Speaker biography

Gerhard H Verdoorn



PhD Gerhard Verdoorn holds a PhD in Synthetic Organic Chemistry from the University of Johannesburg. He spent over eleven years in academia as a Senior Lecturer in Organic Chemistry at the University of Johannesburg and Professor of Conservation Biology at the University of Johannesburg. Gerhard was also a guest lecturer at the University of Pretoria, University of the Witwatersrand, University of Stellenbosch and Tshwane University of Technology.

PhD Verdoorn is known for his research in Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Phytochemistry, Environmental Toxicology, Occupational Health, Industrial Chemistry, Vulture biology, toxicology and genetics. He published over 80 peer-reviewed papers in Organic Chemistry, Phytochemistry, Avian genetics, toxicology and general ornithology. Gerhard presented three radio programmes per week on the environment, pest management and conservation, workshops and training courses on responsible pesticide use, wildlife poisoning, agrochemicals and the environment, conservation management, prevention of obsolete pesticide stocks and management of chemicals in the workplace. He dedicated over twenty years of his career to conservation and is currently employed as Operations and Stewardship Manager of CropLife South Africa and Director of the Griffon Poison Information Centre.