

Prof Namrita Lall Biography



Prof Lall is a Research Chair at the University of Pretoria and has been placed in the Essential Science Indicators list of the top 1% of publication outputs (citations) in the discipline Pharmacology and Toxicology. She has recently been listed as part of Stanford's University List of the Top 2% Scientist of the World. She is an adjunct Professor at the School of Natural Resources University of Missouri, USA (Department is 1 of the top 15 in the world), and at JSSAHER, Mauritius.

Start-up companies named, "Valoren", "Blyde Botanics", "Scholareview" and "Looksci" (formed by Young postgraduates) resulted from Prof Lall's research programme. She has international recognition for her research into the potential of medicinal plants for pharmaceutical and cosmeceutical purposes. Several pharmaceutical products for skin-hyperpigmentation, anti-ageing, periodontal problems and liver protection have been commercialized internationally and another 25 are close to commercialization. Several License Agreements have also been signed for various actives researched under Prof Lall's supervision.

She has published more than 200 research articles, Registered/obtained 41 patents, more than 91 book chapters. Her H-index is 57 and RG score is among Top 5%. Five books on medicinal plants edited by Prof Lall, have been published by the publishers; 'Elsevier', Springer and 'Taylor and Francis'. Among several awards received in recognition for her work, a few are "**The Order of Mapungubwe**", South Africa's highest honour from the Honorable South African President Jacob Zuma (April 2014), and UNESCO-L'Oreal Award for Women in Science (one of the 10 selected candidates internationally, March 2002, in Paris), the exceptional supervisor's award and academic achiever's award by the University of Pretoria recently. She recently received a B1 rating from the NRF. She is at present one of

the executive board members, the Past President of an international organization, “International Society of Ethnopharmacology (ISE)” and the founder and the President of a society, called, “African Phytomedicine Scientific society”.