



2005-2007: Daniel Francois (Poen) Louw,
MBCh.B(Stell) M.Med(Orth)(UOFS)
Born in 1943.

Poen Louw had his schooling in Cradock and went on to Medical School at the University of Stellenbosch, where he graduated in 1966.

After his intern year and a further year as medical officer in Uitenhage he became the first trainee on the orthopaedic registrar circuit in Bloemfontein and graduated M Med.Orth there in 1974.

After five years in private practice in Bloemfontein, he became Chief Specialist and Head of the Orthopaedic Department at No 3 Military Hospital, Bloemfontein where he remained until his retirement in 2008.

He was then appointed to the University of Bloemfontein Department of Orthopaedics as Senior Lecturer.

In his profession, he has remained a vigorous orthopaedic generalist, with a special interest in spinal surgery.

During his career in Bloemfontein, he soon became involved with the Orthopaedic Association, serving it with zest and vigour for over three decades. He started as Secretary and later Chairman of the Free State and Northern Cape Branch, being involved with the organisation of various SAOA congresses. He was elected onto the Executive Committee of the SAOA in 1996 and soon wrote the revised edition of Jan van der Merwe's *Congress Instructional Manual* ("Pampoen Boek").

He was elected SAOA President in 2005 and while in office he wrote a *Guide to Ethical Orthopaedic Practice* which was adopted by EXCO for use as a guideline for members of the Association.

He went on to write a third publication, on *Radiation Safety for Orthopaedic Surgeons*, which was distributed to members in 2008.

He was awarded the SAOA Medal for outstanding service to the profession in 2011, and has been elected a Life Member of the SAOA