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Bio: I have 27 ½ years academic experience as a Demonstrator, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Associate and Full Professor. The latter position I have held since Dec 2011. I have published 79 peer-reviewed journal articles.

Together with my post graduate students the research group has presented 82 national and international conference poster or oral presentations. I have graduated 4 PhD and 18 Masters students and supervised 5 post-doctoral fellows. I'm currently supervising 4 PhD and 3 Masters students and am a NRF C2 rated scientist.

I have peer reviewed research papers for a number of international journals and examined a number of Masters and PhD thesis. I have visited the following international universities: Delhi University, India; Warsaw University of Technology, Poland; University of Campinas, Brazil; Kurukshetra University, India 2014; Imperial College, UK ; Hamburg University of Technology, Germany and have numerous local and international collaborations.

Most of the research funding (± R 6 million) that I have leveraged was from NRF and DUT.

My research area is in thermodynamics, ionic liquids, biomass processing and biogas production. Currently biomass valorisation for sustainable development has attracted a number of postgraduate students.