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1939-2006.

*Further details of his career as Professor at Bloemfontein appear on p 53.*

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Robert Snowdowne was the son of a doctor.

After leaving school, he first trained as a prosthetist and orthotist, but soon proceeded to study Medicine at the University of Pretoria where he graduated in 1967.

He went on to orthopaedic training in Pretoria, and graduated there M.Med.Orth in 1975.

In 1978 he was honoured with selection as the South African ABC Travelling Fellow, visiting prominent orthopaedic centres in the United Kingdom and USA.

In 1979 he was appointed as Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, and served there with distinction until 2004

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He served on the Executive Committee of the South African Orthopaedic Association from 1981 to 2000 and was elected President from 1997 to 1999.

He was active in the affairs of the College of Medicine and served with distinction as Examiner and Board member of the Orthopaedic College of South Africa. He was on the Editorial Board of the British volume of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

Robert was awarded the South African Orthopaedic Association's highest honour, Honorary Life Membership.

His lifelong hobby was the making and driving of miniature steam trains.