

Prof Hester C. Klopper (BA (Cur); M Cur; PhD, MBA, HonsDNurs, FANSA, FAAN, ASSAF)



Hester Klopper is a well-known international academic leader with global recognition for her work. She is the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Internationalisation at Stellenbosch University (South Africa), responsible for overall strategy, the institutional research and planning division, as well as the international strategy. Hester is Immediate Past President of STTI (2013-2015), an international organisation with more than 135 000 members around the globe (She is the 1st and only person outside of North America elected to the position of President). Her research programme focuses on positive practice environments – work done at INSINQ Research Unit at North West University, where Hester holds an extra-ordinary professorship. Global health has become a focus area of her work over the past decade, and through her visionary leadership, the Global Advisory Panel on the future of Nursing and Midwifery (GAPFON) was established (convened by STTI). As of January 2018 Hester has been appointed as the Chairperson of GAPFON for a four-year period. Most recently, she was also elected on the Board of Directors of the Consortium for Universities in Global Health (CUGH) (2018-2021). Hester plays a pivotal role in developing nursing scientists in SA and other Africa countries by coordinating a funded programme that supports post-doctoral fellows to develop and establish research programmes. Hester was the 1st (and to date only) South African inducted into the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), a Fellow of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), & inducted into the STTI International Hall of Fame for Research Excellence. In 2016, a Doctor of Nursing (Honoris Causa) from Oxford Brookes University was conferred recognising her contribution to nursing education and research globally. In country, she is a Fellow of the Academy of Nursing of South Africa (FANSA), a Member of the South African Academy for Science and Art, and member of the Institute of Directors of South Africa (IODSA).