The Council has again responded to the published draft regulations by the Minister of Environmental Affairs and her department regarding the requirement for veterinarians to acquire permits when handling threatened or protected species generally referred to as TOPS. This matter has come for some years but with very limited progress. Council is trying by all means to use dialogue to arrive at an amicable solution and thus avoid using other avenues that might involve conflict. We are encouraged by the one on one interactions which always seem promising that we shall see progress. We are working in parallel with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) on the same issue and again requested a higher level intervention. We have equally sought the assistance of the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture. We await the final version of these regulations to be tabled and then Council will consider its options to have the matter finally put to bed.

The SAVC takes this opportunity to congratulate Dr Mike Modisane on his election to the Presidency of the Council of the World Organisation for Animal Health, the OIE. It is indeed a remarkable development for DAFF and South Africa and it is our hope that in this position, issues of the Southern African region and Africa would feature central to the agenda of the OIE. Further, that we use the opportunity to expose young colleagues into the workings of the organisation. The SAVC looks to Dr Modisane and the OIE to support initiatives towards improved working relations between statutory bodies in the region (SADC) and in the other regions, the East African Community (EAC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). This has become important as these regions launched the tripartite trade region working towards a common market which anticipates movement of goods and people (skills) from Cape to Cairo. It is my view that this presents an opportunity for South African colleagues to expand their operations beyond Limpopo, as in most countries veterinary services still comprise mostly of the state component. Council has in anticipation of this development constituted a standing standards sub-committee to the Education Committee to begin exploring possibilities for this process to come to some fruition and

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we look towards the OIE in assisting with facilitation and funding.

We furthermore, following my comments in the most recent newsletter, wish to congratulate the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Onderstepoort in particular, on the brucellosis workshop together with veterinary services at DAFF. You will recall that we discussed the need, in a previous newsletter, that we needed to place brucellosis alongside other important diseases as a priority. The workshop was indeed a success and it was impressive with the work being undertaken by the volunteer veterinarians in Gauteng that in my view is part of a trial to see what works and what does not. I do hope that we can incorporate them and hear their views in order to minimise the negatives that will come to the fore when CCS becomes a reality in 2016 and a possible logistical challenge! The SAVC also finalised regulations regarding CCS, inspections, suspensions and appeals to coincide with the enactment of the Amendment Act, No 16 of 2012. The details are reported in this Newsletter on page 7.

I would like to thank all our colleagues who contributed towards the work of the Review Committee of Council, who attended several workshops held by the Review Committee and who gave feedback and completed the review of the rules for the veterinary profession. It was indeed a cumbersome and tedious process that in some respects was forced onto the profession by events outside of our control. Despite this, a lot of good work came out and words of appreciation are necessary to the members of the committee under the leadership of Dr Anne de Vos. Well done! Council will retain the Review Committee to review the rules of the veterinary para-professions and thereafter review the principal legislation (the Veterinary and Para Veterinary Professions Act, No 19 of 1982 as amended). We call upon all members of the veterinary professions to as individuals but also as groupings, ensure that we do a good job of undertaking this exercise. This includes the composition of Council, a matter that has been raised in certain quarters!

Council has had a number of fruitful meetings with various stakeholders and their representatives including DAFF, the SAVA, the BVF, Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), Onderstepoort Veterinary and Para Veterinary Student Council (OPVSC), the Registrars of Acts 36 of 1947, 101 of 1965 and the Pharmacy Council, various welfare organisations and visited members of the professions; animal health technicians (AHTs), veterinary nurses (VNAs), and laboratory animal technicians (LATs) and their respective associations. It is Council’s strategic view to maintain sound stakeholder relations in the interest of achieving the vision of advancing public and animal health through quality veterinary services for all. We thank all our stakeholders for this opportunity given to the SAVC and for the platform towards an engaging manner in which our discussions were held. Where we have problems/challenges we welcome your feedback for us to make an improvement.

The DHET has indicated that a process will unfold towards the establishment of a second faculty of veterinary science. You will recall that Council was invited to participate briefly in an impromptu discussion that led to the current position on the establishment of a second faculty that has remained on our agenda. The DHET invited various organisations including the SAVC to formally participate in a multi-stakeholder forum to work with and give counsel to the Ministers of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Higher Education for South Africa to make a determination regarding the second veterinary faculty. The SAVC will keep members apprised of developments in this space.

