

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL

Annual Report for the period 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL

The Annual Report for the period **1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009** is submitted to the Minister in terms of Section 17 of the Veterinary and Para- Veterinary Professions Act, No 19 of 1982.

Council

1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009

Dr R Moerane (President)
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Prof GE Swan
Dr J van Heerden

IN OFFICE

Mrs H Kruger (Registrar)
Mrs L Havinga (Vice Registrar)
Mrs S Dowlath-Singh (Director: Legal Affairs) – (appointed 8 September 2008)

AUDITORS

C Kotzen and Associates
Registered Accountants and Auditors
Chartered Accountants (S.A.)

Dr Rebone Moerane

Mrs H Kruger

President

Registrar

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) performed all its duties in terms of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act 19 of 1982 and ensured that standards of training and of practice and registrations being Council's main objectives were maintained.

The SAVC through its administration ensured that its funds were received and expended within the framework of sound financial management.

As the SAVC focused on its aim to “*promote food security / safety in all sectors of the economy and develop and promote preventative medicine/ disease strategy at farm level including subsistence farmers*” it reviewed and implemented policies in support thereof. The needs of the people and the animals of South Africa were addressed by-

- The implementation of the competence specific registration (CSR) policy and a competence specific examination to address skills shortages in various fields;
- Authorisation of non- registered persons to perform veterinary and para veterinary functions, including disease control, vaccination programmes, primary animal health care and sterilisation of animals;
- Review of the SAVC examinations to make it more accessible;
- The guidelines for compulsory veterinary community service, although in its finalised stage, were not implemented during this period but there was general support for these guidelines and in the opinion of most stakeholders such services will contribute to the promotion of food safety and disease control in the country;
- Continued professional development for veterinarians saw the end of its first formal cycle and was declared successful;
- Discussion and implementation of a model for primary animal health care, although not a primary function of the SAVC, remained on various agendas of the SAVC and its committees with the aim to improve the health of humans through development of services to all animal owning communities.

A successful provincial state veterinary road show by representatives of the SAVC changed perceptions and confirmed prescriptions of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act that persons who render veterinary and para veterinary services must either be registered or authorised by the SAVC before rendering services and will be held accountable. The road show supported the SAVC's improved communication with the professions and all stakeholders.

The global financial crisis, lay persons performing services that should legally only be performed by the veterinary and para veterinary professions and crime against members of the profession are singled out as some of the aspects in which the SAVC encouraged its members to remain steadfast and to maintain high standards despite not being successful in securing a suitable environment in which these professions can function.

Animal welfare matters received the appropriate attention both in liaison with the Department of Agriculture and with the professions and in line with the current global emphasis thereon.

Most of the SAVC's strategic objectives and the Minister's challenges were met and improved on. This statement is supported in detail in the annexure documents of this report.

PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW

The 2008/9 financial year was indeed interesting for the veterinary profession as a whole with veterinarians and para-veterinary professionals involved in a host of activities contributing towards food security, economic growth and the well-being of both animals and the public in the country and internationally. This was made possible by dedicated members of the profession who used their skills while maintaining the professional ethos, used the rules/ regulations and the code of conduct under the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act to guide their daily activities and behaviour and practically demonstrated the Ubuntu principles in our beloved country. Their contribution although poor/unsatisfactory financial recognition or reward has no doubt translated into the profession still being highly regarded by the various communities in our country and beyond our borders and it makes one proud of being a member of the veterinary and para-veterinary professions.

However, similar to other professions in the country, the veterinary and para-veterinary professions were negatively affected by the emigration of veterinary graduates to various overseas countries, the shortage of professionals in specific specialist fields (e.g. equine specialists, epidemiologists), the global economic crisis, various criminal activities such as murder, theft of veterinary equipment and non-veterinarians or lay persons performing and providing veterinary services to the public. The activities of laypersons in the veterinary field not only put the animals at risk but also poses a threat for food safety and the health of human beings in our country. The efforts by the South African Police Services (now the Department of Police) and Department of Justice to investigate the allegations of laypersons performing veterinary services and prosecuting them has unfortunately not produced results that could deter them to continue or to stop any other non-veterinarian or any person not registered or authorised by the SAVC from engaging in veterinary activities.

