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Dr Boitshoko Ntshabele
Mrs Lynette Havinga
President
Registrar
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) performed its core functions in terms of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act 19 of 1982. The information in this report confirms how the Council exercised its core and other functions in line with its objects as follows:

- regulate the practising of the veterinary professions and para-veterinary professions and the registration of persons practising such professions;
- determine the minimum standards of tuition and training required for degrees, diplomas and certificates entitling the holders thereof to be registered to practise the veterinary professions and para-veterinary professions;
- exercise effective control over the professional conduct of persons practising the veterinary professions and para-veterinary professions;
- determine the standards of professional conduct of persons practising the veterinary professions and para-veterinary professions;
- encourage and promote efficiency in and responsibility with regard to the practice of the veterinary professions and para-veterinary professions;
- protect the interests of the veterinary professions and para-veterinary professions and to deal with any matter relating to such interests;
- maintain and enhance the prestige, status and dignity of the veterinary professions and para-veterinary professions and the integrity of persons practising such professions;
- advise the Minister in relation to any matter affecting a veterinary profession or a para-veterinary profession.

The Vision of the SAVC for this term of office 2013-2016 was determined as being–
“Advancing public and animal health through quality veterinary services for all.”

The Mission was not changed and remained as follows: The South African Veterinary Council seeks, through the statutes of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 to -

- serve the interests of the people of South Africa by promoting competent, efficient, accessible and needs driven service delivery in the animal health care sector;
- protect the health and well-being of animals and animal populations;
- protect and represent the interests of the veterinary and para-veterinary professions;
- regulate the professional conduct of the veterinary and para-veterinary professions; and
- set and monitor standards of both education and practice for the veterinary and para-veterinary professions.

The Council met on 4 and 5 February 2014 to determine its strategic goals and positioning for the remaining two and a half years of its term of office.

- Being Relevant: Align with the needs of the people of SA
- Legislation: Review, update legislation relevant for SA
- Stakeholders: Unify the veterinary professions
- Resources: Mobilise Resources
- Public Relations: Improve Corporate Personality; Image and Reputation of Council and veterinary professions.

This period of report marks the key events in the business of the SAVC as follows:

- The SAVC’s administration relocated on 10 July 2014 from offices situated at 874 Stanza Bopape Street, Arcadia, Pretoria to an office building at Victoria Link street, Route 21 Corporate Park, Nellmapius Drive, Irene which proved to be a successful event;
- A hearing held on 20 August 2014 after negotiation and cooperation with the Competition Commission on compliance with the Competition Act and the outcome: an agreement to no longer issue a so-called Guideline of Tariffs; to review the rules for the veterinary profession in respect of advertising and touting; and to submit the reviewed rules without having to pay a Competition Commission fine;
- An extensive consultation process on the review of the rules for the veterinary profession which commenced in earnest in 2013 and the drafting of the new rules for the veterinary profession relevant to changed needs of the clients and the profession in ever changing circumstances in South Africa. The consultation process included a road show and several workshops held with stakeholders;
- The official opening of the new office building on 20 October 2014 and an address delivered by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Minister Senzeni Zokwana;
- A hearing held on 13 November 2014 based on the SAVC’s complaint against Carte Blanche [MNet] lodged with the Broadcasting Complaints Corporation of SA [BCCSA] on behalf of the veterinary profession as in the SAVC’s opinion a representative overview was not reflected in a Carte Blanche programme which dealt with the fees of veterinarians. The complaint was however not upheld as the BCCSA was of the opinion that neither the good name of the SAVC nor the good name of the SA veterinarians were sullied by the programme; and the BCCSA expressed the view that reasonable viewers were not gullible;
It is an honour to present the annual report of the South African veterinary Council for the year 1 April 2014-31 March 2015. SAVC continued to conduct its business through the various committees guided by the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act 19 of 1982. In this respect, the Finance Committee was strengthened to include audit and risk management functions to ensure that financial and business risks to the Council are identified and mitigation measures implemented. Council discussed the possibility of establishing a Standards sub-committee of the Education Committee in response to the possibility of a second veterinary faculty, the envisaged free movement of skills as part of the tripartite trade negotiations and the existence of a third training facility for the training of Animal Health Technicians.

I wish to thank members of the professions who participated in the various workshops held and also those who submitted comments towards the work done by the Review Committee in amending the rules. The SAVC had to meet the deadline to comply with the terms of the consent agreement made with the Competition Commission and thus avoid punitive charges and negative findings. Without doubt, this Committee should routinely conduct a scan of the operating environment and to propose changes to legislation and the rules.

The SAVC concluded the acquisition of the new building and the relocation of staff from no 874 Stanza Bopape Street in Arcadia to 28 Victoria Link, Route 21 Corporate Park. The Minister of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Minister Senzeni Zokwana, visited and presided over the opening of the building on the 21st October 2014 and launched a plague with the new logo. The Minister also held a meeting with the Executive Committee on the 25th August 2014. In his address the Minister highlighted the role played by the veterinary professions in ensuring food security and food safety. I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Minister for the support given during this period.

Council participated in joint visitations with the American Veterinary Medical Association [AVMA] and the Australian Veterinary Boards Council [AVBC] to the University of Bristol, Cambridge University in the UK as well as Massey University in New Zealand. We reported previously that Council has amended policy to only recognise qualifications based on assessment of standards. The SAVC together with AVBC will conduct a follow-up visit to the Faculty of Veterinary Service of University of Pretoria and conclude the 2013 visitation. The SAVC will also send a team to Tsolo Agricultural College which has recently been reopened to train Animal Health Technicians in the Eastern Cape.

The legal challenge with the Wildlife Ranching South Africa (WRSA) regarding the rules of the veterinary profession remains and would likely serve in court during calendar year 2015. Heads of Argument documents were filed by both sides.

The South African Veterinary Council continues to implement the strategic plan 2013-2016 adopted in February 2014 with the vision; “Advancing public and animal health through quality veterinary services for all”. Council strives to ensure that veterinary services are rendered to serve the needs of the country. We continue to work with DAFF to resolve the legal issues to ensure the smooth implementation of Compulsory Veterinary Community Services (CCS).

It is envisaged that the next possible date for implementation is January 2016. With this, we hope that the Amendment Veterinary and Para-veterinary Professions Act, Act No 16 of 2012 will come into operation allowing the implementation of provisions including the conducting of inspections.

I am proud to announce that we have as Council received a clean audit of our finances and thanks are due to management and the Finance Committee for sterling work done.

I take this opportunity to thank the SAVC staff members and Councillors for their commitment in serving the veterinary professions.

Boitshoko Ntshabele
1. ADMINISTRATION

The management of the administration continued under the leadership of Mrs L Havinga (Registrar). The Administration relocated to 26 Victoria Link Street, Route21 Corporate Park, Nellmapius Drive, Irene. The Minister of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Minister Senzeni Zokwana officially opened the building on 21 October 2014.

In-house training and skills development are ongoing activities as part of management responsibilities. Staff changes took place as follows:

Ms Lorraine Mhlongo (legal secretary) commenced employment on 10 July 2014;
Ms Monalisa Mameane (Finance clerk) resigned on 24 October 2014;
Ms Lerato Motsweneng (Legal secretary) resigned on 20 June 2014.
2. COUNCIL AND ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1 April 2013 – 31 July 2013

Dr BR Ntshabele (President)
Dr JA Pretorius (Vice-president)
Dr JR Adam
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Mr C Bester
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Dr C Nkuna
Dr P Oberem
Mr J Oosthuizen
Dr J van Heerden

2.2 MEETINGS HELD: FULL COUNCIL

Meetings held
27 May 2014
Apologies received
Dr JR Adam
Adv DJ Block
Dr C Nkuna
Dr ZZZ Majokweni

Meetings held
21-22 October 2014
Apologies received
Mr J Oosthuizen
Dr ZZZ Majokweni

Meetings held
10 - 11 February 2015
Apologies received
Adv D Block
Dr ZZZ Majokweni

2.3 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Period: 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Dr BR Ntshabele (President)
Dr J Pretorius (Vice-president)
Dr CP Marwick

2.4 MEETINGS HELD: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014

26 May 2014
20 October 2014
9 February 2015

2.5 DEVELOPMENTS

Council embarked on implementation of its Strategic goals and its Vision to bring veterinary services to all people.

