

Biography: Prof Herman van der Merwe



Prof Herman van der Merwe is currently Director of the Department: Teaching and Learning with Technology and CEO of an expert centre called CUTE (Centre for the Utilisation of Technology in Education).

Besides his recognised international expertise on the utilisation and management of technology in education he also serves on various national and international workgroups that do research in this field. He has a keen interest in how technology can enhance the teaching and learning experience of both lecturers and students, and has presented numerous papers nationally and internationally on this topic. As chairman and CEO of CUTE he organises and presents workshops and conferences to actively promote the empowerment of staff.

Herman was chairperson of the mLearn 2005 conference and is a founder member of the International Association for mobile Learning (IAmLearn) and member of the advisory committee of the international Online Educa conference series.

As a teacher, researcher, policy advocate and manager of technology in teaching and learning, he has been described as: "*A visionary whose fascination with technology has been informed by his commitment to serving the highest ideals of education.*"