Solly Lopsis Prize awarded to the postgraduate student deemed to have written the best research report for the Master of Medicine (in the branch of Internal Medicine)

Rajan Moren

South African Association of Occupational Therapists (Gauteng) Prize awarded to the most outstanding graduand

Natalie Rose Leicher

The Psychiatric Occupational Therapists (POTS) Student Prize awarded to the graduand who has excelled in Psychiatry

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W H Lo Riche Medal in Epidemiology awarded to a postgraduate student in the Department of Community Medicine for a research project in Epidemiology on grounds of excellence

Doris Heinmüller

HONORARY GRADUATE

Hendrik Johannes Kooymans

Hendrik Johannes Kooymans graduated in medicine from the University of Cape Town in 1951, and received the Diploma in Clinical Pathology from the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London in 1960 and the Diploma in Bacteriology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1966. In 1973 he became a founder member of the Royal College of Pathologists.

In January 1960 Dr Kooymans became head of the Department of Medical Microbiology at the South African Institute for Medical Research. In 1971, when joint appointments between the SAIMR and the University of the Witwatersrand were established, he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Medical Microbiology in the School of Pathology of the University of the Witwatersrand and the SAIMR. From 1975 through 1993, Professor Kooymans served as Deputy Director of the SAIMR, and he was the Acting Director of the SAIMR during 1990. Since his retirement in 1992 he has been Emeritus Professor in the Department of Medical Microbiology and an Honorary Professional Research Fellow of the University.

During his career he has been one of the principal microbiologists to publish on the antimicrobial resistance of the pneumococcus. His research in this area has involved studies on the pneumococcus and meningococcus, and he has published on the role of the pneumococcus in the development of microbial resistance. In recognition of his work in this area, he was awarded the Lo Riche Medal for his contributions to the field of microbiology. He has also served on numerous committees, including the chairmanship of the Nominating Committee of the Faculty of Medicine.

Throughout his life Professor Kooymans has maintained a very high ethical and moral standard; he is a man with a strong sense of social responsibility. In this regard he was a founder member of the National Medical and Dental Association in the Transvaal which came into being at the time of the death of Steve Biko. He was also Chairman of the Dean’s Anti-apartheid Committee during the late 1980s.

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In honouring Professor Kooymans by the award of an honorary degree, the University recognizes the distinction of one of its most dedicated and famous leaders. Professor Kooymans’ contributions have been significant in the field of respiratory infections. His work has been instrumental in the development of new vaccines and drugs for the treatment of these infections. The University is proud to honor him for his contributions to this field.

Professor Kooymans has also made major contributions to the study and control of sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis in South Africa. He is author of more than two hundred publications in the field of infectious disease and is Editor of the South African Journal of Epidemiology and Infection. He serves on the Editorial Board of the European Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases.
his university and to his field within South Africa but has also been an inspiration to a large number of loyal and devoted students.

The medical profession, our university and our country have much to be proud of and grateful for when we honour Hendrik Johannes Koornhof by conferring upon him the degree of Doctor of Science in Medicine *honoris causa*.