

New members appointed to CSIR Board

The Minister of Science and Technology, Mr Mosibudi Mangena, has appointed three additional members to the CSIR Board. They are Professor Brenda Gourley (Open University, UK), Professor Denis Hall (Heriot-Watt University, UK) and Mr Ebie Mayet (arivia.kom).



Professor Brenda Gourley was appointed Vice-Chancellor of The Open University in 2002. She shares with The Open University a social justice agenda and a belief in education as a tool to tackle the growing inequalities in the global society.

Gourley is a member of several boards, committees and trusts, including the British Council's Education and Training Advisory Committee, the International Association of Universities Board, the Universities UK Board, and the Board of the Association of Commonwealth Universities. A frequent speaker on a broad range of platforms and issues, as well as a contributor to publications around the world, Gourley has received honorary degrees from the University of Nottingham, University of Abertay and Richmond University. She has been named one of the Global Business Network's "remarkable people".

Previously, Gourley was Vice-Chancellor at the University of Natal (UN) for eight years. During her leadership she steered the UN through significant transformation in a time of political change in South Africa. Gourley is a qualified chartered accountant and began her career at the UN as a part-time tutor in financial accounting. She continues to have a strong interest in Africa.

Professor Denis Hall has been Deputy Principal (Research) and Pro-Vice Chancellor at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, UK since 1998. In parallel, he leads the Lasers and Photonics Applications Group as Professor of Photonics in the Department of Physics.

Hall has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the UK Institute of Physics, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Optical Society of America, and of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. He was furthermore elected Chair of the European Physical Society Quantum Electronics and Optics Division Board (1998-2000) and Chair of the International Council on Quantum Electronics (2004-2006).

He serves on numerous government and academic committees, and is the principal investigator of multiple grants and contracts involving academic/industry partnerships and technology transfer with a total value of more than £21 million. He is a non-executive director of a number of companies, and is co-founder of three photonics companies. Hall holds a BSc in Physics (Manchester University), an MPhil in Biology (London University), a PhD in Electrical Engineering (Case Western Reserve University, USA) and an MBA (Edinburgh Business School).

Mr Ebie Mayet is Financial Executive at arivia.kom. His core experience is in financial management and strategy, business transformation, auditing and governance, specialising in business systems and information and communications technology strategy formulation.

Mayet was instrumental in the formation of arivia.kom, which came about following the merger of Arial Technologies (Denel), Eskom Information Technology Department, and Datavia (Transnet). Before joining arivia.kom, Mayet worked for large, diverse organisations, including Datavia, Transnet, JCI and OK Bazaars.

He holds a BCom from the University of Durban-Westville and a BCompt from Unisa.

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