The SAVC participated in various activities mandated by the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act of 1982 and the strategic plan developed in 2007. The main activities included among others,

- Holding 3 council meetings and several committee meetings to deal with various aspects related to the professions, while the council only met three times, the executive committee continued to make decisions prior to the meetings and the decisions were ratified by the full council;
- Meetings with relevant role-players and stake-holders particularly the South African Veterinary Association, State Veterinary services, tertiary institutions, Department of Agriculture (now the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries), animal welfare organisations and industry;
- Reviewing certain aspects of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act and regulations and submitting inputs on other related legislation that had an impact on the veterinary profession e.g. Act 36 of 1947 and Act 101 of 1965;
- Advising the Minister of Agriculture on aspects related to veterinary science and submitting inputs on policies developed by government.

During the year under review, there were a few critical aspects that required deliberations at the SAVC's meetings and engagements with various sectors. These included

- Assisting the Department of Agriculture in finalising the regulations for compulsory community service for veterinarians (CCS). It is anticipated that once the regulations, systems and funding are in place, this will assist our country in ensuring that veterinarians who qualify participate in providing services to the communities and contribute towards rural development. The veterinary profession has proudly voiced their support and veterinary students are eager to participate in the programme;
- Improving the standards of education in line with the Council for Higher Education and ensuring that training was relevant to the needs of our country various courses were monitored at the current accredited tertiary institutions in our country namely University of Pretoria (Onderstepoort), North West University and University of South Africa (UNISA). Institutions that are training animal health technicians but whose qualifications are not prescribed for automatic registration purposes by the SAVC namely Fort Cox Agricultural College, Grootfontein and Tsolo Agricultural College were provided with guidance on the required curriculum and standards to be met with a view that those qualifications may be prescribed for registration purposes. We had hoped that we would have during the year, received and used the outcome of a study conducted by KPMG on the Future Vision for Veterinary and Para-Veterinary professions to guide us on influencing education and training for our country. However and sadly, the study has not been finalised even though it is critical for South Africa to have such a study to define the future of such professions and their relevance to the needs in our country. We also participated in various international forums and we will also in October 2009, be participating in an international workshop organised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on Veterinary training for a safer world;

- Investigating possibilities on improving access to veterinary services by the previously disadvantaged communities and individuals. This was done through approving several sterilisation campaigns, authorisation of members of the profession, developing guidelines on competence specific registration (CSR) for certain categories and engaging the private sector and the State in the development of a document on primary animal health care (PAHC). While it is the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to develop a policy, the SAVC decided 2 years ago to bring together role players in initiating the development of a guideline document for PAHC. Depending on the outcome of the policy, the SAVC will deliberate on the need to change aspects of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act and its rules or regulations. However, we view the issue of PAHC as being critical in our country and we hope that it will be finalised soon;
- Concerns on the food safety and health of the public regarding compounding of medicines by veterinarians, the use of substances used to immobilise animals by non-veterinarians and the general control of medicines used in animals under both Act 36 of 1947 controlled by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and Act 101 of 1965 controlled by the Department of Health (DoH). Both departments were engaged in these serious matters and we hope that for the sake of food safety and the safety of the South African public the concerns will in due course be addressed;
- The absence of a policy or regulatory framework that governs the activities of most of the animal welfare organisations. The SAVC brought the issue to the attention of the Department and the issue is currently receiving attention by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries;
- The general shortage of veterinarians and para-veterinary professionals in the country to provide services and the concerns raised by the private sector, industries and organised agriculture on the possible deteriorating standards of veterinary services in the country. The current registered number of veterinarians and para-veterinary professionals does not adequately provide sufficient numbers to provide for the needed services in our country. Members of the executive of the SAVC met with the Minister of Agriculture in this regard and indicated various proposals to deal with the concerns which included among others the use of private veterinarians in a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) initiative, training and the use of more animal health technicians in the field, implementing compulsory community service and requesting National Treasury for specific funding as they did for the Extension recovery plan to revive State veterinary services in the country;
- Development of a proposal on representation in the SAVC following on requests by associations and the tertiary institutions to be represented in the SAVC. The draft proposal was circulated amongst members of the profession for inputs and it will be finalised in the next financial year;
- Various other issues which were identified in our strategic planning session and response to the mandate from the former Minister of Agriculture (Ms. L. Xingwana) as highlighted in the attached annexures A and B (http://www.savc.org.za/dev/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=90&Itemid=35).

