



**PROF HERMAN BERNITZ**

**Prof Herman Bernitz** is an honorary extraordinary Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Pathology, University of Pretoria, South Africa. He completed his **B.Ch.D** in 1978, his **M.Sc. (Odont) cum laude** in Oral Pathology in 1996, and his **Dip. Odont. cum laude** in Forensic Odontology in 1998 and his doctoral degree (**Ph.D**) in Forensic Dentistry in 2004. He lectured in both Oral Pathology and Forensic Dentistry for 27 years until his retirement in 2022. He was the International President of IOFOS (International Organisation of Forensic Odonto-Stomatology) from 2005 to 2011. He was a member of the scientific committee of the International Academy of Legal Medicine from 2012-2015. He was the chairman of the bitemark working group held in Norway where international standards and protocols were drawn up for bitemark analyses. Since 1998 he has acted as forensic consultant during which time he has been involved in all aspects of Forensic Dentistry. He has acted as expert witness in the Pretoria, Johannesburg and Grahamstown Supreme Courts in bite mark, age estimation and identification related cases as well as other courts around the country in cases related to forensic dental issues. He has led and participated in DVI missions to Western, Central and Southern Africa. He has lectured and given hands on courses on five continents. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Forensic Odonto-stomatology. He has published 76 scientific articles and contributed chapters to 5 books. He recently authored the chapter on bite mark analysis for the Encyclopaedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine and two chapters for the new IOFOS textbook on mortuary procedure and bite mark analysis. He is married to Zephné, a veterinarian in private practice and they have four children and four grandchildren.