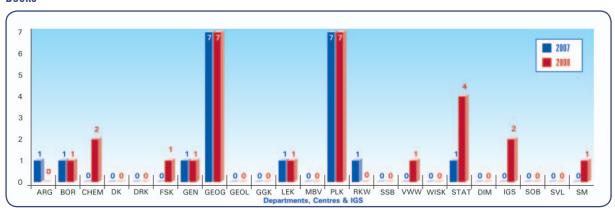
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ARG	Department of Architecture
BOR	Department of Quantity Surveying and Construction Management
SOB	Centre for Environmental Management
CEM	Department of Chemistry
SM	Centre for Microscopy
SVL	Centre for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
DK	Dean's Office
DRK	Department of Zoology and Entomology
FSK	Department of Physics
GEN	Department of Genetics
GEOG	Department of Geography
GEOL	Department of Geology

Abbreviation	Name
GGK	Department of Soil, Crop and Climate Sciences
IGS	Institute for Groundwater Studies
LEK	Department of Agricultural Economics
MBV	Department of Microbial, Biochemical and Food Biotechnology
PLK	Department of Plant Sciences
RKW	Department of Computer Science and Informatics
SSB	Department of Urban and Regional Planning
SRB	Disaster Management Training and Education Centre for Africa (DiMTEC)
VWW	Department of Animal, Wildlife and Grassland Sciences
STAT	Department of Mathematical Statistics and Actuarial Science
WISK	Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

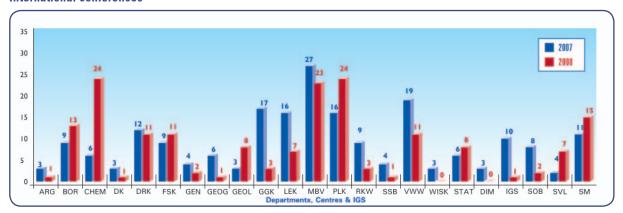
## **Accredited articles**



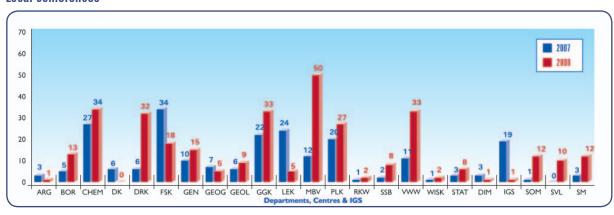
## Books



## International conferences



## **Local conferences**



## Student figures: 2007-2008

## **Student figures**

Year	Description	Black	Coloured	Asian	White	Total
2007	Undergraduate	1492	66	38	1218	2814
	Postgraduate	710	41	40	684	1475
	Occasional	230	6	2	36	274
*TOTAL		2432	113	80	1938	4563
2008	Undergraduate	1667	51	37	1227	2982
	Postgraduate	755	40	43	701	1539
	Occasional	260	5	1	19	285
* TOTAL		2682	96	81	1947	4806

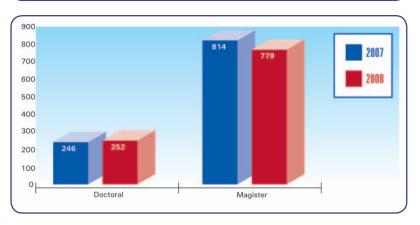
## **International students**

Nationality	Year	Year	
racionancy	2007	*2008	
Angola	2	0	
Asian countries	20	24	
Botswana	17	23	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	1	
European countries	9	10	
Lesotho	118	144	
Malawi	3	5	
Mauritius	2	3	
Mozambique	4	7	
Namibia	54	65	
North America	15	5	
Other African countries	47	69	
South America	1	0	
Swaziland	5	6	
Zambia	7	7	
Zimbabwe	48	60	
Total	352	429	