The goals were pursued and to a large extent achieved by the redrafting of the rules for the veterinary profession, mobilisation of resources and unification of the profession by several interventions between the Executive Committee of Council and the President.

Council is still locked into discussions and interventions regarding:

- The control of medicines, in particular anti-biotics, under two Acts of the Country;
- The requirement that was placed on veterinarians to obtain permits to treat or manage Threatened or Protected Species (TOPS);
- Control of highly scheduled medicines to anaesthetise game or wildlife animals;
- Performance Veterinary Services Report and the drafting and implementation of a veterinary services framework for the country.

3. CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

3.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Dr J van Heerden (chairperson)
Prof R Kirberger

3.2 MEETINGS OF THE CPD ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

The committee under the leadership of Dr J van Heerden, with Prof R Kirberger as member, continued to evaluate various CPD activities for accreditation. The committee continued to liaise electronically.

3.3 DEVELOPMENTS

RANDOM CPD AUDIT

As from 1 April 2013 members were no longer required to log the CPD points accumulated by them. A random audit of 250 persons was done. An audit will be done annually.

ACCREDITATION OF COURSES

A total number of 177 applications for the accreditation of courses were considered during the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 with ultimately 168 being accredited. Three (3) applications were not accredited and six (6) applications owed outstanding documentation.

A list of accredited courses is continuously updated on the SAVC website and members of the profession can inform themselves accordingly.

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CPD FOR PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONALS

Council resolved in February 2014 that CPD for veterinary para-professionals be implemented from 1 April 2015.
4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

4.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Prof V Naidoo  (chairperson)
Sr T Lötter
Mr C Bester
Mr J Müller
Mr J Oosthuizen
Dr R Mphuthi
Dr K Joubert

Co-opted members

Dr M Mwanza  (North West University)
Prof L van Ryneveld  (University of Pretoria)
Ms N Letsoalo  (Tshwane University of Technology) attended in the place of Prof D du Toit (May 2014)
Mr G Mathye  (Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Sector Colleges) (May 2014)
Mr S Motshana  (Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Sector Colleges) (July 2014 and January 2015)

4.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held

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4.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Education Committee made recommendations on various issues relating to visitations, curriculum developments, monitoring and examinations. Developments and recommendations took place, inter alia, as follows:

STANDARDS OF TRAINING

South African Qualification Authority

The SAVC: Registration Section completed data loading to SAQA's National Learners' Records Data Base (NLRD) in May and November 2014.

Final designation descriptors for veterinary nurses, veterinarians and veterinary specialists were submitted for publication on the SAQA website.

The committee performed work on a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) policy and the final document will be submitted to Council in June 2015.

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Sector Colleges

Mr George Mathye from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) attended the Education Committee meeting in May 2014. Mr Sekepe Motshana took over from him for the July 2014 and January 2015 meetings. A DAFF representative will attend committee meetings for as long as Tsolo College featured on the committee's agenda and the Tsolo qualification for Animal Health Technicians becomes a prescribed qualification.

Department of Higher Education and Training

The SAVC supplied feedback in 2013 to the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) on the establishment of a second veterinary faculty, which uses a distributive model. A White Paper published in November 2013 then indicated the imminent appointment of a University Council for the second faculty incorporating the MEDUNSA campus of the University of Limpopo. Council approved the establishment of a standing committee (8-10 years) to work with the new University Council and to assess the budgetary implications of accreditation of the new training facility, especially in the light of the use of a distributive model.

Human Resource Development Council

Ms Chantyl Mulder, chairperson of the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) Technical Task Team (TTT) responsible for the Development of Professionals, was alerted that the veterinary para-professions, namely the professions of Laboratory Animal Technologist, Veterinary Technologist and Veterinary Nurse were not listed as scarce skills in the feedback supplied to the HRDC.

Independent Professional Body Forum

The SAVC budget did not provide for attendance of the Independent Professional Body Forum meetings. Minutes of these meetings and presentations were, however, requested and included on the committee agenda.

Council on Higher Education (CHE) Professional Body meeting

Dr A de Vos attended a workshop on 20 June 2014 at the Council on Higher Education. The topic was: The role of the Council on Higher Education’s Higher Education Quality Committee and of Professional Councils in Programme Accreditation.
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The SAVC also completed a survey of Professional Bodies as part of a research project by Dr Marianne Engelbrecht, Manager: Quality Enhancement and Capacity Development.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS

Council resolved (21 – 22 October 2014) that the new Standards Committee should function as a sub-committee of the Education Committee. The committee would exist for a period of eight years. It consists of four core members (two veterinarians and two para-veterinarians) and may co-opt expertise as required. Prof V Naidoo, Dr K Joubert, Sr T Lötter and Mr C Bester serve on the Standards Committee.

The committee will focus on the establishment of a new veterinary faculty, harmonisation in the SADC region and a general veterinary and para-veterinary registration examination. The OIE and other sources of funding would be approached to fund regional work as the OIE should ideally look at the bigger picture, especially disease control. The Standards Committee would further communicate with other councils in Africa, particularly SADC and Anglophone countries, to establish the potential of a joint registration examination.

VISITATIONS

Visitation 2013: University of Pretoria (UP)

The BVSc and DVN reports following the visitation to the University of Pretoria in May 2013 were accepted by Council in June 2014. The Faculty was given the opportunity to respond to these reports.

Dr D Odendaal, the 2013 visitation team leader, Dr B Ntshabele and Prof R Rose from the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) will attend a follow up visit from 28 – 29 May 2015.

Dr P Ardington, with input from Drs Odendaal and Ntshabele, re-worked the SAVC visitation criteria and main indicators for the BVSc Self Evaluation Report (SER) following the visitation to UP.

Visitation 2015: Tshwane University of Technology (TUT)

Formal permission was requested from the Tshwane University of Technology for the visitation planned for 28 September - 2 October 2015. The Self Evaluation Report (SER), previously used by Animal Health Technicians, was supplied to TUT to be customised for use by Veterinary Technologists during the 2015 visitation. The completed SER would be circulated twelve months before the visitation.

A preliminary meeting was held with the TUT Programme Co-ordinator (PCO), Dr Ingrid Mokgobu (Assistant Dean: Learning and Teaching). The deadline for handover of the completed Self Evaluation Report (SER) and draft programme was agreed on the 22 July 2015. The visitation team was appointed as follows: Prof E Venter (team leader), Mr F Dreyer, Mr J Müller, Ms R Theron and Ms H Haarhoff. All members who served on the TUT Advisory Committee, i.e. Mr F Dreyer, Mr J Müller and Ms R Theron were requested to resign from the Advisory Committee in order to be part of the SAVC visitation team. Ms Haarhoff subsequently resigned from the team due to personal reasons. A replacement team member would be appointed.

Visitation Guidelines: Self Evaluation Report (SER) and other guidance

The outcome of training is the acquisition of Day 1 skills

Day 1 skills

Day 1 skills were published on the SAVC website (www.savc.org.za) and all examination documents were changed accordingly once approved. The One Health concept and Primary Animal Health Care were included in all the Day 1 skills documents.

Day 1 skills: Veterinarians

Dr K Joubert incorporated all comments and the final version was presented to Council in June 2015.

Day 1 skills: Veterinary Nurses, Veterinary Technologists, Animal Health Technicians

The Day 1 Skills for Veterinary Nurses, Veterinary Technologists and Animal Health Technicians were accepted by Council.