Colleagues, I also paid a visit to Tsolo College on the 19th June 2015 as part of SAVC’s engagement with stakeholders. I am quite impressed with the work being undertaken by everyone involved. The words of the principal sums it up quite nicely, “the Institute is committed to the principles of continuous enhancement of quality. A total quality improvement plan as well as a maintenance plan for all the institutes’ facilities (infrastructure) that is aligned to the budget has been developed.”

Colleagues, I do hope that we all survive the bite of this winter that has befallen all of us. Thank you!

Boitshoko Nhabele


dr b Nhabele (president) and opvs/sc students ms b orford (opvs/SC chairperson) and ms d ngobeni

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Recent meetings

FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE REGISTRARS, of the Pharmacy council and Act 36 of 1947.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr P Oberem, Dr C Nkuna, Ms D Hoffmann (Pharmacy Council), Mr A Masango (Registrar: Pharmacy Council), Miss A Herbst (Food Safety: Department of Health)

Heritage committee

In 2003 UNESCO launched an initiative to preserve the intangible cultural heritage (ICH) of all nations across the world. The SAVC has, together with the South African Veterinary Association (SAVA), the Black Veterinary Forum (BVF), the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the South African Association for Para Veterinary Professionals (SAAPVP) established a committee to document South Africa’s veterinary heritage.

We request that members of the veterinary and veterinary para-professions submit nominations and information about people, living or past, who has contributed to the veterinary heritage in our country.

Members of the Heritage Committee

1. Dr Anne de Vos (chairperson) (SAVC) apdevos@telkomsa.net
2. Dr Tonie Snijders (SAVA representative) ajs@global.co.za
3. Dr Paidamwoyo B Mutowembwa (BVF representative) MutowembwaP@arc.agric.za
4. Ms Puleng Khobotle (Para-veterinary representative) pulenk@gmail.com
5. Dr Lubabalo Mrwebi (DAFF) Lubabalo.mrwebi@drdar.gov.za
6. Dr Peter Oberem (SAVC) peter.oberem@afrivet.co.za
7. Dr Boitshoko Ntshabele (SAVC) BoitshokoN@drdar.gov.za

Congratulations!

Dr Clive Marwick received the Rural practitioner’s Award of the Ruminant Veterinary Association of South Africa (RuVASA), a group of the SAVA.

Dr Mike Modisane has been elected president of the Council of the World Health Organisation (OIE).

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We offer solutions and services as an extension to your practice allowing us to focus on moving your business forward while you focus on veterinary medicine.
We moved to Route21 Corporate Park, Irene one year ago on 10 July 2014!

Kindly note that the numbers on Victoria Link Street do not run in sequence, but as follows 24, 28, 26.

Reminder!

Update on the process of Legislative Review

An update on one of the strategic goals of the SAVC 2014 - 2016
The Act, regulations and the rules
How will the changes affect members?

The Amendment Act, Act No 16 of 2012 and the regulations describing how the Amendment Act should be implemented was first in line of the review process. The veterinary professions and other stakeholders were widely consulted on the Amendment Act and the regulations since 2005.

The Council solicited input on the proposed amendments of the Act and regulations as published in the Newsletter. In this regard reference can be made to Newsletters 47 (2006); 49; 51; 53; 55; 66; 67; 70; 71 and several workshops were held since 2005 to date.

The Amendment Act is not yet enacted as enactment is pending the Compulsory Veterinary Community Service (CCS) regulations which regulations will come into effect before the end of 2015. CCS will commence in 2016.

The Amendment Act inter alia provides for -

- Appeals
- Suspensions
- Inspectorate
- Cost orders

For full details click on these links:


The CCS regulations will come into effect together with the regulations for Appeals; Suspensions; Inspectorate; and Cost orders as finalised and approved by Council. For details please click on this link: http://www.savc.org.za/pdf_docs/2015-07-02-Draft%20Regulations%20relating%20to%20suspensions%20inspections%20and%20appeals.pdf

The review of the rules took place over a number of years and was the second in line of the review process. The formal review process dates back as far as 2011 and in earnest in 2013. For a copy of the finalised reviewed rules for the veterinary profession please click on this link: http://www.savc.org.za/pdf_docs/Rules-Final-2July%202015.pdf

Read how we dealt with your inputs on page 8.

