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Brief Curriculum Vitae

Abram Charles Nkabinde was born in the district of Witbank on the 12th of December 1929. He matriculated at the Kilnerton High School in 1950 and qualified as a teacher at the Pretoria Bantu Normal College in 1953. He taught Zulu and Mathematics at two high schools.

He was the Chief Translator at the Department of Bantu Administration and Development for two and a half years.

In 1963 he joined the Zulu Department at the then University College of Zululand. He completed an MA dissertation in 1966 and a D.Litt. thesis in 1975. He was promoted to the position of Senior Lecturer in 1967 and Professor in 1975. He spent 1975 as a Research Fellow in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Edinburgh.

He translated Waldemar Bonsels' "Die Biene Maya" from German into Zulu, as "Umayi imigidingo yenyosi" (Educum, 1966)

He published "An Introduction to Zulu Syntax" (Acacia, 1986).

He set up a team which initiated the compilation of a Zulu-Zulu dictionary.

In 1978, he was appointed Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Zululand - a position he held for fifteen years.

He served as “Member” of the following Bodies:

- 1 The Bureau for Zulu Language and Culture
- 2 The Manpower Commission
- 3 The Stellenbosch Farmers Winery
- 4 The Toyota Motor Company Board
- 5 The Council of Medunsa
- 6 The Hullet-Sugar Board
- 7 NAIL
- 8 Natal Schools Project
- 9 The First Board of the SABC after 1992
- 10 Committee investigating the establishment of a Tertiary Institution in the PWV Area

Main Activities within AFRILEX

Board activities

- Member: 1995-1997
- Vice-Chairperson: 1997-1999, 1999-2001

Keynote papers

- AFRILEX 1999 (Pretoria): “Some Hints on the Compilation of a Monolingual Dictionary in a Bantu Language with Special Reference to Zulu”
- AFRILEX 2002 (Grahamstown): “Cultural Implications on Lexicography”

Links to the Publications of A.C. Nkabinde

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