



1985-1987 : Reith Bernard Goldschmidt

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Born in 1931.

Reith Goldschmidt was born in Cape Town, the son of a urological surgeon.

He received his medical training in Cambridge and London, qualifying in 1957. After his internship he trained in orthopaedics in various hospitals in London and Oxford, and in 1962 he was admitted to the FRCS(Eng).

He returned to Cape Town in 1968 as full time Specialist in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Groote Schuur Hospital. When he entered private practice in 1971, he retained that post in a part-time capacity, together with posts at Princess Alice Orthopaedic Hospital, Red Cross Childrens' Hospital and the New Somerset Hospital.

A tireless worker, he gave much time to the Cape Cripple Care Association and traveled regularly to Namaqualand to run clinics for that organization. In 1984 he left private practice to become full-time Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Red Cross Children's Hospital where he started the fracture service for the newly developed Trauma Unit. In 1987 he took charge of the Princess Alice Orthopaedic Hospital as Principal Specialist.

From 1994 to 1995 was acting head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery after the resignation of Professor I. Learmonth. After his retirement, he returned to the Red Cross Childrens' Hospital in a part-time capacity, concentrating on cerebral palsied children

He was elected to the Executive Committee of the SAOA in 1975, served as its Secretary for four years from 1981, and was Secretary to the Organizing Committee of the 1982 Combined Meeting of the Orthopaedic Associations of the English-speaking World. He was elected President of the SAOA in 1985.

After his presidency, he served for four years on the Editorial Committee of the British Volume of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.