Veterinary para-professionals

The third in line of the review process will be the rules for the veterinary para professions which started in 2014. These members are to provide the SAVC with proposed amendments on their rules, scope of practice and business plans to support the proposals as well as draft the Codes of Conduct and Practice for the respective veterinary para-professions. Limited input was received to date. Members please contact Ms Lorraine Mhlongo for copies of the rules at legalsecretary@savc.org.za or download these from the website at www.savc.org.za.
VETERINARY RULES REVIEWED
How we dealt with your inputs and why it could not be accommodated

Stakeholders were consulted and this resulted in the relaxation of the advertising rules; and provision of minimum standards more specifically for a variety of scenarios in practice as explained at this link: EXPLANATION

If you need any clarity on the rules please contact Mrs D Stoltz at legaldirector@savc.org.za.

Review Committee Workshop
21 January 2015

New rules for veterinarians and alignment with the Code of Conduct and Practice [COCP] for veterinarians

Members who still wish to make input on the process or comment on the alignment of the rules with the COCP please contact Dr Peter Ardington at marding1@iafrica.com. Dr Ardington is currently aligning the COCP with the new rules for the veterinary professions. A copy of the Code of Conduct and Practice for veterinary professions is available on this link.

New rules for veterinary para-professionals

Erratum

Having been pre-occupied to finalise the rules for the veterinary profession as there was a tight deadline in view of the 2016 introduction of the Compulsory Veterinary Community Service [CCS] and the Competition Commission deadline we then inserted the request in the Newsletter without mentioning that we did receive input from SAALAS. SAALAS was the first veterinary para-professional group to submit input on the rules for the Laboratory Animal Technologists [LATs].

Review of the rules for Veterinary Para-professionals

- Codes of Conduct and Practice
- Business plans

The Review Committee held a workshop at the SAVC’s offices on 19 August 2014 with representatives of the veterinary para-professions with a view to discuss the future for these professions.

The SAVC received limited feedback on the following agreed matters relating to the veterinary nursing; veterinary technology; animal technician-and laboratory animal technologist professions:

- The professional rules and how it should change

Please submit your views to your representative on Council.

- Laboratory animal technologist profession: Mr Cor Bester (Cor.bester@nwu.ac.za)
- Veterinary nurse profession: Sr Theresa Lötter (theresalotter.tl@gmail.com)
- Veterinary technologist profession: Mr Johann Müller (johann@kommakoffie.co.za)
- Animal health technician profession: Mr Johan Oosthuizen (oostej@unisa.ac.za)

Link to full details on the outcome of the workshop.
Update on Compulsory Veterinary Community Service (CCS)

The SAVC is pleased to announce that the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries invited stakeholders to meet on 15 July 2015 with a view that the CCS Forum is formally established.

- The terms of reference of the CCS Forum was under discussion.
- Council requested that a CCS Forum be established to ensure that all stakeholders are regularly apprised of the same information.
- Please contact Drs T Engel (TinaE@staff.gov.za) and M Mathonsi (MosheM@staff.gov.za) at DAFF.

The following questions were asked. These questions will be answered by Council on the home page at this link: CCS Questions & Answers.

