

## Lifetime award for UFS scholar

A singular award was made at the beginning of this month to a colleague at the University of the Free State. On 3 July, the South African Association for Language Teaching (SAALT) presented a lifetime award to Prof. Albert Weideman “to honour his dedication and many achievements”. The award was made “in recognition of his contribution in research and practice to applied linguistics, test design and curriculum development in academic literacy”.

Prof. Weideman, a Professor of Applied Language Studies and Senior Research Fellow, has designed language tests for South African institutions, as well as for universities in Vietnam, Namibia, Singapore, the Netherlands and Australia. His creative designs have enhanced the quality of academic literacy tests in South Africa. The language courses he has developed have been used at beginner, intermediate and advanced level, as well as for introducing teachers to innovations in language teaching.

On accepting the award, Prof. Weideman said: “I wish to dedicate it to the many dozens of MA students I have had, as well as to the many talented PhD students I have supervised.” Many of them now hold positions as directors or assistant directors of units for academic literacy, or of schools of language, at a number of universities.

