**Citation: Julien Ivor Ellis Hoffman**

Dr. Julien Hoffman was born in 1925 in Salisbury (Harare), S. Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

Dr Hoffman is a Wits graduate who obtained a B.Sc (Hons) in 1945, and MBBCh (cum laude) in 1949. He was subsequently awarded an M.D. Medicine from Wits in 1970 for his pioneering work in paediatric cardiology.

After completing his Internships he spent the next few years working in Internal Medicine and Adult Cardiology in Johannesburg and London. He decided to concentrate on Paediatric Cardiology in September 1957, when he started a Fellowship at The Children’s Hospital, Boston. He was a Senior Fellow in Cardiology at the Cardiovascular Research Unit, University of California, San Francisco from 1959 to 1960.

After working as Assistant Professor of Paediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, he joined the team in Paediatric Cardiology, Cardiovascular Research Unit, University of California San Francisco, in July 1966, to this day.

This Unit, with Dr Hoffman and Prof Abe Rudolph, also a Wits graduate, as co-directors, developed into the leading research unit on cardiovascular disease in children in the United States and, arguably, in the world. Their research range from laboratory studies at a basic science level to research at a clinical level in all aspects of paediatric heart disease.

Dr Hoffman has received numerous honours and awards for his research, his clinical work and his teaching during his career. In 2000, the UCLA School of Medicine established the Julien Hoffman Chair in Cardiothoracic Surgery, endowed by L. B. Research & Education Foundation, in recognition of his lifelong work in this field – an unusual honour for someone at a different university. He was elected Joint Honorary President of the World Congress of Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery in Paris, France in 1993.

Over the years Dr Hoffman has been invited to give numerous lectures honouring other paediatric cardiologists in the USA. He has published over 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals, either as principal or co-author, and has contributed 164 chapters in books, including the textbook PEDIATRICS, where he has been co-editor with Prof Abraham Rudolph. Throughout this time he has maintained strong links with South Africa attending several congresses and giving lectures at Medical Schools, including Wits Medical School.

He still remains active and currently holds the position of Professor of Paediatrics (Emeritus) and Senior Member, Cardiovascular Research Institute, University of California San Francisco.

Dr Hoffman has spent almost his entire lifetime fostering the advancement of Paediatric Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery. Given Dr Hoffman’s sterling contribution to the field of medicine we believe he is worthy of an Honorary Doctorate from the University of the Witwatersrand.