In an effort to improve the image of the SAVC and to promote participation of members of the profession and public in matters related to veterinary science, the SAVC was involved in exhibitions in various conferences/forums and communities, presenting to members of the profession at their congresses and engaging the State service during a road show in the nine (9) provinces. A roll-out plan on public relations has been developed and we will be engaging various stake-holders to fund and participate as it will also benefit them and the public at large.

Two SAVC members namely, Dr DM Sim and Advocate NY Memani-Balani, resigned as a result of personal reasons and being appointed in a public office respectively. Their resignation has affected the operations of the SAVC as both were actively involved in specific activities delegated to them. We however wish them well in their endeavours and hope that we will manage to find suitable replacements in due course.

The decision of the SAVC to purchase a new building, was not only a wise decision as it saved funds but it also made offices accessible, provided adequate space for the Registrar and staff to perform their duties and improved public relations. The demanding services of members of the profession and the review of our strategic plan, led to more staff being employed and certain activities undertaken within the approved budget.

The activities of the SAVC as outlined in this report, would not have been possible if it was not through the guidance of the former Minister of Agriculture (Ms. Lulu Xingwana), the hard work and dedication of the Registrar and staff, the commitment and unreserved loyalty of the councillors including the willingness to sacrifice time for the profession, the continuous support and dedication of members of the veterinary and para-veterinary professions and other organisations who participated by submitting

inputs on various aspects of the profession. I therefore would like to thank them all and hope that they will continue to participate in making a better world for our country.

1. Administration

The management of the administration continued under the leadership of Mrs H Kruger (Registrar) and Mrs L Havinga (Vice Registrar)

The appointment of the following new employees provides for development and retention of skills, alleviates the workload on management and ensures increased output. In-house training and skills development is ongoing as part of management responsibilities.

- Ms T Coetzee - Registry Official (commenced employment: 24 November 2008)
- Mrs S Dowlath-Singh - Director: Legal Affairs (commenced employment: 8 September 2008)
- Mrs L Erasmus - Co-ordinator Monitoring and Examinations (commenced employment: 17 November 2008)
- Mr T Seopela - Para-legal Assistant (commenced employment on 21 April 2008)

2. Council and its Executive

2.1. Council Meetings

- 29 May 2008
- 28 October 2008
- 10 February 2009

2.2 Attendance

1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009

Dr R Moerane (President)

Dr I Sonntag (Vice President)

Dr JR Adam

Dr GAP Carlisle

Dr ST Cornelius

Dr AP de Vos

Sr A Glen

Adv NY Memani-Balani – (resigned as member of Council on 20 January 2009)

Dr BM Modisane

Dr LE Moorosi

Prof MJ Mphahlele

Mr JJ Müller

Dr NVH Nombekela-Madiba

Dr DJ Odendaal

Mr IWG Radmore

Dr DM Sim - (resigned as member of Council on 6 February 2009)

Mr LLP Sinclair

Prof GE Swan

Dr J Van Heerden

Apologies received:

29 May 2008 -

Dr ST Cornelius, Adv NY Memani-Balani, Dr BM Modisane, Dr LE Moorosi,

28 October 2008 -

Dr ST Cornelius, Adv NY Memani-Balani, Prof MJ Mphahlele, Dr I Sonntag, Prof GE Swan,

10 February 2009 -

Prof MJ Mphahlele, Mr JJ Müller, Mr LLP Sinclair,

2.3 Executive Committee

2.3.1 Meetings

- 18 August 2008
- 11 November 2008

Present – South African Veterinary Council Members

Dr R Moerane - President
Dr Q Sonntag - Vice-President
Dr ST Cornelius – Executive Member

All members attended all the meetings during the period of report.

