

## FORUM

## IN MEMORIAM

**Bryan Kies**

Professor Bryan Kies passed away peacefully on 18 July 2011 after a long illness borne with great courage. At the time of his death, he was a Specialist Neurologist at Groote Schuur Hospital and an Associate Professor of Neurology at the University of Cape Town.

Bryan Kies earned the MB ChB degree with honours from UCT in 1971 and proceeded to specialise in General Internal Medicine and then Neurology at Groote Schuur Hospital from 1973 to 1977. In 1976, he was admitted to the Fellowship of

the College of Physicians of South Africa, and later to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

Apart from two stints overseas, as a Postgraduate Fellow at the Institute of Neurology, Queens Square, London, in 1977 - 1978, and as a Fellow in Neurology at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, in 1986 - 1987, he dedicated his life to the care of patients with neurological disorders, and to the training of generations of students and registrars at Groote Schuur Hospital. He distinguished himself as a continental expert in the management of patients with epilepsy and was on the African Commission of the International League Against Epilepsy. He also played a leadership role in the Department of Medicine as the Convenor of the Physicians Conference (2006 - 2011); in the health service of the Western Cape as the Coordinating Clinician for General Internal Medicine (2007 - 2008); and, nationally, as a Secretary of the College of Neurologists of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (2002 - 2011) and as a member of its Senate. In addition to his many professional activities, he played an important role in the anti-apartheid movement as a member of the New Unity Movement which has contributed greatly to the intellectual development of the struggle for justice and freedom in South Africa.

Professor Kies is survived by his 90-year-old father, his sister and her family.

**Associate Professor Alan Bryer**

*Division of Neurology*

**Professor Bongani Mayosi**

*Department of Medicine*

**Professor Marian Jacobs**

*Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town*

**Professor Anil Madhari**

*President, Colleges of Medicine of South Africa*

**Deon Ronaldus Rautenbach (1950 - 2011)**

Deon Rautenbach was born in 1950 in Roodepoort in the then Transvaal. His father was a general practitioner who later specialised in general surgery. His mother was a physiotherapist.

He matriculated at Welkom Gymnasium in 1967. He started his university training with a BSc degree at the University of the Free State in 1970, followed by an honours in zoology in 1971. He finished his medical training in 1976, followed by an internship in Vereeniging.

Deon practised as a GP in Bloemfontein from 1978 to 1988 and during that time also received an MFamMed degree. He then decided to specialise in dermatology and received the MMed in Dermatology 1992. He worked as a dermatologist in private practice in Bloemfontein until weeks before his untimely death on 4 September 2011.

Deon was a very modest man with a wide variety of interests and hobbies. He played tennis on a weekly basis until a pain in his right leg led to the diagnosis of a pathological fracture of his femur, caused by myeloma.

He had an interest in history and geography and spent time reading on these subjects. He had a large coin collection and also enjoyed building model aircraft and boats. When he was younger he built a full-scale sailboat which he used on a nearby dam.

Deon was very much involved in his community, trying to improve and uplift his neighbourhood, and served as the chairman of the local policing forum.

Deon will be missed by his wife Dalene, sons Frans and Karel, daughter Estie, colleagues, tennis buddies, patients and community.

**Erich Bam**