



*Prof R.H. Gouws — Honorary Member of AFRILEX since July 2010*

### **Laudatio for Prof Rufus Gouws**

Prof Rufus Gouws is an international leader in the field of theoretical lexicography and is nationally regarded as the top lexicographer in South Africa. He is a founding member of Afrilex, who served for 15 years (1995-2009) on the Board of Afrilex, four years (1995-1999) as Chairman, two years (2007-2009) as President, and six years (2001-2007) as Vice-Chairperson/Vice-President. He is also a member of the European Association for Lexicography, the Dictionary Society of North America, the Asian Association for Lexicography, and served on the Editorial/Advisory Boards of *Lexikos*, *Lexicographica* and *Lexicographica Series Maior*. Professor Gouws is the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Bureau of the Woordeboek van die Afrikaanse Taal.

To date, Professor Gouws has published 77 articles in scientific journals, 45 chapters in books and conference proceedings, as well as 14 books and dictionaries. He has been awarded a B-rating as researcher by the National Research Foundation. This rating is only given to researchers who enjoy considerable international recognition for the high quality and impact of their research outputs.

Professor Gouws has promoted the interests of Afrilex nationally and internationally in many forums through participation in high-level lexicographic activities, teaching and publication. Nationally he has made a huge contribution in lexicographic guidance of the National Lexicography Units as consultant of PanSALB. He is actively involved in many ongoing lexicographic projects, workshops, seminars and discussion groups.

He received numerous awards, and various research and merit grants for excellence, including:

- 1991: Award for Linguistics, Southern African Association of Linguistics
- 2001: Rector's Award for Excellence in Research, University of Stellenbosch
- 2005: Award for Visiting Professor at the Aarhus School of Business in Denmark, Vilhelm Kann Rasmussen Foundation
- 2005: Certificate for Outstanding Achievement, African Association for Lexicography
- 2006: Elisabeth Eybers Grant (for research in the Netherlands), South African Academy

We believe that Honorary Membership of Afrilex should only be granted to exceptional achievers – in its 15 years of existence Afrilex has bestowed Honorary Membership on only one of its members – Prof A.C. Nkabinde. We welcome Prof Rufus Gouws as our second Honorary Member.