

WHASA Lifetime Achievement & Membership Awards



The lifetime achievement award is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the state of the art in wound care during the course of their life.

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDS

- The Wound Healing Association of Southern Africa (WHASA) thereby recognises those who have:
 - Achieved academic excellence and/or who have
 - Made significant practical contributions and
 - Enhanced the field of wound care within their communities.
- In order to be eligible candidates must have made an impact on the way wound care is practiced in Southern Africa.
- The goal of granting the award is to:
 - Promote excellent work done by people working within the scope of wound care more widely and
 - To honour their labour and passion.
- Academic excellence in wound care:
 - Research;
 - Publications;
 - Training of Wound Care Professionals.
- Social contribution:
 - Wound care clinics;
 - Hands on involvement in wound care at grass roots level;
 - Training of care givers.
- WHASA membership:
 - Contribution on National and Regional levels;
 - Active Leadership;
 - Active Membership.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

San Gerritys

Life Time Achievement Award

- San was a pioneer in establishing wound care in the domain of the private nurse practitioner with the bulk of her contributions done in the 1980-1990's including South African Nursing Council presence;



- Is a pioneer in establishing inter-disciplinary communication and rapport with the medical fraternity in an era of isolated specialties;
- And forms part of the initial South African Wound care society that culminated into WHASA and contributed in developing the current WHASA constitution.

Petra Kahl

Life Time Achievement Award

- Petra was a pioneer in establishing wound care in the domain of the South African independent nurse practitioner in the late 1970's early 1980's whilst in active academia – linking evidence to bedside practice;
- She established the role of the lay care giver in long term/ home-based care and developed a community-based training course to elevate their knowledge base onto a scientific evidenced based level;
- She also established the concept of nursing team-based care in her PhD that explored nursing care models in a Buddy system to bring best evidence to the bedside and prevent nurse burn-out still practiced in her clinic.



Frans Cronje

Life Time Achievement Award

- Frans bridged the professional gap that existed between doctors and nurses when dealing with a wound related issue and facilitated the start of open dialogue and elevation of patient care as a result;
- He pioneered inter-professional training by bringing the science of Hyperbaric oxygen therapy to doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals alike by teaching courses with all specialties present in the same learning environments;
- He established the ground rules of WHASA within an inter-disciplinary nature and expanded the reach of the association to be inclusive of neighbouring countries south of the Equator.



• **Liezl Naude**

Life Time Membership Award

- Liezel received Life Time Membership for putting WHASA on the international platform by the:
 - 2008 WUWHS bid in Toronto;
 - 2010 Ubuntu Conference; and
 - 2011 Wounds International Conference.



- Edited and co-edited numerous textbooks including the Basic Principles of wound Care (Mulder M, Small, N, Botma, Y, Ziady, L and MacKenzie, J. 2002 Basic Principles of Wound Care. Cape Town: Pearson Education).
- Offered numerous workshops and delivered presentations at national and international workshops and conferences in Wound Care.
- Developed a classification system for Wound Care products in South Africa which is used by Medical Companies and Wound Care practitioners.

2018 AWARDS

Magda Mulder

Life Time Achievement Award

- Magda is a pioneer in wound care teaching with the establishment of the first University recognised formal wound care certification qualification in South Africa in the early 2000's, done in conjunction with the South African Nursing Council to pave the way towards wound care specialisation in South Africa;
- She is recognised in her role as a clinical nurse wound consultant, working alongside medical consultants further advancing interdisciplinary decision-making as care model for better patient outcomes;
- She connected learning content with the reality of bedside care by formally incorporating wound care teaching in the undergraduate nursing and later medical school curriculums;
- She also broke down professional walls by allowing student doctors and student nurses to solve active wound-related clinical challenges together as juniors and paved the way for "Inter-professional teams for life" in their minds.



Professor Magda Mulder heads the School of Nursing at the University of the Free State since 2011. She obtained her PhD from the University of the Free State. Professor Mulder was a member of the executive committee of the Wound Healing Association of Southern Africa (WHASA) for several years. She obtained an International Interprofessional Wound Care Certificate UT (CAN)/A during 2016 cum laude.

Prof Mulder:

- Developed and established Wound Care as a speciality area at the School of Nursing, University of the Free State. From 2003 a total of 260 Advanced Wound Care practitioners have been trained.
- Decentralised the Wound Care programme to the Western Cape, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal.
- Lectures third year medical students of the School of Medicine, University of the Free State.
- Established a Wound Care Clinic at the Universitas Hospital in Bloemfontein.
- Acts as a Wound Care consultant for patients, professional Nurses, medical practitioners, medical companies and legal practitioners.

Gregory Weir

Life Time Membership Award

- Gregory is instrumental in breaking down the professional medical / nursing divide in South African wound care by demonstrating the benefit of being multi-skilled and having multi / trans-professional abilities across professions in achieving better patient outcomes;
- He positioned WHASA in his tenure as president on secure financial and management principles and expanded regional influence to include more remote areas of South Africa;
- He advocated Wound Healing Science as a necessity to the medical fraternity dealing with skin related breaches and established the status of wound specialty beyond the realm of nursing;
- He practices an ongoing commitment to diabetic foot salvage in prevention of lower limb amputations with Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy as additional modality he is also specialized in and run as independent practice in conjunction with Vascular surgery.



Dr Gregory Weir is a registered and certified Vascular Surgeon. After completing his pre-graduate medical studies and specialising in General Surgery, he sub-specialised and completed the South African College of Medicine's exams in Vascular Surgery. His interest in treating patients with complex wounds, contributed to formal training in advanced wound care (International Interdisciplinary Wound Care Course, University of Stellenbosch) and formal training in hyperbaric medicine (Diving & Hyperbaric Medical Staff Training Course).

Hiske Smart

Life Time Achievement Award

- Hiske established a pathway to obtain an internationally accepted and globally recognised wound related qualification assessable to all specialties in need of formal wound care training in Sub Saharan Africa by joining hands with the University of Toronto IIWCC and facilitated course teaching in South Africa from 2010-2015;
- She established wound care fully in the domain of being an interprofessional specialty regardless of being in independent practice or hospital based in clinical teams;



- She advocated self-reliance and responsibility for high quality patient care for those with wounds regardless of resources, as seen in the outcomes of work her done in Sub Saharan Africa through the establishment of multiple self-functioning clinical wound care teams active from South Africa through Namibia, Botswana, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria to Cameroon.

Hiske currently resides in the Kingdom of Bahrian. She is still a Clinical Nurse Specialist, but also a nurse manager (at Hyperbaric and Wound Care Unit, King Hamad University Hospital, Kingdom of Bahrain). She also manages and oversees

- Clinical Hyperbaric oxygen therapy chamber work (one multiplace and 5 monoplaces);
- The ambulatory wound care clinic and wound care team on advanced wound care for Diabetic Foot, Pressure Injury, Vascular insufficiency related wounds and post-surgical complications;
- A diabetic foot screening and prevention protocol for the island of Muharraq in conjunction with local primary health care to find the diabetic foot at risk earlier to preserve limbs and cost;

- In-patient wound care services and auditing hospital wide pressure injury prevalence and incidence data.

Hiske is still teaching IIWCC in Toronto and in Abu Dhabi.



Prof Magda Mulder, Lifetime Achievement Award