

## **ISfTeH Board Member's Profile – Prof. Maurice Mars**

Maurice Mars completed his medical degree (MChB) at the University of Cape Town in 1977 and a Doctorate in Medicine (MD) in Vascular Surgery at the University of Natal. He is currently Professor of TeleHealth at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, a department he established in 2002. He has been involved in aspects of eHealth for over 30 years, from database development and management in the 1980s, writing interactive tele-education programmes before the advent of the Web in the early 1990s and establishing telemedicine services since 2000. His Department provides postgraduate education at Masters and PhD level in both medical informatics and telemedicine to students in several African countries.

Mars is a founding editor and manager of the Journal of the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth and serves on the editorial boards of several eHealth journals. He is a past President of the South African Telemedicine Association and served on the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Health Technology in South Africa. He is active internationally, and has served on committees of the American Telemedicine Association, International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth, the International Medical Informatics Association and the BRICS Telemedicine Experts Group.

Mars was formally Professor of Physiology at the University of Natal where he established a postgraduate programme in Sports Medicine. He remains an active researcher and has published over 200 peer reviewed journal papers and book chapters and has served as a reviewer for more than 50 journals.