Day 1 skills: Laboratory Animal Technology

Council accept a October 2014 proposal from SAALAS that persons who successfully completed the Institute of Animal Technology (IAT) courses followed by competency-based practical training in first day competencies at SAALAS/SAVC accredited South African institutions and training programmes may be registered with the SAVC. SAALAS was requested to provide an indication as to whether registration would require an examination.
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Guidelines for Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

The various training institutions submitted their Work Integrated Learning (WIL) documents to the committee where after Dr K. Joubert and Prof V. Naidoo were delegated to do further work on the draft WIL document. Background information was requested from the DAFF on the minimum expectations of clinics, from the co-ordinator of Community Veterinary Clinics (CVCs) at the South African Veterinary Association (SAVA) and from welfare organisations.

NEW QUALIFICATIONS

Tsolo Agriculture Rural Development Institute (TARDI)

Following the completion of a Self Evaluation Report by TARDI, a pre-inspection team of three members, Mr J. Oosthuizen, Dr R. Mphuti and Prof L. van Ryneveld, was approved. The visit took place from 13-15 August 2014 and was funded by the DAFF with an understanding that the funding would not compromise any decision by Council. Council resolved on 21 October 2014 to not accept the diploma in Animal Health currently offered by TARDI for automatic registration due to the outstanding matters indicated in the report. TARDI was asked to submit a progress report after six months and they were further informed that they have two years from the visit to rectify any deficiencies identified.

A submission made by TARDI regarding the Fort Cox students with the additions made by the SAVC Registration and Authorisation Committee was accepted. The upgrade of the Fort Cox students would, however, not result in automatic registration with Council as the training did not constitute a prescribed qualification. Students will have to apply for registration via the SAVC Registration and Authorisation Committee.

Virtual University (Pty) Ltd

Virtual University (Pty) Ltd (Website: http://vu5.co.za), a university that offers education in a virtual learning environment and based in South Africa, indicated that they wanted to apply for accreditation for their learning programme: National Diploma: Animal Health (NQF level 6), and enable their students to register with the SAVC. The qualification they wanted to offer was registered with SAQA as: National Diploma: Animal Health, QID 62371, the same qualification as offered by UNISA. Virtual University was invited to submit a completed Self Evaluation Report (SER) should they wish to be considered for automatic registration. They were informed that all training institutions, public and private, would be expected to pay for evaluation. No submission has been received yet.

GLOBAL ACCREDITATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF VISITS

The Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC)

Dr R. Moersane (SAVC President: 2011-2013) signed an agreement between the SAVC and the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) on 30 May 2013. The agreement allows for mutual acceptance of the examination offered by both bodies as well as accreditation reports generated by both organisations.

Global Conference on Veterinary Education and the Role of the Veterinary Statutory Body

The following Australian qualifications were accepted for automatic registration: the University of Sydney, the University of Melbourne, Murdoch University, the University of Queensland, James Cook University and Charles Sturt University. The evaluation of the University of Adelaide visitation report was in process during this period of report.

The veterinary qualification from Massey University, New Zealand, was accepted for automatic registration following a visitation attended by Dr B. Nthabele (3-9 May 2014).

Dr P. Ardington was nominated to attend a visitation at James Cook University (4-8 May 2015).

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

The RCVS was informed that following the legal process (the change in regulations listing the six UK Schools and the examination), the qualifications of the British Schools currently accepted for automatic registration, i.e. BVSc University of Bristol, England; VetMB University of Cambridge, England; BVMS University of Edinburgh, Scotland; BVMS University of Glasgow, Scotland; BVSc University of Liverpool, England; BvetMed University of London, England and the examination of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, will no longer be accepted on a historical basis, but acceptance will be based on the principles of global accreditation.

Council accepted the qualification from the University of Glasgow for automatic registration following the attendance of the visit by Dr B Nthabele as observer (21-26 April 2013). Council accepted the report from the visitation to the University of Bristol (23-28 November 2014) as attended by Dr D. Odendaal.

The committee decided to postpone attendance at the Edinburgh visitation (8-13 November 2015) in favour of the James Cook University visitation (see above).

Prof V. Naidoo attended a visitation to Cambridge University (9-13 March 2015). The report is expected within the next two months.

A draft agreement between the RCVS and the SAVC was circulated and the only remaining matter was input from the Faculty on the benefit to the Faculty should AVMA attend joint visitations.

NON-REGISTERED PERSONS WORKING AS ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIANS

Legal input was to be obtained regarding the non-compliance of the Eastern Cape Province in terms of appointment of unregistered persons to perform the work of Animal Health Technicians. A final letter will be written to the MEC and failing a response, a meeting will be set up between the MEC, a Councillor and the AHT representative. This decision did not take place during the period of this report as Council resolved to address the matter differently. The outcome will be communicated in the next report.
RCVS: International Accreditors Working Group meeting

Following Prof Naidoo’s attendance of the International Accreditors Working Group meeting at the RCVS (23-24 January 2014), the SAVC Finance Committee noted the submission on 3 February 2014. Attending future meetings of this group would be planned for in the SAVC budget.

Brief for SAVC representation

There was consensus that background information and a guideline document were needed for observers to visitations. Prof Naidoo and Dr B Ntshabele are working on a visitation brief for SAVC representatives.

Information pack for foreign examination candidates

Following the signed agreement between the SAVC and the AVBC, it was decided that Jurisprudence could form part of the CPD system, e.g. a booklet would be compiled consisting of a certain number of reading hours on legislation. Dr E van Vollenhoven would be asked compile the pack. The pack should contain the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act and other relevant Acts. A letter stating that these were only the most applicable Acts, but that a candidate should familiarise him/herself with all Acts, would be included.

MONITORING STANDARDS OF TRAINING

Monitoring

All monitoring reports for 2013 served at the committee and recommendations were submitted to Council. Council accepted the monitoring reports and institutions’ feedback as submitted.

All monitoring programmes, as well as nominations for 2014 monitors, served at the committee and recommendations were submitted to Council.

Nominations for the appointment of monitors for 2015 were made.

Council accepted the proposal by Faculty that outside external examiners were not necessary for final examinations, except for final year examinations. This was conditional to the exam being internally moderated by an expert in a related subject, or through a formal internal evaluation process whereby three of more examiners were present.

Annual reporting

Annual reporting, including statistics on applications and admissions from the Faculty, was not received. A request was made by Faculty that the format of the reporting be revised. The Faculty has been given an opportunity to do so.

The RCVS suggested after the 2006 visitation to the Faculty that the interval of five (5) years between visitations was too long and that information should be provided on a more regular basis.

REGISTRATION EXAMINATION 2014: FOREIGN GRADUATES

Council resolved in May 2014 that the Full Registration Examination would proceed despite an earlier decision to defer the examination to 2015.

Inquiries were received in terms of allowance to sit the SAVC examination on completion of the Certificate in Veterinary Nursing from Applied Vocational Training (AVT), Australia. Following external assessment the request was declined.

Quality assurance (QA) and the checking for duplicate questions in the SAVC question bank were outsourced after questions were moved from Umfundi to QuestionMark. Two (2) QuestionMark licences were purchased by the SAVC. Two SAVC Education Section staff members had undergone initial training by the Faculty on QuestionMark on Friday 21 February 2014. Training by the national provider, BYTES, was however strongly suggested and this training took place from 18-20 June 2014.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the use of the Onderstepoort facilities and animals for all Council examinations had to be finalised in the next period of raport.

