

Life Time Achievement Award by the International Society of Anaesthetic Pharmacology (ISAP): Prof Johan Coetzee



Johan ("Jeff") Coetzee was born in Zambia, he attended Rondebosch Boys High School and obtained a BSc (Chemistry and Physics) from Stellenbosch University in 1962. This was followed by another BSc (Anatomy and Physiology) and then MB ChB (Stellenbosch) in 1967. He then became a Registrar at

Karl Bremer Hospital /Stellenbosch University and obtained the MMed(Anes) in 1972.

He joined the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care at Stellenbosch University/Tygerberg Hospital in 1986 after a successful stint in private practice and obtained a Diploma in Datametry from UNISA in 1987. This was followed by a PhD with the title "An investigation into the cardiovascular effects of propofol and alfentanil for total intravenous anaesthesia" in which he combined his considerable skills in mathematics, pharmacological modelling and statistics. In 2000, he was awarded the FCA (SA) by peer review.

Johan was appointed as an Associate Professor in 1997.

He was awarded the Johnson and Johnson Traveling Scholarship in 2002 and Smith Aluta Travel prize to the USA in 2010. He is the author of 46 peer reviewed publications in national and

international journals and was an invited speaker at 40 meetings and made 25 research presentations at Congresses.

Jeff is known for his understanding and ability to master complex pharmacological concepts, especially modelling of drug kinetics. He is recognized internationally as an expert in this field and became a Life Member of the International Society for Anaesthetic Pharmacology (ISAP) in 2010. Jeff is a superb lecturer and has the ability to simplify difficult concepts, perhaps because of his deeper understanding of the subject matter.

His tenure at Stellenbosch was also marked by a stint as Director of the Bureau for BioEngineering and his efforts culminated in products such as Ceregraph, Stelpump and Pomux.

Jeff's continuous efforts has resulted in ISAP awarding him the 2015 Life Time Achievement Award by the International Society of Anaesthetic Pharmacology (ISAP). This is just recognition for an academic career of thinking, researching, participating and making a scientific contribution by a SA anaesthetist.

Besides the science, Jeff is also known for his diving expertise and to many of us in the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care at Stellenbosch University, he is the in-house statistical consultant but also often the voice of profound wisdom in difficult clinical and non-clinical matters.

Andre Coetzee