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Professor Willie van Heerden is Head of the Department of Oral Pathology and Oral Biology at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He qualified as a dentist at the University of Pretoria in 1981 and obtained a Master of Dentistry in the specialisation field of Oral Pathology from the same institution in 1988. He then joined the Medical University of Southern Africa as an Oral Pathologist before returning to his Alma Mater in 1996 as Head of Department. He served as a previous Councillor for Africa. Willie is actively involved in diagnostic histopathology through the University and a part-time private practice. He has contributed more than 100 publications to the scientific literature and has a special interest in solid tumour ploidy analysis. His hobbies include fly-fishing, scuba diving, photography and astronomy. He was elected President of the International Association of Oral Pathologists in 2010 and will serve in that position until 2012.