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINATION OFFICER, MODERATORS AND EXAMINERS: 2014

Date for Computer Based Examination: 1 - 2 September 2014
Date for Oral/Practical Examination: 8 – 9 September 2014 (veterinarians)
10 September 2014 (veterinary para-professions)

VETERINARIANS

Examination Officer: Dr DE Holm

Computer Based Examination (CBE format):

Moderator: Session 1 – Paper 1: Dr J Williams
Moderator: Session 2 – Paper 2: Prof KP Pettey

Oral / Practical Examination:

Moderator: Prof K Pettey

Oral / Practical Examination:

Logistics Co-ordinator: Sr R Ludike

Examiners:

Panel 1: Clinical procedures Dogs and Cats – A: Dr M Peck and B: 1. Dr M Meyer;
Panel 2: Pathology & VPH - A: Dr H Nel and B: Dr J Williams
Panel 3: Clinical procedures Production Animals - A: Dr E du Preez and B: Dr P Engelbrecht
Panel 4: Clinical procedures Horses – A: Dr G Hudson and B: Dr T Boshoff

**VETERINARY NURSES**

Examination Officer: Dr DE Holm

Computer Based Examination (CBE):
Moderator: Session 1: Sr AE Botha
Moderator: Session 2: Sr R Ludike

Oral / Practical Examination:
Moderator: Sr R Ludike

Examiners:
Panel 1: Theatre Practice: Sr R Fourie
Panel 2: Surgical Nursing: Dr J Venter
Panel 3: Medical Nursing: Dr E Scheepers
Panel 4: Radiography: Sr M Motean
Panel 5: Anaesthesia: Sr M Schutte
Panel 6: Reproductive Nursing: Dr K May
Panel 7: General Nursing: Sr R Ludike

**ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIANS**

Examination Officer: Dr DE Holm

Computer Based Examination:
Moderator: Session 1: Dr B H Mlilo
Moderator: Session 2: Dr K Perrett

Oral / Practical Examination:
Moderator: Mr J Oosthuizen

Examiners:
Panel 1: Dr L Cele
Panel 2: Mr P Lourens

**TRAINING**

**Laboratory Animal Technologists (LATs)**

Work was being done on the Institute of Animal Technology (IAT) degree.

**Veterinary Nurses (VNs)**

Work was ongoing on the development of the veterinary nursing degree. Implementation would possibly be in 2016. It would be a professional three-year degree (BVN) with 360 credits. The degree would give access to professional diplomas and Honours degrees.

**Animal Health Technicians (AHTs)**

UNISA: The re-curriculation process of the animal health diploma would come into effect in 2016. Writers were busy working on the ten (10) Animal Welfare learning modules and these should be ready by June 2015. More Primary Animal Health Care would be included.

North West University (NWU): The Advisory Committee has met in October 2014 and the curriculum would be reviewed for 2016. The NWU offered TB and CA training and the DAFF assessed the training. Students have not received their certificates and the committee followed up with the DAFF regarding the outstanding TB and CA training certificates.

**Veterinary Technologists (VTs)**

Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) reported on their own laboratories for third year training of students on-site.
4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 23(1) (C)

Suggestions regarding a faster paper trail as well as a separate category of ‘veterinary researcher’ were made by the Education Committee to the Registration and Authorisation Committee.

VETERINARY PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

A Working Group has been established to begin work on the profession, but an association still needed to be established.

Council sent a letter to the Council on Higher education (CHE) stating that the Council would evaluate Equine-Librum on completion of a Self Evaluation Report (SER) as potential service provider. The process was outlined detailing that a prescribed qualification was needed for automatic registration.

Planning for an examination (written and practical) would start as it was expected to take place in two years’ time. Council (21 October 2014) referred the issue regarding a possible tier system to the committee to investigate and report on to Council. A two tier system has been considered by the Working Group, but it was decided that the profession should be promulgated first.

ANIMAL WELFARE ASSISTANTS (AWAs)

The AWA curriculum was accepted by Council on 27 May 2014 and a letter was sent from Council to the HEQC to indicate support for the course. The writing of learner material was completed and it was currently undergoing an editing process. Printing would take place in June 2015. The qualification would therefore be in place in 2016.

TRAINING OF LAY PERSONS

Department of Higher Education (DHET): Oxbridge College

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) reported that “The Department has already filed a case against Oxbridge Academy with SAPS. We are waiting for an outcome. The Department has also placed Oxbridge Academy in its list of Bogus Colleges, refer to Number 7 of the Register. The list was also published by the New Age on 15 December 2014....”

REGULATIONS: LECTURERS INVOLVED IN TRAINING

Prof M Terblanche and Prof R Rose (AVBC) were asked their opinion on the importance of veterinarians teaching pre-clinical subjects in terms of veterinary students. It was felt that if a non-veterinarian was teaching a subject, then a veterinarian should be available within the same course to provide training in clinically applicable material. Likewise, when a non-veterinarian was teaching clinically applicable material, he/she should must involve a or be registered/authorised themselves.
5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1 MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Dr CP Marwick (Chairperson)
Dr J Adam
Dr PT Oberem

5.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

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5.3 AUDITED STATEMENTS 2015.2016

The statements were accepted by Council and 15% [R 90 000] of the surplus on salaries not paid and meetings not held was allocated to the skills fund.

5.4 THE BUDGET 2015.2016

BUDGET APPROVED

The main developments were to:-

- Adjust salaries by 7.5% for the SAVC staff members.
- Establish a contingency fund of R 50 000 (fifty thousand rand) for emergency or critical events which may happen, but were not budgeted for, subject to the condition that both the Finance committee and the Executive committee had to approve any expenditure under R 50 000 (fifty thousand rand). Any expenditure more than R 50 000 (fifty thousand rand) had to be ratified by Council.

AUDIT AND RISK

The auditor had to provide a monthly Audit and Risk trail to the Finance Committee.

**Financial performance (’000)**

- Operating expenses
- Operating income
- Surplus

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6.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Dr J Adam (Chairperson)
Dr CP Marwick
Prof V Naidoo
Dr C Nkuna
Dr BR Ntshabele
Dr P Oberem

6.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

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<td>Dr CP Marwick</td>
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6.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee decided at its meeting on held on 26 May 2014 to hold a full day meeting on 29 July 2014 in workshop format to discuss the One Health Concept, compounding and the implementation of the compounding rules. It was decided to define the One Health Concept as the “maximising of the well-being of people through maximising the well-being of animals” and that Council should take ownership of and drive the One Health Concept in South Africa.

The focus was on the utilisation of compounded medicines on food producing animals. It was decided that in principle no compounded medicine should be used in a food producing animal, unless no registered alternative medicine was available and an application made for the product, substantiated by the reasons for the application. The reasons would be limited to the outbreak or identification of a new disease for which no registered medicine existed or that there was no treatment or product available.

The Sub-Committee on Pre-Packaging of Medicines, which is a Sub-Committee of the Food Safety and Security Committee met on 24 October 2014 and the following were considered:

a) The regulations in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, Act 101 of 1965 (Act 101) and the provisions of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, Act 36 of 1947 (Act 36) regarding repackaging were outdated, impractical and difficult to comply with in the peculiar circumstances under which veterinarians rendered services.

b) Act 36 provided, amongst others, that medicines may be used extra-label, but that it had to be sold in the original container and no person may sell Act 36 products in unregistered packaging, which is difficult to
c) South Africa is seen as the Southern African Development Economic Community [SADC] watch dog and the export of poor quality products [vaccines] into neighbouring countries harmed the industry and reflected badly on SA.

d) The three tier responsibility in relation to veterinary medicines had to ensure that what was said about quality medicines could be proven.

e) There was a place for veterinary compounding under very specific circumstances for a veterinarian’s own patient where there are no similar registered Act 101 or Act 36 products available.

f) Most compounded medicines were copies of registered products and should not be seen as a way to procure cheaper medicines.

g) The changes of products from Act 36 to Act 101 [antibiotics; vaccines] had to be considered in line with the national strategy on Anti Microbial Resistance [AMR] adopted in October 2014. The scope of residues was large and OIE guidelines had to be followed.

h) Antibiotics were used as growth promoters and for therapeutic use. Non-therapeutic use had no place in the modern world. By possibly moving the APIs [tetracycline; penicillin; streptomycin] from Act 36 to Act 101 would ensure better control and oversight on the use of the products.

i) South Africa is a diverse community and access to medicines was not equitable. There needed to be some treatment available to the farmer and where there was no veterinarian there had to be some control.