1. What does CCS registration with the SAVC imply?
2. Do I get partial registration when I enter the CCS year?
3. Do I get a registration certificate after graduation?
4. Why am I not fully registered with the SAVC after I qualified?
5. May I locum in SA if I have not completed my CCS year?
6. What should I do to enable me to locum in South Africa whilst I have not completed the CCS year?
7. What proof of registration and professional good standing will the SAVC issue if I go abroad right after I qualified and want to work abroad?
8. How will the SAVC assist me regarding a work permit if I am not South African citizen?
9. Do I need to complete a CCS year if I registered with the SAVC previously but de-registered as I worked abroad and now return to practice in SA?
10. Who is liable during the CCS year if my professional care or treatment of an animal is not what is expected of reasonable veterinarian?
11. Must CCS be performed from a registered facility?
12. Who is responsible for the facility standards from which a compulsory veterinary community services or locum services are rendered?
13. When does my first Continued Professional Development (CPD) cycle start?
14. Am I required to keep up to date with CPD during the CCS year?
15. Where can I access more information on CPD requirements?
16. May I enrol for veterinary related post graduate studies during the CCS year?
17. Under what circumstances will I be exempted from the CCS year?
18. How do I maintain my clinical skills if I’m placed in a regulatory field?
19. Do “international students” who studied and qualified at a SA university have to perform CCS?
20. If I qualified before 2015, but did not register with the SAVC yet, do I now have to perform CCS before I can obtain full registration?

UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE FEES 2015

INVOICES: Please contact the Finance section if you did not receive your invoice for payment of the maintenance fees 2015. For best results please contact: debtorclerk@savc.org.za.

RECEIPTS: Members who did make payment by 30 June 2015 should have received their receipts by surface mail by now. Please contact the Finance section if you did not receive your receipt. For best results please contact: debtorclerk@savc.org.za.

STATEMENTS: Members who by 30 June 2015 did not make payment of the maintenance fees and/or either did or did not make an arrangement for an extension to pay the maintenance fees will receive their statements for payment of the maintenance fees in July 2015.

Maintenance fees

Members who have upon motivation been granted a special dispensation in respect of payment of the maintenance fees 2015 and prior years please be reminded you have to immediately, after changes took place, e.g. commenced work in your field/profession, inform the SAVC accordingly.

Requirements for re-registration

Council is currently reviewing requirements for re-registration for those members who have been removed from the register for a period of longer than three and six years respectively and/or for members who applied for deferment of their CPD points. In the interim please be alerted that-

- Members have to keep up to date with their respective professions should they wish to come on board and re-register after a period of more than three and six years, respectively.
- Members who are placed on the non-practising list due to ill health and
- Members who de-register for any other reason such as “stay-at-home for the sake of the children” or study purposes should also take note thereof that return to practice after three-six years or more will not be automatic.
- Proof of how members kept abreast is currently required when members re-register.

CPD for veterinary para-professionals

CPD REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT CURRENTLY RELEVANT for animal welfare assistants. CPD will be introduced for the new veterinary welfare assistant profession once the profession becomes a certified profession and comes on board formally.

Updating your information?

Please send all the relevant documentation when updating your information

“To whom it may concern:

I have enclosed the necessary documents. I am hoping to do two steps in one here. Being a typical vet and being terrible with admin I skimmed the notes and never realised that I needed to send a copy of my qualification to you.

I therefore did not send a copy of my qualification in order to receive a registration certificate. I have sent it now and am hoping that you are able to then send the certificate in my married name straight away.

I never received my vet card either... I assume this is due to the same reason? Please contact me if any more documents are required.”
The One Health Concept

One Health Concept is an integral part of the Council’s strategic goals which goals are:

- Being Relevant: Align with the needs of the people of South Africa
- Legislation: Review, update legislation relevant for South Africa
- Stakeholders: Unify the veterinary professions
- Resources: Mobilise Resources
- Public Relations: Improve Corporate Personality; Image
- Policy Development on Generic
- Improved Animal Production:
  - Veterinary involvement in Research & Development of Stock Medicines
  - Compulsory Community Veterinary Service [CCS]
  - Veterinary Disease Surveillance & Cross Border Control
  - Disease Management Veterinary Disease Surveillance & Cross Border Control
  - Rule of Veterinary Public Health & Disease management
  - Veterinary Preventive & Control of Septicemia & Septicemias (all species)
  - Veterinary Preventive & Control of Fowl Typhoid
  - Veterinary Preventive & Control of Marek’s Disease
  - Veterinary Preventive & Control of Fowl Pox & Fowl Contagious
  - Stakeholder networks:
  - Veterinarian and Inter-professional relationships: Humans & Animals
  - Public & Private veterinary responsibility

The Veterinary Council has further decided to not implement the regulations as was initially over the period of six years resolved, but has created a special dispensation for the veterinary para-professions, in that:

- All veterinary para-professions registered or authorised on, before 1 April 2015 will have to commence their first CPD cycle on 1 April 2015. This cycle will end 31 March 2018, and ten (10) structured and ten (10) unstructured CPD points must be achieved for this period.

