

Prof. Vladimir Linkov

Prof. Linkov is a full professor at the University of the Western Cape and the Director of the South African Institute for Advanced Materials Chemistry, as well as Vice President of the International Association for Hydrogen Energy board. He is an internationally recognised expert in research, development and innovation (RDI) in the fields of materials and processes for hydrogen and fuel cell technology, lithium ion batteries, gas and liquid separations, and emissions and effluent processing. He has been an advisor to government, NGOs and the private sector for over 30 years.

A graduate of Moscow State University and Stellenbosch University, Prof. Linkov has published over 200 papers in Scopus-indexed journals (his h index is 42) and has 29 registered patents.

His management expertise relates to establishing and supervising RDI projects for industry and government, developing and demonstrating technological concepts, managing multidisciplinary research and innovation groups involving people with wide-ranging skills sets, and handling annual budgets exceeding R100 million. He provides strategic direction and daily supervision to self-sustaining university-based RDI groups and institutes.