2.3.2 Meetings with the Minister and the Department of Agriculture, Minister L Xingwana and representatives of the Department of Agriculture. The Minister was updated on the strategic planning of Council and how the challenges posed by the Minister in August 2007 had been addressed by Council. The progress regarding both the activities identified during the strategic planning session and challenges posed by the former Minister are highlighted in the attached annexures A and B, respectively.

- 12 March 2009

Dr R Moerane (President SAVC)
Dr S T Cornelius (Executive member SAVC)
Mrs H Kruger (Registrar SAVC)

3. Continued Professional Development (CPD): CPD Accreditation Committee

Dr J van Heerden (Chairperson)
Prof R Kirberger

The first three year cycle for compulsory continued professional development ended with the end of the period of this report. Council continued to explain its policy and clarified many aspects of compliance with the requirements for the veterinary profession. 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 liaised electronically.

A total number of **91** applications for the accreditation of courses were considered with ultimately 76 accredited. The streamlining of applications resulted in a total of over 300 activities being accredited since its inception. Members of the profession updated their knowledge on the latest scientific information and new practice related developments.

In an attempt by Council to inform veterinarians on courses already accredited, a list of accredited courses was continuously updated on our website and members of the profession were informed accordingly.

The para-veterinary profession drafted a policy guideline for para veterinary professionals along similar guidelines as for the veterinary profession. The policy was however not finalised and it was expected to be finalised in the next period of report.

4. Education Committee

4.1 Meetings

- 28 May 2008

- 21 July 2008
- 26 January 2009

4.2. Members of Committee

01 April 2008-31 March 2009

Dr AP de Vos (Chairperson)

Prof GE Swan

Dr DM Sim (resigned as member on 6 February 2009)

Sr A Glen

Mr IWG Radmore

Mr JJ Müller

Mr LL P Sinclair

Dr NVH Nombekela-Madiba

Prof CM Veary (Examination Officer attended the May and July 2008 meetings)

Apologies received:

21 July 2008 – Dr NVH Nombekela-Madiba, Dr DM Sim

20 July 2009 – Dr NVH Nombekela-Madiba

The Education Committee made recommendations on key issues that included matters as follows:

- Aspects addressed by the response of the University of Pretoria to the Visitation report of the Faculty of Veterinary Science (UP) (2006);
- Continued input on the curriculum of the BVSc degree programme;
- Visitations proposed for 2010 to the North West University (NWU) and UNISA for evaluation of the training offered to students in animal health sciences. The method of evaluation is based on a comparison between the requirements defined by the SAVC to ensure a high standard of para-veterinary training and the characteristics of the two institutions. The two institutions were given enough time during 2009 to prepare self-evaluation reports prior to the full visitation by the SAVC;
- Preparation of examination papers, setting of dates for registration examinations and setting of examination teams for examinations for veterinarians (a panel for the computer based examinations - CBE), veterinary nurses and animal health technicians. The arrangements for a full registration examination for approximately 140 South African citizens who are employed by the Eastern Cape Provincial government commenced to ensure that these employees will render accountable services to the Eastern Cape communities;
- Monitoring standards of training of all prescribed qualifications. All subjects are monitored on a six- year rotation basis. The SAVC reported its findings to the Council on Higher Education (CHE). Reports on the subjects monitored at NWU and UNISA were referred to the Visitation Teams for 2010;
- Applications and admissions information have been introduced to access information on transformation and to ascertain whether the needs of the country are addressed;
- Resolved on examinations for competence specific registration (CSR);
- Stimulating inputs on the CBE. This activity made good progress and the implementation of the CBE will take effect in the next period of report. The further development of the CBE to make it more accessible and to introduce it for the para veterinary professions is ongoing. An ad hoc work group proposed further meetings to finalise its brief in this regard;
- A curriculum for animal welfare assistants through UNISA.

