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## **Beroepsopleiding • Vocational Training**

Die groot oomblik was 15h00 op 18 April vanjaar. Dit was die 135ste vergadering van die Suid-Afrikaanse Geneeskundige en Tandheelkundige Raad wat in Johannesburg gehou is. Die voorstel van G J Pistorius deur H P Wasserman gesekondeer is op daardie moment sonder teenstem aanvaar en dit lui soos volg:

“Dat die beginsel van die vereiste van post-intern beroepsopleiding van huisartse met die oog op registrasie van huisartse aanvaar word; dat die Raad opdrag gee aan die Onderwyskomitee om toepaslike regulasies in hierdie verband aan die Raad voor te lê.”

What more do we need to say? Now that Vocational Training is accepted in principle and the Council's Education committee is working out regulations for it, we need to say thank you and understand what the implications will be.

Firstly, this means as with the specialist disciplines, that there will be mention of the category of Family Practice in the register and not a register of specialists. We also need to understand that there will probably be a

“Grandpa” Clause for all those who have qualified before the regulations were published.

Who do we thank? In die eerste plek, Bravo! vir Gawie Pistorius wat op die Raad die sameroeper van die ad hoc komitee van die Onderwyskomitee was wat die voorbereidings vir hierdie groot moment gemaak het. Die ander twee lede was, Kay (JC) de Villiers en Johan (PJ) Schutte. Dankie ook aan al die ander mense, veral die huisartse op die Raad wat die saak oor 'n lang tyd bevorder het.

The first request for vocational training came from the Faculty of General Practice of the College of Medicine of South Africa in 1976. This was later supported by the University of Cape Town. Since the inception of the Academy we have repeatedly conferred, written about and especially acted on the premise that there will be vocational training. The establishment of several training programmes testify to that. Surely 18 April 1989 is a historical beacon for general practice in South Africa.

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