

Director of HSRA Term Extension – Rod MacLeod

Rod and his wife Loredana [Lori] have been married for 45 years and have four grown children, two in London of which one is in brand development and one in publishing, one is a senior economist with the OECD in Paris, and their baby who will shortly be leaving our shores for Dublin university hospital as a dietician. In addition, they have four grandchildren. They spend three to four months a year in Italy.

Rod has spent his career - except for a brief sortie into industrial activity - in banking and merchant banking. During his career, he held senior management positions in Barclays South Africa (as it then was), and FirstCorp, including a three year attachment to the First National London representative office during the stormy mid-eighties' debt standstill. He has also held directorships at Société Générale South Africa, Associated Paint & Chemical Industries, Janus Corporation, and Imara Holdings.

During his forty years of experience he had numerous interactions at senior and director level with Anglo American, De Beers, Billiton, Lafarge and SAB Miller, numerous mid-tier corporations, as well as government officials and regulators in the UK, South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya and Nigeria. Rod obtained a wide field of experience in negotiations and cross-cultural issues, ranging from privatisations of state assets in Zambia, Malawi and the UK, to stock exchange regulators in many jurisdictions, to a diverse set of clients with multi-faceted business interests.

Rod was educated at Marist Brothers colleges in Johannesburg and high school at St Benedict's College Bedfordview. He obtained a BComm (Legal) and LLB at the University of the Witwatersrand, and successfully read for diplomas in banking and financial market instruments at the Institute of Bankers South Africa and the University of Johannesburg.

Rod and Lori bought a holiday home in Voëlklip in 1999 as all their children were being or about to be educated at Stellenbosch University. Rod sold up his business interests in Johannesburg in 2015 and in 2016 he and Lori moved permanently to their home in Hermanus.

In regard to community activities, in the 1980s Rod was active for a few years in the Jaycees movement and became president of the Sandton chapter. Rod became involved in the Voëlklip neighbourhood watch and was an active participant in lobbying for the SRA. He later became chairman of the VNW, and the stated objective of reducing the VNW role from an active patrolling entity to an observer was achieved on the implementation of the HPP/SRA initiative, a situation that pertains to this day.

At school Rod's sports were swimming, cycling, soccer and tennis, at university cycling, boxing and rugby, and at work squash and golf. Rod is currently a lapsed golfer having taken up walking, whale watching, wine tasting and motorcycling in its stead.

Rod is widely read and has a keen interest in the future of our community, and how we can show a way forward to the rest of South Africa and maybe even Africa.