4.3 Examination panels 2008

A) Animal Health Technicians 2008

Examination (AHT) full registration

Prof CM Veary (Examination Officer)

Dr L Cele (Examiner)

Dr MMS Molefe (Examiner)

Moderator: Mr J Oosthuizen

B) Veterinarians 2008

Prof CM Veary (Examination Officer)

Prof GF Bath (Moderator)

Dr SPR Bisschop

Dr A Erasmus

Dr JG Harmse

Mrs L Havinga (Legislation)

Dr DE Holm (Moderator)

Dr H Nel

Prof KP Pettey

Dr JA Picard

Dr MN Saulez

Dr PN Thompson

Dr PC van Schalkwyk

Dr JH Williams

Prof MC Williams (Moderator)

C) Veterinary Nurses 2008

Prof CM Veary (Examination Officer)

Dr CH Annadale

Sr EA Botha (Moderator)

Dr JE Crafford

Dr CJ du Plessis

Ms C Mankanjee

Prof RA Meintjes

Dr B Meyers

Dr V Naidoo

Dr M Nel

Prof KP Pettey

Prof F Reyers

Dr W Schultheiss

Dr EV Schwan

Prof J Soley

Sr J Stander

Prof GF Stegmann

Dr E van Dyk

Prof NJ van der Merwe

4.4 Outcome of Full Registration Examinations 2008

- Out of a total of **32 Veterinarians** that sat the examinations, **16 passed** (50%).
- Out of **2 Veterinary nurses** that sat the examinations, **0 passed** (0%).
- Out of **2 Animal Health Technicians** that sat the examinations, **0 passed** (0%).

5. Committee on Fees

The Committee met twice on 28 May 2008 and 13 October 2008. Council regards the Guideline of Tariffs as a means to investigate complaints relating to overcharging lodged by clients or touting by colleagues. Council does not intend to inhibit price competition between veterinary professionals.

Animal welfare guidance when setting fees is in place and exceptions are made under certain circumstances. Individual practices often subsidise animal welfare organisations. Most practices discount fees for pensioners, disabled and indigent persons and many activities e.g. community veterinary clinics, sterilisation campaigns and PAHC take place without payment for these services.

The Committee received inputs on the amendment of the fees for 2009 and considered those inputs in compiling the 2009 guideline. It was observed during this period that the threat was not so much excessive or low fees charged by colleagues and that very little touting or over servicing took place. However, lay persons [non registered persons] were performing services pertaining specially to the veterinary profession [not complying with standards] undercutting fees and threatening in particular the survival of the rural veterinarian in rural areas.

5.1 Members of Committee

01 April 2008-31 March 2009

Dr JR Adam (Chairperson)
Adv NY Memani-Balani
Dr DJ Odendaal
Dr IG Southern
Prof MJ Mphahlele

Apologies received:

28 May 2008 – Adv NY Memani-Balani
13 October 2008 – Prof MJ Mphahlele

6. Investigation Committee

6.1 Meetings

- 15 May 2008
- 24 July 2008
- 09 October 2008
- 29 January 2009

Apology received: 09 October 2008 – Dr RI Rajput

6.2 Members

01 April 2008 – 31 March 2008

Dr GAP Carlisle – Chairperson
Dr TD Bredell (resigned November 2008)
Dr JI Rajput
Dr R Mulder (appointed November 2008)

Dr MP Verseput

Councillors attended as observers:

24 July 2008 – Dr AP de Vos

9 October 2008 – Sr A Glen

Numerous telephonic complaints were dealt with on a daily basis by the Administration. The prospective complainants were provided with the documentation to submit their complaints together with information on what the complaints procedure entails and what is required from both the complainant and the registered member against whom a complaint is submitted. Only **54** formal complaints were received and **7** accounts were assessed by the committee.

All **7** accounts were found to be in order by the committee. A trend had been detected with regard to the assessment of accounts: these queries usually arise when the veterinarian gives the client a refund/discount on fees charged where a procedure performed on an animal has led to the animal's death or has led to a second procedure thereafter. The complainants interpret this as a tacit admission of guilt and feel warranted to have the account assessed by Council.

