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Prof Nicolette Houreld was born in Johannesburg, South Africa and graduated with her doctoral degree in Biomedical Technology in 2007. In 2016 she was appointed as deputy Chair-holder to Prof Heidi Abrahamse, the Chair-holder of NRF SARChI Chair in Laser Applications in Health. Prof Houreld has her expertise in the areas of photobiomodulation (PBM) and diabetic wound healing. Her research elucidates fundamental biological questions in determining the underlying molecular and cellular mechanisms of action of photobiomodulation which has led to the promotion and development of highly competitive sustainable research of excellence. She has supervised and graduated a number of honours, masters and doctorate students and hosted several Post-doctoral fellows. She received her NRF (National Research Foundation, South Africa) Y2 rating (young scientist) in 2012. She has numerous accredited publications (over 40), conference proceedings (over 17) and chapters in books (4), and acts as reviewer for various international journals. She has also reviewed for the Cochrane Wounds Group. She serves on various research-related university and science council committees, and acts as external grant reviewer for the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa, the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) and Diabetes UK. She also sits on the editorial board of *Photomedicine and Laser Surgery* and *Current Updates in Endocrinology and Diabetes*. Nicolette was the treasurer of WALT from 2010-2014 and was re-elected at the 2014 WALT conference.