

## Obituary

### **PROFESSOR T. R. TREVOR-JONES, OBE**

Professor T. R. Trevor-Jones, former Professor and Head of the Department of General Anatomy, Faculty of Dentistry, University of the Witwatersrand, died in Gauteng on 19th September 1996.

Trevor Rubidge Trevor-Jones took his BSc and BScHons degrees at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1935 and 1936 respectively. In the same year as he was awarded his honours degree he also obtained his MSc degree in Anatomy. In 1940 the University conferred on him a MB, BCh degree and in the same year he was appointed as lecturer in Anatomy at the Medical School.

Between 1941 and 1946 he served with the South African Medical Corps and was awarded the Order of the British Empire. Following the war he rejoined the staff of the Medical School of the University of the Witwatersrand as a lecturer in the Department of Surgery and was awarded a Nuffield Scholarship which enabled him to pursue postgraduate studies. While holding the post of lecturer he was awarded the degree of Master of Surgery. Two years later he went into private practice as an orthopaedic surgeon in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and for the next 14 years was involved in medical affairs in Salisbury, serving as an honorary orthopaedic surgeon to the Salisbury Central Hospital, being part-founder and chairman of the Cerebral Palsy Association, and a member of the Hopelands Association for the Mentally Retarded.

He was also on the board of the Trustees of the National Museum of Rhodesia.

In 1963 he left Rhodesia and returned to South Africa where he accepted the post of Senior Lecturer in Anatomy at the University of Cape Town. Shortly after that he became Dean of the Medical Residence and subsequently Dean of the Men's Residence in Cape Town. In 1969 Professor Trevor-Jones returned to Johannesburg and the University of the Witwatersrand where he was appointed to the Chair of General Anatomy in the Faculty of Dentistry. This post was established following a decision by the Council of the University to separate the teaching facilities for dental students in their second and subsequent years of study. He retired from this post in December 1980 when the title Professor Emeritus was conferred upon him.

Professor Trevor-Jones' research concerned the study of osteoarthritis of the human spine and the locomotor system of the South African baboon. Several of his papers on anthropological topics were written while he was in private practice in Rhodesia. Following his retirement he continued in clinical practice as well as with his research.

We shall remember Professor Trevor-Jones for his influence on the training of hundreds of medical and dental students in South Africa, for his knowledgeable contributions to research and for his commitment to education. He is survived by his wife Mary, and 3 children.

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