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The same CPD requirements will apply to members who register with Council from 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2018.

Members who register with Council from 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2021, must achieve fifteen (15) structured and thirty (30) unstructured CPD points in their first CPD cycle (1 April 2018 till 31 March 2021), and for any consecutive three year CPD cycle thereafter, they must have fifteen structured and thirty five (35) unstructured CPD points.

Please note that in April 2018, only members who have been randomly selected to partake in the audit will be requested to submit proof of their structured CPD activities. Please start collecting CPD points now!

For more detail regarding CPD cycles, please see the table below:

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Please submit CPD structured activities to the CPD Accreditation Committee for accreditation of activities of veterinary para-professions. Contact Mrs Lenora Erasmus at exams@savc.org.za for full details.
The SAVC seeks to appoint a registered veterinarian on a part-time basis [48 days per annum]

1. A veterinarian who has intimate knowledge and understanding of the laws, policies and plans of the SAVC and the SA government
   a) All laws relevant to Food Safety and Security including but not limited to:
      i. Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act 19 of 1982
      ii. Animal Diseases Act, Act 35 of 1984
      iii. Fertilizer, Farm Feeds and Remedies Act, Act 36 of 1947 [Now Feeds Bill]
      iv. Medicines and Substances Control Act, Act 101 of 1965
      vi. Animals Protection Act, Act 71 of 1962
   b) SAVC’s strategic positioning
   c) One Health Concept
   d) National Development Plan
   e) DAFF strategic objectives
   f) Millennium Development goals

2. The appointee should have access to:
   a) Be able to communicate and provide electronic documents
   b) Perform [internet] research
   c) Transport from and to meetings
   d) Be able to communicate and provide electronic documents
   e) Perform [internet] research
   f) Transport from and to meetings

3. The appointee must have at least five to ten years continuous experience in:
   a) Production animal practice and/ or
   b) Veterinary Public Health and/or
   c) State Veterinary Service and/or
   d) Research in the various aspects of food security and safety

4. A veterinarian who is available throughout the year to attend to the matters of the Food Safety and Security Committee [FSS]
   a) Attend meetings of the Committee or meetings on request of the FSS
   b) Attend meetings with the Registrars of Acts 101 of 1965 and 36 of 1947 and any other relevant stakeholders on request of the FSS
   c) Draft strategic documents; policies; correspondence; any other documents required by the FSS
   d) Perform research on recommendations of the FSS
   e) Meet and negotiate with various divisions of DAFF

5. Facilitate and guide Councillors of the FSS Committee in reaching their goals.

Please send your CV to the Registrar at savc@savc.org.za

Deadline: 30 September 2015

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**APPOINTMENT: PORTFOLIO FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY**

The following members were found guilty of unprofessional and/or improper and/or disgraceful conduct