The recommendations of the Food Safety and Security Committee were submitted to the Review Committee of Council and were included in the new rules pertaining to the veterinary profession.
7. HERITAGE COMMITTEE

7.1 MEMBERS OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE

1 April 2014 – 31 July 2015

Dr AP De Vos (chairperson)
Dr A Snijders (representing the SAVA)
Dr PB Mutowenwbwa (representing the BVA)
Ms P Khobotle (representing the SAAPVP)
Drs L Mrwebi and C Mnqeta (representing the DAFF)
Dr P Oberem (representing the SAVC)
Dr BR Ntshabele (President of the SAVC)

7.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

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7.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The SAVC took up the challenge by the OIE to establish a national Heritage Committee in alignment with the International Bourgelat Committee, to demonstrate and celebrate the national heritage of the veterinary professions.

Council commenced by inviting the Black Veterinary Forum [BVF], the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries [DAFF], the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP and the South African Veterinary Association [SAVA] to a meeting with a view to establish a joint veterinary heritage committee for South Africa.

Representatives met on Monday, 20 October 2014 at the Council offices when Dr Anne De Vos explained that the initiative came from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation [UNESCO], who launched a worldwide action to value and safeguard regional and national heritage. The purpose would include to foster the feeling of belonging, understanding and cohesion, The World Animal Health Organisation [OIE] followed by launching an international committee to honour the heritage of the veterinary profession, and challenging all OIE members to do the same on national level.

The meeting resolved to establish a permanent committee under the auspices of the Council, the other stakeholders being the SAVA, DAFF and the BVF. A Council member should chair the committee.

The Committee will work out its own terms of reference, funding and functioning and will be supported by the administration of the SAVC, including the development of a website. The committee would also consider finding sponsorship. The Committee needed to be represented at the international meeting of the OIE.

The profession was informed about the initiative in the Newsletter while nominations from the different stakeholders were awaited.

Subsequent to that meeting it was decided to invite the South African Association for Para Veterinary Professionals [SAAPVP] and the Executive of SAVC to represent, as well as to co-opt Dr. Peter Oberem, SAVC councillor and working in industry.
8. INSPECTIONS COMMITTEE

8.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Sr T Lotter (Chairperson)
Dr A Erasmus
Dr ZZZ Majokweni
Dr R Mphuthi (State Veterinarian)
Dr CP Marwick
Dr I Southern (SAVA Representative)

8.2 MEETINGS HELD

As in the previous reporting year, the Inspections Committee did not meet on a regular basis, but opted to address the applications for the registration of facilities electronically. This decision was made in order to save costs and time.

8.3 REGISTRATIONS OF FACILITIES

Council reviewed the veterinary rules relating to the registration of facilities to include the registrations of facilities and to cater for all practice scenarios.

Existing facilities is a total of 1190, Close Corporations a total of 258 and Incorporated Companies a total of 35 which were registered with the SAVC on 31 March 2015.

Registration of Facilities, Close Corporations and Private Companies with Council
1 April to 31 March of each year

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Routine inspections of facilities will only commence in 2016 when the Amendment Act is expected to come into operation.
9. INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

9.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015
Dr GAP Carlisle  (Chairperson)
Dr R Mulder
Dr MP Verseput
Dr BM Modisane

9.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

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9.3 ADMINISTRATION

The administration deals, on a daily basis, with telephonic and written enquiries regarding the following:

1. Complaints received from the public against registered members and the procedure to follow when a complaint is lodged.
2. Complaints received from the public and veterinary professions regarding lay persons performing the services restricted by law to veterinary or para-veterinary professions, as the case may be.
3. Questions from the veterinary professions about the application of the various laws, regulations and rules with which they have to comply.
4. Questions regarding the Code of Conduct and Practise for the veterinary professions.

COMPLAINTS POSITION FOR 2014-2015

A total of 37 new formal complaints were received. The Committee dealt with the 37 formal complaints received, as well as the 23 complaints rolling over from the previous reporting period (60 complaints in total), as follows:

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*Complaints regarding accounts (professional fees) not adjudicated since 12 December 2013, as a result of Council’s agreement with the Competition Commission.

Of the 19 matters referred to an inquiry, inquiries into 11 of the matters were finalised during the reporting period. The findings were as follows:

- Guilty: 9
- Not guilty: 2
The remaining 8 matters referred to Inquiry Bodies for formal hearings should be finalised in the next reporting period.

The decrease in the number of new formal complaints can be ascribed to an increased effort to informally mediate and facilitate complaints on receipt between complainant and the relevant veterinarian, which results in the withdrawal of some complaints and fewer formal complaints to be considered by the Investigation Committee.

COMPLAINTS POSITION FOR 2013-2014

A total of 112 complaints were received, of which 9 were accounts assessed by the committee and 59 were CPD matters. 6 of the accounts were found to be in order by the committee.

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE 109 COMPLAINTS AS FOLLOWS

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The total number of formal complaints for this period: 53 and 59 CPD non-compliance complaints from a CPD audit conducted in 2013

- 2 complaints were finalised administratively
- 109 complaints were submitted to the Investigation committee for consideration
- 1 complainant withdrew his complaint after submission of the case to the Investigation committee.

COMPLAINTS POSITION FOR 2012-2013

Only 76 formal complaints were received and 4 accounts were assessed by the committee. All 5 of the accounts were found to be in order by the committee.

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE 68 COMPLAINTS AS FOLLOWS

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<td>Complainant was advised to settle the account prior to consideration</td>
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The total number of formal complaints for this period: 76

- 5 complaints were finalised administratively as complainants did not submit supporting affidavits
- 68 complaints were submitted to the Investigation committee for consideration
- 3 complainants withdrew their complaints before submission of the case to the Investigation committee.

COMPLAINTS POSITION FOR 2011-2012

Only 62 formal complaints were received and 4 accounts were assessed by the committee. All 4 of the accounts were found to be in order by the committee.

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE 56 COMPLAINTS AS FOLLOWS

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The total number of formal complaints for this period: 62

- 3 complaints were finalised administratively as complainants did not submit supporting affidavits
- 56 complaints were submitted to the Investigation committee for consideration
- 3 complainants withdrew their complaints before submission of the case to the Investigation committee.
10. REGISTRATION & AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE

10.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015
Dr C Nkuna (Chairperson)
Dr A Banderker
Sr T Lötter
Mr J Oosthuizen
Mr J Müller
Mr C Bester

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10.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Registration and Authorisation Committee dealt with the following matters in addition to applications for authorisation and registration:

- Animal Welfare Assistants / Veterinary Welfare Assistants (VWA) - the scope of practise and rules for this prospective veterinary para profession were developed and finalised by the Committee. However, the development of the curriculum could not be finalised in this period of report.
- Authorisation section 23 (1) (c), researchers - the drafted policy document discussions took place between the SAVC and the South African Association for Laboratory Animal Science (SAALAS) to develop a policy document with regards to requirements and a process to streamline authorisation of researchers; however, the policy could not be finalised in this period of report.
- Authorisation section 23 (1) (c), animal welfare assistants – the guidelines with regards to assessing the animal welfare assistants were amended by adding micro chipping as a procedure; however, the guidelines were not finalised in this period;
- Registration of Veterinary Technologists - Veterinary Technologists who qualified with the prescribed qualifications, but did not register for more than three years, and who were practicing, were given a year amnesty to register without being prosecuted. The period ended July 2014; and
- Registration policies - an in-house policy document was finalised to allow for reduced maintenance fees for the registered professionals who are either abroad, not practicing and/or studying full or part time. For the period of 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 we received 58 applications for a reduced fee.

Council invited registered members who passed the SAVC’s registration examination to take an oath similar to the one currently taken by BVSc graduates. The third such oath taking ceremony took place on 29 November 2013.