- The total number of formal complaints for this period : **54**
 - 7 complaints were finalised administratively as complainants did not submit supporting affidavits
 - 47 complaints were submitted to the Investigation committee for consideration
 - 4 complainants withdrew their complaints after submission of the cases to the Investigation committee
- The committee dealt with the **43** complaints as follows
 - 19 finalised finding no unprofessional conduct
 - 4 matters issuing directives to improve professional conduct
 - 7 matters referred to formal inquiries
 - 13 matters required further information and should be finalised in the next reporting period.
- 4 of the 7 matters referred to Inquiry Bodies for formal hearings were finalised and the veterinarians were found guilty of unprofessional conduct and appropriate penalties were imposed and the remaining 3 matters should be finalised in the next reporting period.

7. Registration & Authorisation Committee

7.1 Meetings held

- 27 May 2008
- 13 October 2008
- 27 January 2009

Apologies received:

27 May 2008 – Dr L E Moorosi

27 January 2009 – Sr A Glen

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

Road Show Animal Health

Members of the Committee, the President of Council and the administration undertook a successful road show to all nine state veterinary provincial services and met with representatives of the professionals employed with the State as

veterinarians, animal health technicians and human resource managers. The purpose of the road show was to meet with the members to inform them on the requirement that no unregistered person may be employed to render the services of the veterinary and para veterinary professions. This requirement ensures that all communities will receive services for which the veterinary and para veterinary professionals can be held accountable. The road show was not only successful to bring non registered persons on board, but was a valuable exercise in promoting the image of Council and to correct perceptions of policies not only relating to registration requirements, but a host of matters such as exemption from the minimum requirements for facilities.

Veterinarians involved in Animal Welfare: Guidelines - Members of the profession were again informed that the guideline was available.

Authorisation of Animal Welfare Assistants: Guideline documents - If inspectors did not work under supervision of veterinarian/s then they had to apply for Medicine Control [MRA] permits. Reviewed guidelines were published on the website. The MRA was requested to inform Council should they be aware of any of requirements not complied with.

Fees - the recommendation that registration fees be reduced and maintenance fees increased across the board and implemented on 1 April 2009 to encourage holders of prescribed qualifications and other applicants to immediately register with Council and to then seek employment. These future dispensations were communicated in the Newsletter.

SAVC Registration Examination Foreign Registered members

Council will invite registered members who passed the SAVC's registration examination to take an oath similar to the one currently taken by BVSc graduates. The invitation will be implemented from November 2009.

7.2 Members of the committee

01 April 2008-31 March 2009

Dr LE Moorosi (Chairperson)

Dr I Sonntag

Sr A Glen

Mr IWG Radmore

7.3 Registrations, Removals, Renewals and Authorisations

A total of **4456** professionals were registered with the SAVC on **31 March 2009** and **503** persons were authorised to perform veterinary or para-veterinary services. The administration encouraged members to register and to maintain their registration.

1 April – 31 March 2009

Professionals registered/authorised to perform veterinary/para-veterinary services on 31 March 2009

Professionals	Number registered	%
Veterinarians (including 12 with restricted registration)	2672	54
Veterinary Specialists	129	2.5
Animal Health Technicians	938	19
Laboratory Animal Technologists	24	0.50
Veterinary Nurses	490	10
Veterinary Technologists	203	4
Subtotal	4456	
Persons authorised in terms of section 23(1)	503	10
Total	4959	100%

Persons authorised in terms of section 23(1) to renders services of:	
Veterinarian	21
Animal Health Technician	153
Laboratory Animal Technologist	10
Veterinary Technologist	103
Veterinary Nurse	4
Animal Welfare Assistant	212
Total	503

