

## Sign of Honour of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences awarded to Prof Jean Lubuma

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The Sign of Honour of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences was awarded to Prof Lubuma from the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, University of Pretoria.

He was honoured for his contribution to the development and strengthening of the research collaboration between the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the University of Pretoria and in particular for his contribution to the organization of the International Conference on Mathematical Methods and Models in Biosciences (BIOMATH).

The Sign of Honour was awarded to Prof Lubuma at an official ceremony held in Sofia on 19 June 2013. Prof Sendov, full member of the Academy, highlighted at the ceremony the contribution of Prof Lubuma to Mathematics and to the joint research initiatives between the University of Pretoria and the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences as well as the need to explore further opportunities for research collaboration between the two institutions and the two countries. In a lighter spirit he also remarked: "Considering the contemporary means of communication, sharing a time zone (which the two countries do) might be more advantageous than sharing a hemisphere (which they do not)."

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