

## The Kerlick Facilitators

**Kerlick Editorial & Research Solutions cc** is a professional editorial consultancy whose two members are Dr Graham Baker and Dr Elisabeth Lickindorf.

**Graham Baker** has a D.Phil. in the physical sciences from Oxford University. After an initial period working for John Maddox at *Nature* in London and Washington, he edited the *South African Journal of Science* for over 30 years in Johannesburg and Pretoria. During his time, the journal progressed from being defunct to a position in the second quartile, in terms of impact factor in the Thomson Reuters (ISI) listing of multidisciplinary journals. He was also General Editor for the South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Monograph Series, and a founding member of the editorial board and chair of the management committee of the South African science magazine, *Quest: Science for South Africa*. He continues to provide wide-ranging professional services as consultant, reviewer, and guest editor to, for example, UNAIDS and the *African Journal of Nephrology*, and high-end editorial services to researchers targeting high-impact journals. He also conducts regular university-based research article-writing workshops across academic disciplines. His long association with North-West University researchers began during his editorship of the *South African Journal of Science* (of particular note was the special 150<sup>th</sup>-anniversary issue to celebrate the institution's research with a suite of 50 articles from the University). For the past 15 years, as a member of Kerlick, he has conducted research-writing workshops and retreats and given editorial assistance to all levels of North-West University researchers.

**Elisabeth Lickindorf** has a D.Phil. in English from Oxford University and taught for 21 years in South African universities, initially at the University of the Witwatersrand, then at the then Rand Afrikaans University, and finally as professor and head of the Department of English at the then University of Port Elizabeth (now the Nelson Mandela University). After leaving full-time academe to return to Johannesburg in the late 1990s, she became the founding editor for its first four years of the popular science magazine, *Quest: Science for South Africa* (2004–2008); conducted courses in professional communication at the Wits Business School for 12 years; and has been providing ongoing academic and technical editorial services to researchers and professionals in South Africa and elsewhere. Since the start of the millennium, she has designed and conducted customized article-writing workshops and retreats for university researchers. Her academic association with North-West University goes back many years; she assisted with locum and contract lecturing for the Department of English for two years, and for the past 23 years has been designing and conducting developmental and other research-article writing interventions for the University.

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