REGISTRATIONS/AUTHORISATIONS AND REMOVALS FROM THE REGISTER DURING 2008/2009

Professions	Registrations	(Removals)	Re-registrations	Gains (Loss)
Veterinarian	116	(194)	15	-63
Veterinary Specialist	8	(4)	-	4
Animal Health Technician	77	(70)	35	42
Laboratory Animal Technologist	0	(3)	2	-1
Veterinary Nurse	29	(31)	2	0
Veterinary Technologist	23	-	-	23
Authorised 2008/09	Authorisations	(Removals)		Gains (Loss)
Veterinarians	9	(7)		2
Animal Health Technicians	101	(14)		87
Laboratory Animal Technologist	0	(4)		-4
Veterinary Nurses	1	(0)		1
Veterinary Technologists	22	(13)		9
Animal Welfare Assistants	26	(54)		-28

Comparison with previous years on 31 March

Profession	2007	2008	Gains (Loss)	2009
Veterinarian	2658	2723	-63	2660
Restricted Veterinarians	12	12	-	12
Veterinary Specialists	112	125	4	129
Animal Health Technician	937	896	42	938
Laboratory Animal Technologist	27	25	-1	24
Veterinary Nurse	452	490	0	490
Veterinary Technologist	156	180	23	203
				4456
Authorised i.t.o section 23(1)	334	436	67	503
				4959

7.4 The following qualifications were accepted during the period of report in terms of Section 20 (5) (a) (b) & (c) to register the applicants, after successful completion of the examination (year indicated in brackets if not during this period of report):

- Chimatira T B.V.Sc., Univ of Zimbabwe
- Choto DG B.V.Sc, Univ of Zimbabwe
- Czempiel SAS DVM, Freie University, Berlin
- Hoffmeier NK BVSc, Univ of Sydney (2006)
- Katanda E B.V.Sc, Univ of Zimbabwe
- Makuleke C B.V.Sc, Univ of Zimbabwe
- Mapuvire T B.V.Sc, Univ of Zimbabwe
- Matenga E B.V.Sc, University of Zimbabwe
- Matongo C B.V.Sc, Univ of Zimbabwe
- Mundia M B.V.Sc, University of Zimbabwe
- Murondoti A B.V.Sc, Univ of Zimbabwe
- Mushoriwa E BVSc, Univ of Zimbabwe
- Mutowembwa PB B.V.Sc, University of Zimbabwe
- Mutsinze SC B.V.Sc, Univ of Zimbabwe
- Rebhan HJ DVM, Univ of Minnesota USA (2007)
- Sasidharan Priyadersini S B.V.Sc, Univ of Kerala, India
- Stoyanova ZI Ms Degree Veterinary Medicine, Trakia Univ Bulgaria

8. Committee on Specialisation

8.1 Members of the Committee

01 April 2008-31 March 2009

Dr BM Modisane – Chairperson

Prof HM Terblanche

Dr DB Miller

Dr LL van der Merwe

Prof F Reyers

Apologies received:

16 January 2008 – Dr DB Miller, Dr BM Modisane

The Committee on Specialisation made recommendations on key issues that included matters as follows:

- The minimum requirements for registration as a specialist ;
- Input and specific criteria were solicited from registered specialists;
- Monitoring reports on subjects for prescribed qualifications. Council reported to the Council on Higher Education;
- Appointment of monitors.

9. Inspections Committee

The Inspections Committee did not meet as routine inspections were pending the amendment to the Act. Members of the Committee and nominated members of the profession continued to inspect facilities where application for exemption from the minimum requirements were considered and upon request of the Investigation Committee.

9.1 Members of the committee

01 April 2008-31 March 2009

Dr I Sonntag – Chairperson

Dr A Erasmus

Prof AM Lübbe

Dr NVH Nombekela-Madiba

Dr L Orsmond

Prof SS van den Berg

No meetings were held as routine inspections are pending amendment to the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act No. 19 of 1982.

10. Other appointments were confirmed as follows

- Council member to handle issues of professional members experiencing problems with substance dependency, stress related and other difficulties – Dr A P de Vos
- Council member to deal with the Code of Conduct & Practice for the Veterinary Profession – Dr D Sim (after resignation) Dr SML Varrie