

## **A.F. Doubell: Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae**

Anton F. Doubell is Professor and Head of Cardiology, Tygerberg Hospital and University of Stellenbosch. Born (16/2/56) and raised in Port Elizabeth he completed his medical degree at the University of Stellenbosch in 1979, graduating as the top student of that year. After practicing as a medical officer at the Uitenhage Hospital for two and a half years he returned to Stellenbosch to specialize in internal medicine and was awarded the degrees M. Med. and F.C.P. (S.A.) in 1987. He then joined the MRC unit for Molecular and Cellular Biology at the Department of Medical Physiology and Biochemistry, University of Stellenbosch where he studied the cardiac hormone, atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP). During this time he obtained the degree B. Sc. Hons (Cum Laude) and was awarded the distinction of being the best post-graduate student in Medical Sciences for 1988. He was then awarded the Sandoz Research Scholarship for study abroad and spent two and a half years as research fellow at the Laboratory of Cellular Biology of Hypertension of the Clinical Research Institute of Montreal (IRCM) in Canada. During this time the research on ANP initiated in South Africa was continued in a very productive partnership with the IRCM. He became one of a select group of non-Canadians to be awarded a Canadian MRC Fellowship in 1991 and on his return to Stellenbosch University was awarded his Ph.D. degree in Medical Biochemistry. His research interests include vasoactive peptides and cell signaling, endothelial dysfunction, coronary restenosis, inflammatory heart disease including valvular disease, infective endocarditis and pericarditis. He has eighty-two publications to his credit as well as seventy-five published proceedings of National and International Congresses. He is the chairman of the Tygerberg branch of the South African Heart Association and a past-president of the South African Heart Association (two consecutive terms from 2000 to 2004). He currently still serves on the exco of the South African Heart Association and is the Editor of SAHeart, the official Journal of the South African Heart Association.