<sup>\*2008</sup> Final HEMIS figures not available

## Comparison for the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences





## Glossary



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AACC -	American Association for Cereal Chemists	DiMTEC -	Disaster Management Training and Education	IAMA -	International Food and Agribusiness Management
AACE -	Association for the Advancement of Cost	DMISA -	Centre for Africa Disaster Management In-	IAU -	Association International Astronomical
ADF -	Engineering Amsterdam Density Functional Programme	DRRW -	stitute of Southern Africa Durable Rust Resistance in Wheat	ICACS -	Union International Conference on Atomic Collisions in
ADG - AEASA -	Average Daily Grain Agricultural Economics	DST -	Department of Science and Technology	ICCC -	Solids International Conference
AEON	Association of South Africa the African Earth	DWAF -	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry	ICEC -	on Coordination Chemistry International Cost
AEON - AGU -	Observation Network American Geophysical	E		ICRISAT -	Engineering Council International Crops Research Institute for the
AI -	Union Artificial Insemination	ECA -	European Crystallographic Association	ICSU -	Semi-Arid Tropics International Council for
ARC -	Agricultural Research Council	EGIC -	Economic Growth and International	IDC -	Science Industrial Development
ARV - ASC -	Antiretroviral Architecture Student Conference	EMSA -	Competitiveness Environmental Management Systems	IGC -	Corporation International Geological Congress
ASAQS -	Association of South African Quantity	EMS -	Association Environmental	IGS -	Institute for Groundwater Studies
ASOCSA -	Surveyors Association of Schools of	EPWP -	Management Systems Expanded Public Works	IMWA -	International Mine Water Association
	Construction of Southern Africa	_	Programme	INCRoP -	Insects on New Crops Programme
В		F		IPMP -	Intensive Project Management Programme
BBSRC -	Piotochnology and	FAO -	Food and Agricultural	ISI -	International Statistical
BBSNC -	Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council	FETWater	Organisation - Framework Programme for Research Education	ISME -	Institute International Society for Microbial Ecology
BMBF -	Federal Ministry of		and Training in Water	IT -	Information Technology
	Education and Research, Germany	FMP -	Facilities Management Programme Free State Rural	IUMS -	International Union of Microbiological Societies
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CAA -	Commonwealth Association of Architects	FTIR -	Fourier Transform Infra Red Spectrometer	LPI -	Lunar and Planetary Institute
CANSA -	Cancer Association of South Africa Centro de Astrobiología	G		LRAD -	Land Redistribution for Agricultural Development
CED -	Centre for Education Development	FGAP -	Facility for Genomics and Proteomics	M	
CePHMa -	Management	GIS -	Geographical Information Systems	MCEE -	Minnesota Council on Economic Education
CHESD -	Centre for Higher Education Studies and	GMO - GRDM -	Genetically Modified Organisms Groundwater Resource	MDC -	Maputo Development Corridor
CHPC -	Development Centre for High Performance Computing	GSSA -	Directed Measures Grassland Science Society	MEC -	Member of the Executive Council
CIDB -	Construction Industry Development Board	GSSA -	of South Africa Geological Society of	MNS -	Material and Nanosciences Cluster
CIOB-SA -	Chartered Institute of Building, South Africa		South Africa	MOU -	Memorandum of Understanding
CSIR -	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	H	U	MRC - MSA -	Medical Research Council  Masters in Sustainable  Agriculture
CSTA -	Organisation Cereal Science and	HCI - HRTEM -	Human-computer Interaction High Resolution	MSSA -	Microscopy Society of Southern Africa
CUT -	Technology Association Central University of Technology		Transmission Electron Microscopy	MUCPP -	Mangaung University Community Partnership Programme

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NAMC -	National Agricultural Marketing Council	SABC -	South African Broadcasting Corporation	SLE -	Senior Lecturer Equivalent
NASA -	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	SACAP -	South African Council	SSSSA -	Soil Science Society of South Africa
NASSP -	National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme	SACPOMP.	for the Architectural Professions South African Council	SWMA -	Southern African Wildlife Management Association
NBN -	National Bioinformatics Network	OACI CIVII	for the Property Valuers Profession	т	Ü
NCEE -	National Council for Economic Education	SACPLAN -	South African Council of Planners	<b>T</b> TEM -	Transmission Electron
NDF - NECSA -	Neutral Detergent Fibre Nuclear Energy	SACQSP -	South African Council for the Quantity	THRIP -	Microscope Technology and Human
NERPO -	Corporation of South Africa National Emergent	SADC -	Surveying Profession Southern African		Resource for Industry Programme
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NGO -	Non-Governmental Organisation	SAFEFE -	South African	UCT -	University of Cape Town
NRF -	National Research Foundation	SAFOI -	Foundation for Economic and Financial Education	UEC -	Unit for Earth Construction
NSTF -	National Science and Technology Forum	SAIA -	South African Fryer Oil Initiative South African Institute	UFS -	University of the Free State
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n		SANCID -	South African	UNU -	United Nations University
P			Commission on Irrigation and Drainage	UP -	University of Pretoria
PAQS -	Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors	SANPAD -	South African	USA -	United States of America
PDMS -	Provincial Disaster Management Centre		Netherlands Research Programme	USAID -	United States Agency for International Development
PRT -	Protein Research Trust	SANSA -	on Alternatives in Development South African National	UWC -	University of the Western Cape
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RDP -	Redress and Development	SAPOA -	South African Property	W	
RIBA -	Programme Royal Institute of British	SAPPS -	Owners Association Symposium of the South African Pecan Producers	WCAP -	World Conference on Animal Production
RICS -	Architects Royal Institute of	SAQA -	Association South African	WITS -	University of the Witwatersrand
RIEP -	Chartered Surveyors Research Institute of Education Planning	SASA -	Qualifications Authority South African Statistical	WRC -	Water Research Commission
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