



*Groote Schuur Hospital*



The GIT Clinic is one of several special clinics which were established during the 1950's and 60's at Groote Schuur Hospital to accommodate the increasing trend towards sub-specialisation in Medicine. The Clinic was founded during 1959 by Dr I N (Solly) Marks on his return from the United Kingdom and United States where he spent 9 years doing further post-graduate training and research. Under his remarkable leadership and vision, which spanned 3 decades, the Clinic has grown into an internationally recognised gastrointestinal unit with the emphasis on clinical research. One of the major strengths of the Clinic is the strong medico-surgical partnership from its inception and in particular when the surgical presence was formalized in 1982 and with the move to the New Building in 1990.

Over the years, the Clinic has benefited greatly from a steady stream of overseas gastroenterologists who brought with them special expertise and helped the Clinic during the "brain drain" era in the 1970's and 1980's. The GIT has been blessed with talented and dedicated doctors, nurses and supporting staff who rallied to face and overcome many obstacles during its 50 years of existence - may this continue in the future!

## **SAGES congratulates the GIT Clinic at Groote Schuur Hospital on it's 50th anniversary**