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<td>D96/3855 Dr MJD Steyn</td>
<td>Lichtenburg</td>
<td>He supplied unregistered medicines to flocks of birds and not to individual diseased animals where there were registered medicines available. The supply of which was not in accordance with the Council’s “Guidelines For The Compounding of Veterinary Medical Preparations”.</td>
<td>Registration suspended for six months. The sentence is suspended for two years on condition that he is not convicted of a similar offence during the said two year period.</td>
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<td>D83/1963 Dr GJG Luyt</td>
<td>Nelspruit</td>
<td>1. He acted in contravention of Regulation 2(1) by rendering services from an unregistered facility, which did not comply with the minimum prescribed standards; 2. He acted in contravention of Rule 26(5) ; and/or in the alternative 3. He failed to keep records in accordance with Rules 26(1) and 26(2) of the Rules; and 4. He acted in contravention of rule 28(16), in that he failed to ensure that the monitoring, maintenance and recovery from anaesthesia was effected by a registered and trained person under the supervision of a veterinary professional who must be present on the premises.</td>
<td>Registration was suspended for a period of six (6) months, which is wholly suspended for a period of three (3) years on condition that he is not found guilty of any similar offences within the three (3) years period.</td>
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<td>D97/3932 Dr B Bergman</td>
<td>Mowbray</td>
<td>1. During the period 1 August 2013 to date, he acted in contravention of Section 23(1)(a) of the Act, in that he allowed a foreign veterinarian to practise whilst being neither registered nor authorised to practise in South Africa; and 2. He acted in contravention of rule 8(1)(c) in terms of section 30 , in that he employed a foreign veterinarian to practise whilst being neither registered nor authorised to practise in South Africa.</td>
<td>The Inquiry Body imposed a fine of R20 000 of which R10 000 is suspended for a period of two (2) years on condition that Dr Bergman is not guilty of a similar offence during the period of suspension.</td>
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<td>D832847 Dr KR Prins</td>
<td>George</td>
<td>1. He acted in contravention of Rule 28(16), in that he failed to ensure that the monitoring, maintenance and recovery from anaesthesia was effected by a registered trained person under supervision of a veterinary professional who must be present on the premises; and 2. Rule 28(17), in that he failed to ensure that the animal was monitored after surgery and allowed the patient to be discharged whilst it had not adequately recovered from anaesthesia and was not fully ambulatory.</td>
<td>Registration as a veterinarian was suspended for a period of six (6) month, which is wholly suspended for a period of two (2) years on condition that he is not found guilty of any similar offences within the two (2) years period.</td>
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### Transgressions (continues)

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<td>D90/3094 Dr A van Vollenhoven</td>
<td>Walmer</td>
<td>He failed to keep a register or prescription book of schedule 5 &amp; 6 medicines or substances as required by Regulation 30 of the General Regulations made in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, Act 101 of 1965 read with Rule 4 (2) of the Rules relating to the practising of Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions.</td>
<td>1) A fine of R 5000 and a suspension for six (6) months, both of which are wholly suspended for three (3) years provided that the Respondent is not found guilty of a similar offence in said three (3) years.</td>
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<td>D75/1243 Dr APJ Fourie</td>
<td>Lephalele (Ellisras)</td>
<td>1. He acted in contravention of Regulation 2(1) by rendering veterinary services from an unregistered facility. 2. Rule 26(5) of the Rules relating to the practising of veterinary professions, by failing or omitting to submit to Council all records including clinical notes and laboratory diagnosis and only after the fact submitted records.</td>
<td>1) His registration as a veterinarian was suspended for six (6) months; 2) The sentence was, however wholly suspended for two (2) years on the condition that he is not found guilty (convicted) of a similar offence during the period of suspension; and 3) Fined R 2 500.</td>
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<td>H05/6587) (Removed) Mr M van Blerk</td>
<td>Swartwater</td>
<td>1. At least from 14 July 2011 to 08 May 2014, he acted in contravention of Regulation 2(1) relating to the practising of the para-veterinary profession of an animal health technician by rendering veterinary professional services for private gain and/or outside his scope of employment. 2. He acted in contravention of Section 26 (1) of Act 19 of 1982, (the Act) by failing to pay the annual maintenance fees to maintain his registration and he was consequently removed from the register of animal health technicians on 05 December 2008 to date; and 3. He acted in contravention of Section 23(1) of the Act by rendering services of a para-veterinary professional whilst not being registered to do so from the period 05 December 2008 to date; and 4. He acted in contravention of Section 35 (1) of the Act, by recovering remuneration and/or charging for services rendered in his private capacity and/ or whilst not being registered in terms of the Act.</td>
<td>1) AD Charge 1 taken with Charge 4: i) Fined R25 000; and ii) His registration as an animal health technician was suspended for two (2) years. This sentence is wholly suspended for ten (10) years on the condition that he is not found guilty (convicted) of a similar offence during the said ten (10) year period; 2) AD Charge 2 taken with Charge 3: Cautioned and he was required to re-register with Council and maintain such registration in future.</td>
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**EDUCATION**

**VISITATIONS**

**LOCAL VISIT: University of Pretoria**

SAVC's re-visit to the Faculty

A small team consisting of three veterinarians, Dr Danie Odendaal (team leader), Dr Botshoko Ntsithebele and Prof Reuben Rose (Australasian Veterinary Boards Council) visited the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria from 28-29 May 2015.

