



# Prof De Wet Swanepoel

Prof Swanepoel is medeprofessor in Oudiologie in die Departement Kommunikasiepatologie in die Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe. Hy is 'n senior navorsingsgenoot by die Ear Science Institute Australia in Perth en beklee aanvullende posisies aan die Callier Center for Communication Disorders aan die University of Texas at Dallas, VSA, en aan die Ear Science Centre in die Skool vir Chirurgie van die Universiteit van Wes-Australië in Perth, Australië. Gehoorverlies is die mees algemene chroniese gestremdeheid wat in die wêreld voorkom. Prof Swanepoel se navorsings- en kliniese belangstellings sluit die vroegtydige identifisering en diagnose van gehoorverlies, objektiewe meting van gehoorfunksionering en telegesondheid van die oor en gehoor in. Sy navorsing is gerig op die verbetering van onderbediende bevolkings se tydige toegang tot gehoorgesondheidsorg, en die verligting van die las van gehoorverlies op individue, gesinne en die samelewing. Sy werk het 'n groot invloed gehad op die bepaling van nasionale riglyne vir die vroeë identifisering van gehoorprobleme en vroegtydige intervensie, soos voorgeskryf deur die Raad vir Gesondheidsberoepes van Suid-Afrika.

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging van Oudioloë het prof Swanepoel erkenning gegee vir die beste akademiese en navorsingsbydrae tot oudiologie. Hy het talle toekennings ontvang, waaronder 'n Presidentsgradering van die Nasionale Navorsingstigting. Hy is in 2011 verkies as stigterslid van die Suid-Afrikaanse Jong Akademie vir Wetenskap (SAYAS). Hy tree op as besoekende professor, onder meer aan die Universiteit van Wes-Australië in Perth en die Universiteit van Örebro in Swede. Prof Swanepoel is die outeur van meer as 70 portuurbeoordeelde artikels, boeke en hoofstukke in boeke. Hy is genooi om programredes aan te bied by verskeie internasionale konferensies en dien onder andere op die uitvoerende raad van die Internasionale Vereniging vir Oudiologie en die komitee belas met die ontwikkeling van 'n ICF-kernstel (ICF Core Set) vir Gehoorverlies binne die kader van die Wêreldgesondheidsorganisasie se internasionale klassifikasie van funksionering, gestremdeheid en gesondheid (ICF). Hy dien as voorsitter vir die tele-oudiologiekomitee van die Internasionale Vereniging vir Oudiologie en is medevoorsitter van die tele-oudiologie-taakspan vir die Amerikaanse Akademie van Oudiologie. Hy is 'n mederedakteur van die *International Journal of Audiology* en die *International Journal of Health Science Education* en gasredakteur vir die *Journal of Speech Language and Hearing Research*.

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For his work, the South African Association for Audiologists awarded Prof Swanepoel for the best contribution to audiology in the field of academics and research. He has received numerous awards, including a President's rating from the National Research Foundation. In 2011, he was nominated as a founding member of the South African Young Academy of Science. He has been invited as visiting professor to international institutions, including the University of Western Australia, Perth, and the University of Örebro in Sweden for extended periods of time. Prof Swanepoel has published more than 70 peer-reviewed articles, books and book chapters. He has been invited to deliver keynote presentations at several international conferences and serves on the executive board of the International Society of Audiology and the World Health Organisation International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) Core Set for Hearing Loss committee, among others. He chairs the tele-audiology committee for the International Society of Audiology and co-chairs the tele-audiology taskforce for the American Academy of Audiology. He serves as associate editor for the *International Journal of Audiology* and the *International Journal of Health Science Education* and as a guest editor for the *Journal of Speech Language and Hearing Research*.

Prof Swanepoel ke motlatša moprofesa wa Odiolotši (thuto ya tša go kwa) go Kgoro ya Patolotši ya Dikgokaganyo ya Lefapha la Bomotheo. Gape ke mošomišanimogolo wa dinyakišišo Instiitšhuteng ya Saense ya Ditsebe ya Australia, Perth. O šomile maamong a botlatši Yunibesithi ya Texas le Senthara ya Callier ya Mathata a Dikgokaganyo go la Dallas, United States, le Senthara ya Saense ya Ditsebe, ka Sekolong sa Bongaka, Yunibesithi ya Western Australia, Perth. Go ba sefoga ke bogolofadi bja go se fole bjo bo atilego kudu gomme bo bewa maamong a godimo a morwalo wa malwetši a lefase. Dinyakišišo tša Prof Swanepoel le dikgahlego tša gagwe tša seklini di dikologa ka lekaleng la tilhaolo le kalafo ya ka pela ya tahlegelo ya go kwa, dikgato tše dikgolo tša go šoma ga mašoba a ditsebe, tlhokomelo ya maphelo ya go dirwa ka megala ya dikgokaganyo ya ditsebe le go kwa. Dinyakišišo tša gagwe di lebišitše kaonafatšong ya phihlelelo ya ka pela ya tlhokomelo ya go kwa bathong bao ba sa kgonego go fihlelela ditirelo ka tshwanelo, le go fokoletša motho o mongwe le o mongwe, malapa le setšhaba morwalo wa go lahlelwa ke go kwa. Mošomo wa gagwe o bile le khuetšo tabeng ya go fa maele maamong a bosetšhaba tša go tilhaolong ya ka pela ya go kwa le dikgatong tša kalafo, bjalo ka ge di beilwe ke Lekgotla la Diprofešene tša Maphelo la Afrika-Borwa.

Ka lebaka la mošomo wa gagwe, Prof Swanepoel o filwe sefoka sa Mokgatlo wa Afrika-Borwa wa Boraodiolotši sa seabe se se kaone go odiolotši ka lekaleng la tša thuto le dinyakišišo. O amogetše difoka tše di ntši, go akaretšwa sa maemo a Mopresidente go tšwa go NRF, le dithušo tša mašeleng a dinyakišišo temogong ya mošomo wa gagwe ka mo makaleng a. Ka 2011 o kgethilwe bjalo ka mothomi wa Akatemi ye nnyane ya Afrika-Borwa ya Saense. O laleditšwe bjalo ka moprofesa wa moeng diinstiitšhušeng tša boditšhabatšhaba, go akaretšwa Yunibesithi ya Western Australia, Perth, le Yunibesithi ya Örebro la Sweden. Prof Swanepoel o gatišitše diathikele tša go sekwasekwa ke ba mphato wa gagwe tša go feta tse 70, dipuku le dikgaolo tša dipuku. O biditšwe go fa dipolelo tša seboledi sa letšatši dikhonferentsheng tše mmalwa ebile ke karolo ya dikomiti tša go balega tša boditšhabatšhaba, go akaretšwa lekgotlaphethiši la Mokgatlo wa Boditšhabatšhaba wa Odiolotši le Mokgatlo wa Boditšhabatšhaba wa Maphelo wa Lefase wa Tlhopho ya Tshomo, Bogolofadi le Maphelo (ICF) Komiti ya Tahlegelo ya go Kwa ya Sete ye bohlokwa. Ke morulaganyi wa mošomišani wa *International Journal of Audiology* le *International Journal of Health Science Education* le morulaganyi wa moeng wa *Journal of Speech Language and Hearing Research*.