



1999-2001: Gert J. Vlok,
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Born in 1945.

Further details of his career as Professor at Stellenbosch appear on p 48.

After his schooling in Malmesbury he studied Medicine at the University of Stellenbosch where he graduated MB ChB. in in 1970,

Having completed his internship there, Gert did seven months of general practice and then single-mindedly pursued a career in orthopaedic surgery.

He trained as Registrar at the Karl Bremer Hospital, where he graduated M.Med in Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Stellenbosch in 1977 and was appointed Specialist Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Tygerberg Hospital.

He was appointed to the Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1984, and at the time of writing he has occupied that post with distinction for 27 years.

In the SA Orthopaedic Association, he became Secretary and then Chairman of the Western Cape Branch in 1988. He was elected to the National Executive Committee in 1994, is Chairman of the Academic Standards and Awards Subcommittee and was elected President from 1999 to 2001.

He has been very active in the SA College of Orthopaedic Surgery, acting as Convener of the orthopaedic examinations and has been its President since 2002.

He was Founder Member and later President of the SA Spine Society.

A born teacher, he has run too many educational courses and seminars to enumerate here. His long and productive career has been one of achievement through diligence and tireless attention to detail, and the Orthopaedic Association has conferred on him its highest honour, Life Membership.