

Alvaro Viljoen: Biosketch

Alvaro completed a BSc, BSc Hons. (*cum laude*) and MSc (*cum laude*) in Botany at Stellenbosch University (SA). In 1994 he commenced with a PhD at the University of Johannesburg on the chemotaxonomy of the genus *Aloe*. In 1999 he was appointed as lecturer in the School of Pharmacy at WITS Medical School where he was promoted to Associate Professor in 2004. In July 2005 he was offered a research fellow position in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tshwane University of Technology (Pretoria). More than 100 post-graduate students have graduated under his supervision. He has authored / co-authored >320 peer reviewed papers, 2 books and several book chapters mostly on the phytochemical exploration and pharmacological activity of indigenous medicinal and aromatic plants. He has been elected on to the editorial board of *Phytochemistry* (Elsevier), *Journal of Applied Research on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants* (Elsevier), and currently he is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Ethnopharmacology* (Elsevier, IF 5.4) since 2017. In October 2013 Alvaro was awarded the National Research Chair in Phytomedicine a position which he holds concurrently as Director of the SAMRC Herbal Drugs Research Unit in South Africa.