



EVENT Wednesday, 28 January 2026 | 6pm (SAST)

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, Professor Mosa Moshabela, together with the Chair and Head of the Department of Medicine, Professor Mashiko Setshedi, invites you to

THE STUART JOHN SAUNDERS LECTURE 2026

**“Ageing and Medicine:
The Growing Importance of Better
Understanding This Relationship”**



Many of the challenges faced individually and collectively by people require an understanding of ‘big picture’ phenomena that are often shrouded in controversy and mystery. One of the most important of these is ageing, and the associated concepts of a ‘life-span’ and a ‘health-span’ for all members of our particular species. This lecture will explore what biomedical science has so far uncovered about how we age and why we die, and will relate this to broader questions of health-care systems and the societies of the future.

Emeritus Professor Wieland Gevers graduated in Medicine from UCT with First-Class Honours and as a Rhodes Scholar took a D Phil degree at Oxford University under Sir Hans Krebs. After a post-doctoral fellowship working under another Nobel, Dr Fritz Lipmann, he returned to South Africa, where he has had a 40-year career as distinguished teacher, academic innovator, researcher, and institution-builder (the SA Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the Academy of Science of SA, and UCT’s Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine). He was Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UCT from 1996 to 2002.

Speaker

Em. Prof. Wieland Gevers

Emeritus Professor of Medical Biochemistry, UCT

Date

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Time

Lecture at 6:00 pm (SAST),
Reception at 7:00 pm

Venue

The Neuroscience Institute
Auditorium, Groote Schuur
Hospital

Attendance

Free (booking essential)

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