



2001 - 2003: Anton Schepers,
MB,BCh(Wits), FRCS(Edin),. FCS.(Orth)(SA)
Born in 1945

After his schooling in Cape Town and Johannesburg, Anton Schepers studied Medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) in Johannesburg, where he qualified in 1967. He proceeded to surgical and orthopaedic training on the Wits registrar circuit, being admitted to the FCS.Orth(SA) in 1975.

He won a Fellowship in Paediatric Orthopaedics and Scoliosis Surgery in Boston in 1977.

Returning to Johannesburg he was appointed in succeeding years to consultant posts in the Johannesburg Hospital, the Baragwanath Hospital, the Transvaal Memorial Hospital for Children and others. Developing a prodigious academic output with a special interest in paediatric orthopaedic surgery and arthroplasty, he has presented a constant flow of papers at South African and international congresses and has been author or co-author of numerous articles and abstracts in peer-reviewed journals. He won several prizes for poster exhibitions and presentation of papers at congresses. He has been invited as faculty member to instructional courses and chairman of scientific sessions in South Africa, the UK, America, Australia and New Zealand. He was Guest Editor of the South African Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery in 1995, 1996, 1999 and 2001. He presented the J.G Craig Memorial Lecture to the SA Paediatric Orthopaedic Society and in 2006 and delivered the prestigious F.P. Fouche lecture at the SAOA Annual congress. He was co-recipient of the American Otto Aufranc prize 2007 for a paper on ceramic hip prostheses. He has appeared regularly as examiner for higher degrees at the universities and at the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

In the Orthopaedic Association, Anton became Secretary of the Gauteng South Branch in 1989 and Chairman in 2001. He was President of the Arthroplasty Society from 2005 to 2009. He was elected to the National Executive Committee in 2003, serving as Honorary Treasurer and later Chairman of the Educational Standards Subcommittee. He was elected as President in 2003.

He became Secretary of the College of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1994 and was elected as its President in 2008. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, he was made Professor of Orthopaedics at Wits in 2004. The SA Orthopaedic Association honoured him with Life Membership in 2009 and the same honour was bestowed on him by the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons in 2010.

Outside orthopaedics, his favourite pursuits are hiking, road running and tennis.