The aim of the re-visit, in follow up to the initial visitation conducted in 2013, was to assess progress on recommendations made by the visitation team. A lot of work has been completed on the reworking of the curriculum under the guidance of the Director of Curriculum, Prof Pete Irons. The re-visit report served at the SAVC Education Committee electronic meeting on 6 July 2015.

**INTERNATIONAL VISIT: James Cook Visitation**

Dr Peter Ardington attended the visitation to the James Cook University, Australia from 4 - 8 May 2015 on behalf of the SAVC. The report is awaited.

**VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY:**

*Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), Faculty of Science*

The SAVC’s visitation to the Tshwane University of Technology TUT will take place from 28 September – 2 October 2015. Ms Hildegard Haarhoff unfortunately had to resign from the team and was replaced by Ms Carins Fourie.

An "open hour" (open invitation to all) session will be held on 1 October 2015 from 9h00 – 10h00 at the TUT Arcadia campus, Department of Biomedical Sciences.

**SAVC FULL REGISTRATION EXAMINATION 2015**

The SAVC Full Registration will be held on the following dates at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria:

- Thu 1 and Fri 2 October 2015: Computer Based Examination (all professions)
- Tue 6 – Thu 8 October 2015: Oral/Practical Examination (veterinarians)
- Fri 9 October 2015: Oral/Practical Examination (veterinary para-professionals)

The following examination officials were appointed by Council:

- Examination Officer: Prof Banie Penzhorn
- Deputy Examination Officer: Dr Thireishi Cert
- Logistics Co-ordinator: Sr Reinette Lodike

**VETERINARIANS**

Moderators: Computer Based Examination

- Paper 1: Dr Mary-Louise Pentth and Dr Annelie Cloete
- Paper 2: Dr Johan Killian and Dr Clare Speedy

Examiners: Oral/Practical Examination

- Dr Reborne Moerane

Panel 1: Companion Animals - Dr Malcolm Peck and Dr Eddie Lee

Panel 2: Pathology and VPH - Dr June Williams and Dr Hein Nel

Panel 3: Production Animals - Dr Eben du Preez and Dr Pieter Engelbrecht

Panel 4: Equines - Dr Grant Hudson and Dr Thinus Boshoff

Panel 5: Skills Lab - Prof Dirk Lourens and Dr Pieter Smit

**VETERINARY NURSES**

Moderators: Computer Based Examination

- Paper 1: Sr Ester Botha
- Paper 2: Sr Reinette Lodike

Examiners: Oral/Practical Examination

- Panel 1: Theatre Practice - Sr Rethe Pamsegrou
- Panel 2: Surgical Nursing - Dr Japie Venter
- Panel 3: Medical Nursing - Dr Elen Scheepers
- Panel 4: Radiography - Sr Melanie MeLean
- Panel 5: Anaesthesia - Sr Michelle Schutte
- Panel 6: Reproductive Nursing - Dr Geoff Brown
- Panel 7: General Nursing - Sr Reinette Lodike

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Education and Training in Laboratory Animal Science - National Conference

The South African Association for Laboratory Animal Science (SAALAS) is hosting a national conference in late 2015, with the aims to establish the education and training needs in the field of laboratory animal science in Southern Africa and to develop targeted solutions to address these needs.

A common education and training framework will be sought to assure the competence of persons involved in the care and use of animals for scientific purposes and to facilitate meeting the requirements of applicable regulatory and national standards, in order to ensure scientific quality, animal welfare and compliance.

Consideration will be given to the training, supervision, competence assessment and continuing education of persons who take care of, euthanise, or perform scientific procedures (basic to advanced) on animals, those who design procedures and projects, laboratory animal technologists and other veterinary para-professionals, laboratory animal veterinarians, facility managers and members of institutional animal ethics committees.

Plenary presentations by leading international experts in the field of laboratory animal science education and training will inform on existing modular training structures and learning outcomes, which may be adopted or adapted to suit local needs, also with a view towards facilitating the free international movement or exchange of personnel where internationally accredited training courses may be established locally.