10.4 REGISTRATIONS, REMOVALS, RENEWALS AND AUTHORISATIONS

A total of 5260 veterinary and veterinary para professionals were registered with the SAVC on 31 March 2015 and 511 persons were authorised to perform veterinary or veterinary para professional services. The administration encouraged members to register and to maintain their registration.

1 APRIL 2014 - 31 MARCH 2015

Professionals registered/authorised to perform Veterinary/veterinary para-professional services on 31 March 2015

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Professionals authorised in terms of section 23(1) to renders services of:

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10. REGISTRATION & AUTHORISATION COMMITTEE

REGISTRATIONS/AUTHORISATIONS AND REMOVALS FROM THE REGISTER DURING 2014/2015

Professions | Registrations | (Removals) | Re-registrations | Gains (Loss)
---|---|---|---|---
Veterinarian | 145 | 94 | 30 | 81
Competence Specific (Restrict) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2
Veterinary Specialist | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3
Animal Health Technician | 88 | 118 | 24 | (6)
Laboratory Animal Technologist | 0 | 1 | 0 | (1)
Veterinary Nurse | 36 | 41 | 9 | 4
Veterinary Technologist (VT) | 17 | 18 | 4 | 3

Authorised 2014/2015

Veterinarians | 8 | 6 | 3 | 5
Animal Health Technicians | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0
Laboratory Animal Technologist | 26 | 14 | 21 | 33
Veterinary Nurses | 0 | 1 | 0 | (1)
Veterinary Technologists | 1 | 12 | 1 | (10)
Animal Welfare Assistants | 20 | 14 | 16 | 22

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS ON 31 MARCH

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10.4 The following qualifications were accepted during the period of report in terms of Section 20 (5) (a) & (c) to register the applicants, after successful completion of the examination:
11. REVIEW COMMITTEE

11.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Dr AP de Vos (Chairperson)
Dr J Adam Chair of Fees Committee (dormant)
Dr GAP Carlisle Chair of Investigation Committee
Sr T Lötter Chair of Inspections Committee
Dr J van Heerden Volunteer

Co-opted members:

Dr CP Marwick
Adv D Block

11.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

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11.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Review Committee under the dedicated and diligent chairmanship of Dr Anne De Vos experienced an exceptionally exciting year during 2014 and 2015 in which a number of its goals mentioned in the previous annual report were attained. At the inception of the Review Committee on 31 July 2013, it set out, amongst others, to:

- Review all legislation [the Act, regulations and rules for all veterinary professions] under the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act 19 of 1982 as amended. If not on an ongoing basis then at least every five years;
- Update and align the Codes of Conduct and Practice of all veterinary professions with the reviewed legislation; and
- Solicit input from all relevant veterinary stakeholders.

The intention was to draft clear, effective and realistic rules and align the code of conduct for the veterinary profession relevant to all spheres of the profession which would serve the profession for the next decade, whilst taking cognisance of the ever changing development of the profession in the context of the society it serves without compromising the requirements and mandate of the mission and vision of the Council, and most importantly, relevant to the needs of the South African people.

Veterinary qualifications

1) Pauwels JEG, BVetMed, Gent University, Belgium
2) Piirainen KJ, BVetmed, University of Helsinki, Finland

Veterinary nurse qualification


Veterinary health technician (animal health technician) qualification

1. Majaru A, ND in Animal Health and Production, University of Zimbabwe.

SAVC REGISTRATION EXAMINATION: FOREIGN REGISTERED MEMBERS

Council invited registered members who passed the SAVC’s registration examination to take an oath similar to the one currently taken by BVSc graduates. The fourth such oath taking ceremony took place on 5 December 2014.
To this end the following workshops were held:

1. Workshop on Para-Veterinary Professions on 19 August 2014;
2. Workshop on the use of Highly Scheduled Medicines on 30 September 2014;
3. Workshop relating to the Minimum Standards for Facilities on 10 October 2014;
4. Professional Practice Standards Workshop on 21 January 2015;
5. Workshop on the new Rules on 17 & 18 March 2015

In addition the Director Legal Affairs made eighteen presentations across the nine provinces to inform the profession about the impending amendment to the rules for the profession. These served the dual purpose of obtaining input from the profession to ensure that the amended rules complied with the specific/peculiar requirements of the profession.

Councillor, Prof Vinny Naidoo, made ten presentations in conjunction with the presentations by the Director Legal Affairs on the use of highly scheduled medicines to bring the veterinary profession in line with the requirements of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, Act 101 of 1965 and the regulations promulgated under it, with a special emphasis on the control of highly scheduled medicines, the compounding of medicines and the extra-label use of medicines.

Input was sought from various stakeholders, i.e. the Black Veterinary Forum, the various interest groups of the South African Veterinary Association and its various groups and branches, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the South African Police Services, the South African Defence Force, the National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa, the South African Judicial Education Institute, the Medical Control

Council, the Department of Health, the Department of Environmental Affairs, the Competition Commission and the veterinary professions.

The result of the process was that the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Amendment Act, Act 16 of 2012, (the Amendment Act) would commence before the end of 2015, complete with the regulations relating to compulsory veterinary community services (CCS) for final year veterinary students, regulations relating to suspensions, inspections and appeals and further supported by the new rules for the veterinary profession.

The Amendment Act introduces one year of CCS for final year veterinary students, suspensions pending a formal inquiry into unprofessional conduct, should a veterinarian pose a danger to the public or patients, inspections, an appeal process and to allow for foreign veterinarians to maintain their registration upon attaining permanent residency within seven years of registration.

The new rules (the rules) for the profession contain a clear definition for unprofessional conduct leaving very little room for uncertainty. It further categorises and sets the minimum standards for each different category of practice clearly, in order that Council will have to deal with fewer applications for exemption from the minimum standards. The rules are further closely aligned to the requirements of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, Act 101 of 1965, its Regulations and the Rules relating to Good Pharmacy Practice issued in terms of the Pharmacy Act, Act no 53 of 1974, so as ensure that members of the profession do not inadvertently fall foul of those provisions.

The rules further include the culmination of Council’s agreement with the Competition Commission, as embodied in the Consent Agreement which was made an order of the Competition Tribunal on 10 September 2014, in that the rules were amended to give effect to the order of the Competition Tribunal. The rules were sent to the Competition Commission for scrutiny to ensure that the rules fully comply with the requirements of the Competition Act, Act 89 of 1998.

The Code of Conduct and Practise for the veterinary profession is being aligned with the new rules and the process will be completed by the end of 2015.

The same process for the amendment of the rules for the para-veterinary professions will commence towards the end of 2015, after which the Council intends to commence the review of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary professions Act, Act 19 of 1982, in particular the constitution of the Council.
12. COMMITTEE ON SPECIALISATION

12.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Dr AP de Vos (chairperson)
Prof P Irons
Dr R Lobetti
Dr D Miller
Prof M Saulez

12.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held
15 May 2014 (electronic meeting)
October 2014 (electronic decisions)

Apologies received
None
None

12.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Specialisation made recommendations on various issues that included, inter alia, matters as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee on Specialisation reviewed their terms of reference. The committee decided against the appointment of a VPH specialist to the Committee on Specialisation.

MONITORING STANDARDS OF TRAINING: MMedVET PROGRAMMES

The monitoring reports and Faculty comments were accepted for:

• MMedVet (Gyn): Monitor - Dr R Shuttleworth
• MMedVet (Diagnostic Imaging): Monitor - Dr L Sweers
• MMedVet (Pig Heard Health): Monitor - A specialist veterinarian from Canada, Dr S Burtatschenko – written component; Dr T Gouws – practical component
• MMedVet (Surgery): Monitor – Dr F Naude
• MMedVet (Anaesthesiology) – Dr K Joubert
• MMedVet (Equine Medicine)(supplementary examination): Monitor – Dr K Kruger

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AS A VETERINARY SPECIALIST

The committee agreed that the draft regulations should be revisited and rather reduced and that the guidelines should be complete and prescriptive. Work on the regulations is ongoing.

