The Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences recognised Shirley-Anne Boschmans’ exceptional contribution to the Academy and the profession by awarding Honorary Life Membership of the Academy to her.

Shirley-Anne began her academic career in 1982 as a temporary lecturer at the School of Pharmacy PE Technikon and has since then obtained an MSc degree and a PhD. She is currently an Associate Professor and head of the Department of Pharmacy at Nelson Mandela University (NMU). She is extensively involved in curriculum development and collaborates not only with South African Universities but also internationally. She has been instrumental in establishing a twinning agreement between NMU and the St Louis College of Pharmacy in Missouri, USA. This partnership led to the publication of the first textbook designed specifically for pharmacy technicians in the southern African region.

She is not only involved in the undergraduate pharmacy programmes, but is an established researcher as well. She has trained postgraduate students and has several publications in peer-reviewed journals. She has currently shifted her research focus to pharmacy education, an area which has its challenges but is of immense importance to pharmacy today.

She is not only a prominent academic but has served the profession in various capacities. She has served as an executive committee member of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa of the Cape Midlands Branch, and served two terms as Vice President of the PSSA (National Executive committee).

Important for the Academy is her service and loyalty during eight terms of office, two as Chairperson, two as Past Chair, one as Vice chair, one as Secretary, one as Treasurer and one as an executive committee member. Shirley-Anne has served in every position on the committee and has left her distinct mark.

She serves the profession further through being an elected member of the South African Pharmacy Council since 2009, where she not only serves on the standing committees of Council, but also serves on task teams and expert panels for the developing of education in pharmacy.

Prof Shirley-Anne Boschmans not only excels in her profession but has a presence felt nationally and internationally.

The members of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences applaud you.