Conference invitees will include representatives from Southern African and other English-speaking African institutions and main stakeholder organisations that use or govern the use of animals for scientific purposes, including the South African Veterinary Council, comparable regulatory bodies from other African countries, government departments with oversight of animal use, tertiary institutions engaged in education in the field, animal welfare organisations, qualifications authorities, laboratory animal science and research associations.

The conference will be held in Pretoria in late November 2015. (25 - 27 November) with further details to be announced soon at www.saalas.org.

CPD: Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA)

The CVA has been given the opportunity to manage an education portal connected to the World Veterinary Association (WVA) Education Network. The managed portal will allow the CVA to offer education within the WVA Education Network. The WVA Education Network offers an ever expanding range of on-line CPD education from a range of well recognised providers.

The material is available to all veterinarians, has been peer reviewed, provides subject matter specialists, and gives CPD points for study completed. Roughly half its contents is available at a nominal fee and the other half is available free of charge. To register visit http://cva.wcva.education

Dr Van Heerden, SAVC chairperson of the CPD Accreditation Committee advised that the CPD Accreditation will determine the CPD values of these activities.

VNASA Congress

We had a very successful annual Mini Congress and AGM on 6 June 2015 at Onderstepoort. 50 nurses attended the event. The lectures were presented by Dr Vanessa McClure, Dr Jill Drake, Sr Linda Muller and Sr Jana Stander.

Dr Ntshabele addressed the nurses and spoke about annual fees. Madalen from Vetlink launched the VET360 app for veterinary nurses for CPD purposes. A big thank you to all our sponsors. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Sr Retha Pansegrouw

OIE Seminar

The role of veterinary para-professionals (VPP) in Africa, Linking veterinary para-professionals and veterinarians

Tentative date: 13-15 October 2015

Venue: St. George Hotel, Irene, Pretoria, South Africa

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In the framework of OIE Component of the “Strengthening of Veterinary Governance in Africa” (VETGOV) project, and in agreement with the two other implementation partners, i.e. the African Union’s Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) and the FAO’s Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (FAO-ECTAD), the OIE proposes to organise a seminar aimed at improving field work by strengthening the linkages and collaboration between veterinarians and Veterinary Para-Professionals (VPP).

The issue of how VPPs operate is particularly relevant to the African continent, due to its relative shortage of (qualified) veterinary surgeons, the sheer size of the rural areas and nomadic production systems they are faced with, and the consequential lack of oversight or supervision. The existence of community-based animal health workers (or CAHWs) is again not exclusive to Africa, but has been widely experimented in Africa, in situations of peace time, and in areas of conflict (Somalia, South Sudan, Karamoja region of Uganda, Mali, etc).

Continental Pilot-Seminar (or Conference) OIE / SRR SA and EA PROGRAMME 2015

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20 – 21 October 2015
Cut-off date for submissions
28 September 2015

Executive Committee
19 October 2015
Cut-off date for submissions
28 September 2015

Education Committee
25 January 2016
Cut-off date for submissions
15 December 2015

Standards Committee
25 January 2016
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15 December 2015

Audit & Accounting
19 October 2015
Cut-off date for submissions
5 October 2015

Committee on Food Safety
8 February 2016
Cut-off date for submissions
15 January 2016

Investigation Committee
13 August 2015
Cut-off date for submissions
20 July 2015

Inspections Committee
As and when required

Registration & Authorisation Committee
6 October 2015
Cut-off date for applications
21 August 2015

Review Committee
Date to be confirmed

Committee on Specialisation
Date to be confirmed for October 2015
Cut-off date for applications
To be confirmed
A workshop on Specialisation was held on 23 July 2015

SAVA Annual Congress: Champagne Sports Resort, Drakensberg
Please visit the SAVC stand

Mudumlango – Pine Lake Inn, White River
29 - 30 August 2015

World Veterinary Poultry Congress, Cape Town
7 – 11 September 2015
Free State – Bloemfontein
11 – 12 September 2015
Dr Clive Marwick

Western Cape – Cape Town
2 – 3 October 2015
Dr John Adam

Northern Natal Branch Congress
Venue to be confirmed
7 – 8 November 2015
Dr Charlotte Nkuna

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