Clinical residency posts for training of veterinary wildlife specialists: MMedVet (Fer)

Dr M Kock presented a report (June 2014) on Birgit Eggers and Mike Toft as required by Council. The next report will be due in June 2015.

FACULTY PROPOSAL REGARDING THE ELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIALIST REGISTRATION

Faculty submitted a request for the eligibility of veterinarians who are authorised or hold competent specific registration for specialist registration should they comply with the requirements of such registration. The committee recommended and Council resolved to not accept the proposal.

APPLICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DR HJ MARAIS AS CLINICAL SUPERVISOR: MMedVet (Chir) Equine

An application for the appointment of Dr HJ Marais as clinical supervisor for MMedVet (Chir) Equine was received from the Faculty (23 April 2014). The committee recommended and Council accepted the recommendation to not accept the application made by Faculty.

SAVC REPRESENTATION AT EUROPEAN BOARD OF VETERINARY SPECIALISATION (EVBS) ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual general meeting of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EVBS) was held on 11-12 April 2014. Dr Cedric Tutt again gave a presentation on behalf of the SAVC

Peer Review of Qualifications/Experience

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Application for registration as a specialist: Dr A Jonker

A formal submission outlining a framework as endorsed by the supervisor, Dr M Henton, was requested and approved. Dr Jonker has submitted a progress report after three months of commencement with the programme.
REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the members of
SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL.

We have audited the annual financial statements set out on pages 2 to 7 for the year ended 31 March 2014. These financial statements are the responsibility of the executive committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

SCOPE

We conducted our audit in accordance with statements of South African Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about the financial statements, free of material misstatement. An audit includes:

• examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements,
• assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and
• evaluating the overall financial statements presentation.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of the chamber at 31 March 2014 and the results of their operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

ACTON & MCINTOSH

July 16, 2015

REGISTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (SA)

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL

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THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH APPEAR ON PAGES 54 - 60 WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND ARE SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF ON 16 JULY 2015.

President

Registrar
## BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2015

Established under the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, No19 of 1982.

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| TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | 17069557 | 11691711 |

## INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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### INCOME

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are the principal accounting policies of the council which are consistent in all material respects with those applied in the previous year, except as otherwise indicated.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except as modified by the change in fair value investments.

FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is recorded by a charge to income computed on the straight line basis so as to write off the cost of the assets over their expected useful lives. Land and Buildings are not depreciated as they are considered to be investment property. The expected useful lives are as follows:

- Office furniture: 6 years
- Office equipment: 6 years
- Computer equipment: 4 years

INVESTMENTS

Investments are initially recognised at cost, including transaction costs. After initial recognition investments are measured at their fair values, without any deduction for transaction costs that may be incurred on disposal.

RECOGNITION OF LIABILITIES, PROVISIONS AND ASSETS

Liabilities, including provisions, are recognized when a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events is established, it is possible that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

No liability is recognised for:

- (a) a possible obligation arising from past events whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence of one or more certain events not wholly within the control of the enterprise: or
- (b) it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle an obligation: or
- (c) the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

In the case of the above, a contingent liability is disclosed. Assets are recognised when control of a resource is obtained as a result of past events, and from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to the enterprise.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost, which includes transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below

- (a) Trade and other receivables are stated at their cost less provision for doubtful debt
- (b) Cash and cash equivalents are measured at fair value
- (c) Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised at the balance of original debt less principal payments.
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NOTES
Ladies and gentlemen, good morning to you all!

It is my pleasure to address this opening of the South African Veterinary Council. I am especially relieved that the private sector is stepping up to fill the gap in the veterinary issues and animal health. I want to thank you for taking up this challenge and for inviting me to be part of this great occasion.

The new administration has given the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors a three pronged mandate; namely ensuring food security; job creation and increasing the sector’s contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP) of the country. To achieve these goals, we need to put certain things in place, and no doubt, our ability to ensure that the safety of our livestock is on top of this agenda.

In August 2014, I had the opportunity to meet with the Executive Committee of your Council. During the meeting, the Committee raised a number of issues of concern to you. I share the same concerns as you.

One of the important issues raised is the implementation of Compulsory Community Service (CCS) for graduating veterinarians. This landmark development is the first in our country and, when better than to celebrate this milestone as we celebrate 20 years of our democracy?

In my budget vote speech earlier this year, I commented on the deployment of a 140 newly qualified vets to rural areas – which is another first, the revitalisation of rural infrastructure including animal health clinics, dip tanks and animal handling facilities as some of the priorities relating to the delivery of veterinary services. This was with the recognition of the need to unlock value within livestock, in particular the forty percent owned by black smallholder farmers.

Agriculture has – over the last few years - seen consolidation with the consequent decline in the number of farmers. We have however, seen as reported by Statistics South Africa, a 58 percent increase in the number of smallholder farmers since the year 2009. It is these farmers who we seek to support and ensure that they succeed and grow to reach commercialisation of their enterprises and to contribute to our ability to feed the nation.

Ladies and gentlemen, these smallholder farmers are far from satisfied with the services they receive. 20 years into our democracy, we still have not ensured that there is universal access to veterinary services! The question I would like to pose to you is, how do we turn this situation around?

As government, we are faced with the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality. The effects of these challenges are numerous and include hunger. Sadly, while we were commemorating the World Food Day on 16 October 2014 in Limpopo, we were and are still acutely aware that an estimated 12 to 13 million South Africans go to bed hungry. We have responded to issues of poverty and food insecurity as government through the approval of the Food and Nutrition Security Policy. We are championing this policy with the Department of Social Development. This will see the acceleration of Fetsa Tlala and support programmes offered through the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP).

Access to meat, access to eggs for breakfast, access to fresh milk for morning tea and may add access to fresh fish, are but some of the issues that we are about - which we see as deliverables from your sector’s input. We need to increase production for household food security and generate surpluses that we can trade with neighbouring countries.

Our economy is beset with immense challenges this year with growth at around 1, 5 percent of GDP and inflation having breached 6 percent. Agriculturists’ contribution to the GDP needs to grow and it is through the growth and prosperity of the smallholder farmers that we can energise the sector.

In addition to all these goals, our President has also instructed the agriculture sector to create a million jobs by 2030. Your contribution in creating harmonious conditions in the human-animal-environment interface to create these jobs in the livestock and aquaculture space is greatly being anticipated.

We see the role of veterinary team, through provision of primary animal health services, as the first line of defence in ensuring a healthy national herd and flock. Suffer to indicate that most of the disease load is carried by the subsistence and smallholder farmers in the remote areas of South Africa. We remain with the challenge of growing the profession to deal with emerging issues like aqua health in support of the envisaged growth in the aquaculture field.

We developed an Ocean Economy Strategy under Operation Phakisa through which we plan to grow the aquaculture sector from a worth of two billion rand to six billion rand by 2030. I need your input in ensuring that we have requisite veterinary skills to support that growth focus.

We have reviewed the report of the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) on the Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) and we have further requested the OIE to perform the gap analysis for which we still await a response. I would like to invite all stakeholders to join hands and work together to ensure that we strengthen veterinary services in our country. We have, in the last few years, been plagued by disease outbreaks with negative trade consequences.

I am told that our inability to trade from outbreaks of Avian Influenza had cost us around R4 billion. A similar amount had been mentioned with regards to the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak of 2011, which has thankfully been resolved. Earlier this year we had our FMD status reinstated. We are expecting the OIE to return to South Africa later this year to inspect our controls for FMD in Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga. It is my take that at a minimum, this sector should seek to meet minimum standards set by this body.

