

## **WELL KNOWN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACADEMIC FROM AFRICA RECEIVES A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

Dr Koos Engelbrecht a principal lecturer at the Tshwane University of Technology received the Presidential Award for Excellence from the President of the South African Institute of Environmental Health (SAIEH). The award was handed over at the Bi-annual National Environmental Health Congress hosted and organised by the SAIEH during March 2009. The President of the SAIEH personally handed over the award and acknowledged Dr Engelbrecht not only for his important role he played in environmental health education and in South Africa but also for his international involvement in curriculum development and quality control of environmental health programmes. Dr Engelbrecht is the present Chair of the Africa Academy for Environmental Health. The aim of the Africa Academy is to enhance the science and practise of environmental health in Africa.

The award is for an outstanding contribution through exceptional diligence, personal sacrifice and inputs, labour and activity, organisational skills, enthusiasm and general service to the environmental health profession in South Africa. Dr Engelbrecht is deeply honoured with this prestigious award and regards it as the highlight in his 25 years of service as an academic.

Dr Koos is here picture at the gala evening with the received award.

