



Prof Vinck is Hoof van die Departement Kommunikasiepatologie en Professor in die Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe. Van 2008 tot met sy aanstelling in die huidige pos aan die begin van 2011 was hy Buitengewone Professor aan die Universiteit van Pretoria. Van 1998 tot 2010 was prof Vinck Hoofdirekteur vir Oudiologie in die Departement Neus-, Keel- en Oorheelkunde, en Direkteur van die Sentrum vir Spraak- en Gehoorrehabilitasie, albei in die akademiese hospitaal van Gent. Hy was Professor aan die Universiteit van Gent.

Prof Vinck se belangstelling en navorsingsuitset is veral toegespits op oto-akoestiese emissie en gehoorverlies wat deur geraas veroorsaak word. Hy word as 'n pionier op hierdie gebied beskou en sy navorsing en bevindinge het aanleiding gegee tot veranderinge in goeie praktyk in oudiologie. In België het dit gelei tot die aanvaarding van wetgewing wat beperkings plaas op die geraasvlakke by musiek- en ander feeste en diskoteke.

Baie van sy navorsing is in gerespekteerde vaktyskrifte met hoë impak op sy vakgebied gepubliseer. Ofskoon hy maar net 'n jaar in Suid-Afrika is, is hy reeds aktief betrokke as eksterne eksaminator by verskeie universiteite in die land en is hy onlangs aangestel as 'n geakkrediteerde assessor vir die Raad vir Gesondheidsberoepe van Suid-Afrika (HPCSA). Prof Vinck het die eerste tinnitus-kliniek in België op die been gebring en die *Hearing Coach*-program vir gehoorsorg geloods, 'n program wat 'n Europese *Best Practice*-toekenning ontvang het. Hy het 'n C2-gradering van die NRF.

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Prof Vinck is Head of the Department of Communication Pathology and Professor in the Faculty of Humanities. He was an Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria from 2008 until his appointment at the beginning of 2011. From 1998 to 2010, Prof Vinck was Chief Director for Audiology in the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Department and Director of the Speech and Hearing Rehabilitation Centre, both at the University Hospital in Ghent. He was Professor at the University of Ghent.

His main research interests and output have been otoacoustic emissions and noise-induced hearing loss and he is regarded as a pioneer in these areas. His investigation and research findings have resulted in changes in good practice. In Belgium it led to the adoption of new legislation which limited the output levels of music at mass festivals and discotheques. Much of his research has been published in esteemed, high-impact journals in his field.

Although he has been in South Africa for only one year, he is active as an external examiner at different universities in the country and was recently appointed as accreditation evaluator for the Health Professions Council of South Africa. Prof Vinck started the first tinnitus clinic in Belgium, and launched a European-awarded (Best Practice Award) Hearing Conservation programme called "Hearing Coach". He has a C2-rating from the NRF.

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Prof Vinck ke Hlogo ya Lefapha la Thutamalwetši a Polelo gape ke Profesa wa go ya go ile ka Lefapheng la Bomotheo. E be e le profesa yo a atlegilego go fetiša mo University of Pretoria go thoma ka 2008 go fihla ge a thwalwa mathomong a 2011. Go tloga ka 1998 go fihla ka 2010, Prof Vinck e bile Molaodimogolo wa Lefapha la Odiolotši ya ka Ditsebeng, Dinkong le Megolong (ENT) le Molaodi wa Senthara ya Tsošološo ya Polelo le Go kwa, tše bobedi bja tšona bo lego Bookelong bja Yunibesithi kua Ghent. E be e le profesa ya University of Ghent.

Dikgahlegokgolo le ditšweletšwa tša gagwe tša dinyakišišo di lebane le 'otoacoustic emissions' le go lahlegelwa ke go kwa ka lebaka la lešata gomme o bonwa bjalo ka matwetwe magorong ao a dithuto. Dinyakišišo tša gagwe le dipoelo tša tšona di dirile gore go be le diphetogo go phethweng ga mešomo. Kua Belgium di dirile gore go be le molao wo mofsa wo o gapeletšago gore go se be le lešata la godimo la mmimo difestibaleng le ditiskong. Bontši bja dikgahlego tša gagwe tša dinyakišišo bo gatišitšwe ka ditšenaleng tša maemo a godimo tše di tsopolwago kgafetsakgafetša.

Le ge e le gore o bile mo Afrika-Borwa ngwaga o tee fela, o šetše a šoma bjalo ka mohlahlobi wa ka ntle diyunibesithing tše ntši gomme o sa tšo thwalwa bjalo ka molekodi wa dikgopelo tša bahlankedi bao ba nyakago tumello go Health Professions Council of South Africa. Prof Vinck o thomile kliniki ya mathomo ya thinithase kua Belgium, gomme a thoma lenaneo la go bitšwa "Hearing Coach" le le abetšwego sefoka sa Yuropa (Best Practice Award) la go bitšwa "Hearing Coach". O na le maemo a C2 go tšwa NRF.