In my discussions with the Executive Committee of your Council they also raised the issue of dual registration of medicines and the impact on food safety. I will address this issue with my counterpart, Honourable Minister Motsoaledi and that we bring about harmony in the regulation of drugs. I am informed that he held a Summit last week to discuss the challenge of anti-microbial resistance. I do hope that you have taken the opportunity to engage with your technical counterparts to raise the issues that concern you during that Summit and you have also signed the pledge which my department signed. I am of the view that it is with dialogue that we can begin to find each other and make progress on many an issue including how best to preserve and remain with access to antimicrobials that are of benefit to both the human and veterinary fields. My advice is that we look to others who have made headway in these discussions and learn from them in order to quantum leap the learning process and have an appropriate policy response as a country.

I consider this session as a beginning of many interactions. I am well aware that there are many other issues that we need interaction on in your role of providing me with counsel on veterinary and related matters. I look forward to discussions in the future on issues like the second veterinary faculty, transformation of the veterinary profession, game farming and many others.

I thank you.
ONE HEALTH CONCEPT
The maximizing of the well-being of people through maximising the well-being of animals

1. ANIMAL PRODUCTION
   - Reproduction herd management: food security
   - Veterinary support of land reform
   - Programmes & sustainable eco-farming
   - Emphasis on efficient production: including
     - Game
     - Goats
     - Fish
     - Pigs
     - Compulsory Community Veterinary Service (CCS)

2. SMALL-SCALE FARMER SUPPORT
   - Education, training & information
   - Good farming practice including:
     - Back-yard egg production
     - Small-scale broilers
     - Pig, goat, game & ostrich owners
   - Primary Animal Health Care (PAHC)
     - Proper use of stock remedies & animal medicines
     - Compulsory Community Veterinary Service (CCS)
     - Contact points

3. DISEASE MANAGEMENT
   - Veterinary disease surveillance & cross border control
   - Role of Veterinary Public Health in disease management
     - Food safety and inspection of products originated from animals
   - Veterinary prevention & control of:
     - Controlled and notifiable diseases (TB/Brucella)
     - Infectious diseases
     - Zoonoses
     - Vaccination programs; tick & worm control
   - Stakeholder network:
     - Inter- and intra-professional communication: human & animal doctors;
     - Public & private veterinary responsibility

4. EXOTICS INCLUDING
   - Bees
   - Crocodiles
   - Inland fish

5. COMPANION & WORKING ANIMALS’ HEALTH
   - Human-animal interaction: well-being
   - Emerging zoonoses/unique diseases
   - Rabies management
   - Sterilisation campaigns

6. ANIMAL RESEARCH
   - Veterinary involvement in
     - Research & development of stock remedies and animal medicines
     - Policy development on generic medicines
     - Improved Animal Production: Nutrition
     - Disease control

1. Animal production – What
   - Increase productivity of national herds/flocks
   - CCS veterinarians and animal health technicians to work as teams
   - Herd-health focus
     - Increase reproduction efficiency
     - Small-scale farm schemes e.g. chickens production
     - Increase focus on game, goat, fish and pig meat production, with increased focus on leather production
     - Improved and more productive back-yard pigs systems
   - New farmers and small-scale farmers the focus
   - Sustainable eco-farming

2. Small-scale farmer support - What
   - Promote:
     - Good farming practice: increase productivity
     - Primary Animal Health Care: knowledge transfer
     - Proper use of stock remedies and animal medicines: safe food
     - Transitional farming: increase food security through the veterinary team [CCS veterinarians and veterinary para-professionals, the private sector and mentors]
2. Small-scale farmer support – How
   • Primary Animal Health Care
     ➢ Access to stock remedies
     ➢ Preventative health
     ➢ Disease recognition and control
     ➢ Basic treatment training
     ➢ Education and training
     ➢ Resource material
     ➢ Relationships with SAAHA/UP PAHC chair
   • Transitional farming
     ➢ Education, training and information
     ➢ Farm economics
     ➢ Interlinked with disease management

3. Disease management - What & How
   • OIE- related disease control
     ➢ Veterinarians, animal health technicians, veterinary technologists
     ➢ Promote commodity-based trade vs the old geographically-based trade ideas
     ➢ Disease free food production
   • Surveillance and border control
     ➢ Private, Public Partnerships [PPP]
     ➢ Veterinarians and animal health technicians
     ➢ Controlled and notifiable diseases
     ➢ Infectious diseases
     ➢ Zoonoses
   • Veterinary Public Health
     ➢ All veterinarians and animal health technicians
     ➢ Food inspection
     ➢ Meat Inspection (Game Meat Scheme)
   • Vaccination programmes
     ➢ Veterinarians and animal health technicians
     ➢ Preventable losses from diseases
   • Helminth/tick control
     ➢ Improved control (private sector)

   Veterinary involvement in:
   • Members of ethics committees
     ➢ Veterinarians, veterinary nurses, animal welfare officers, laboratory animal technologists (LATs)
   • Preclinical studies
     ➢ Veterinarians and laboratory animal technologists
     ➢ Specialist veterinarians (Pharmacology, Toxicology, Clinical Pathology, Pathology)
   • Food production studies
     ➢ Veterinarians, veterinary nurses, animal welfare officers, laboratory animal technologists
     ➢ Vaccine production. Government institutions to focus on strategically important vaccines, e.g. Horse sickness; RVF; Blue tongue
     ➢ Vaccine production
     ➢ Research and development of stock remedies and animal medicine
     ➢ Policy development of generic medicines
     ➢ Improved animal production
     ➢ Disease control

5. Exotics – What & How
   • Inland fish
   • Crocodiles
   • Bees
     ➢ Improve knowledge and disseminate to all parties concerned
     ➢ Improve utilisation of resources
     ➢ Promote sustainability and eco-farming
     ➢ Develop and improve management of inland fish, crocodile, ostrich, game and bee farming
6. Companion and working animals’ health – What & How
- Promote and improve involvement of veterinarians and veterinary para-professionals in
  - Human – animal interaction
  - Emerging zoonoses and unique diseases
  - Rabies control
  - Sterilisation campaigns
  - Welfare of working animals [donkeys, mules, dogs, race horses]
- Make educational material available
- Education and training of the public

The Way Forward – one focus area
- Describe the major obstacle to poor animal production
  - Recognize two segments/sectors of animal health and production, viz commercial
    and small-scale subsistence, communal farming
  - Build programmes around two sectors
  - Ensure veterinary and veterinary para-professional Day-one skills meet this need
  - Create disease management guides that new veterinarians understand and can
    implement (PAHC)
  - Introduce a compulsory CPD course for CCS veterinary and veterinary para-
    professions.
  - Obtain Health and Welfare SETA funding for CPD course
  - Create a permanent SAVC Food Safety and Security (FSS) secretariat and place a
    registered veterinarian in charge of the secretariat
    - The FSS secretariat is to source funds for the developmental aspects of the One
      Health Concept
    - Employ the Chair of PAHC to draft a submission for funding
    - Information [all inclusive] to be made available in concise form for veterinary
      professions and farmers

- Reasons for inefficient animal production?
  - Poor understanding of diseases and stock remedies due to lack of training
  - Poor understanding of vaccines
  - Lack of access to stock remedies
  - Incorrect use of stock remedies and veterinary medicines
  - Poor understanding of nutrition
  - Poor understanding of farm economics and eco-farm management
  - Inability to transform small-scale farming into large-scale farming
  - Misconception on food production for self versus sale
  - Poor involvement of communities in animal health programmes
  - Poorly designed facilities
  - Lack of access to loans/grants due to business plans not being sound
  - Government’s “give a fish instead of train people to catch fish”

- Nutritional support
  - Better diagnostic training and disease management
  - Generic management plans with nutritionists
  - Facilitate comprehensive professional inputs

- Up-scaling of farming
  - Farm economic guides – World Bank
  - Better training in herd/flock management
  - More veterinary involvement in community upliftment programmes
  - Facilities to be designed and built with professional input from veterinarians and
    engineers
  - Communicate what is available to transfer knowledge
  - Teach students effective water, food and shelter availability for animals
  - Inter- and intra-professions communication: human and animal doctors