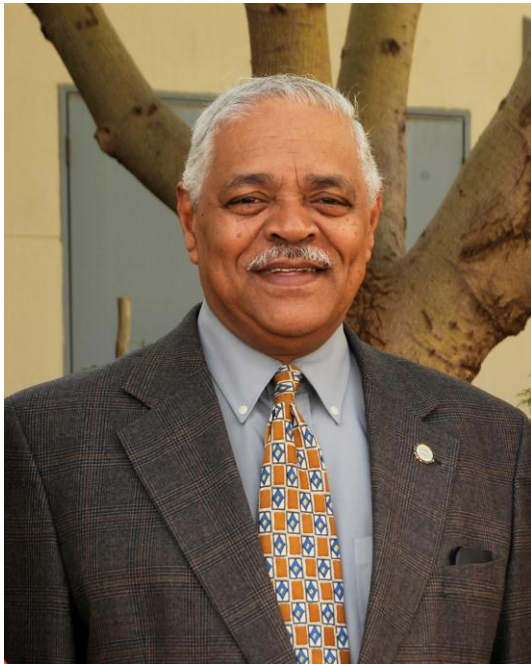




INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

LONG SERVICE AWARD - 2010

Dr James Ellis



Dr Jimmy Ellis is a founding member of IEASA, having been part of the initial EXCO and later the Vice-President of IEASA. While at UWC, he played a key role in the success of the launch of IEASA in 1997 at UWC. He was part of the organising committee that conceptualised and planned the agenda of that first conference and the identification of the joint venue at UWC of the Committee of University Principals (CUP). As VP, Dr Ellis held the portfolios of organising and coordinating the annual IEASA conference, and Project Manager for Special projects and initiatives. He was also involved in developing and diversifying the IEASA membership. Thus, in the first 10 years he worked very closely with the other founding members such as Dr Kishun and Dr Swemmer as the core of the leadership team. Together they had a stabilising influence on IEASA as the recognised voice on internationalisation. Even when Dr Ellis moved to the then Randse Afrikaanse University, he continued his involvement in IEASA and continued to serve on the EXCO until

2006. Dr Ellis drafted the concept document that would lay the foundation for the development of an Internationalisation policy for higher education in South Africa. The concept document was approved in 2004 although work on finalising the policy is still on-going.

As with the other founders, Dr Ellis spent many hours on IEASA business and participated in the formation of governance structures, development of portfolios, the annual conference, special projects, stakeholder liaison, etc. He delivered many papers at local and international conferences and was always in attendance at NAFSA and EAIE conferences. Dr Ellis and the re-named University of Johannesburg hosted the ninth IEASA conference in 2005, one of the most successful IEASA conferences in which they declared the highest profit to date, due to their diligence in getting sponsorships to support the conference. The UJ conference set a new bench mark for conference organisation.

Dr Ellis is a member of the DF and in his time at UJ has taken internationalisation to a high level and is relied upon for advice on many aspects of internationalisation. With his imminent retirement in 2011, it is a fitting time to honour him with an IEASA Long Service award for his commitment, involvement and contribution to the organisation.
