The Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries made an announcement in February 2014, regarding the reinstatement of South Africa’s Foot and Mouth Disease [FMD] free status in zones where vaccination is not practised. This is a welcome development and respite for the livestock sector for this year in view of the precarious economic situation that has engulfed South Africa. We sincerely hope that access to markets for animal and animal products of our country will bring a degree of relief with at least some people gaining employment and resultant income. We recall the reports that the trade embargo resulting from the FMD status, costs the South African economy at around R4 billion per year in lost income. Congratulations

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South Africa’s FMD free status is re-instated.
Mr Harry Rosen addressing the Council members at the Strategic Planning session on 4-5 February 2014.

“Advancing public and animal health through quality veterinary services for all”

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including addressing issues around reputational damage; relevance of the veterinary professions and advancing South African interests; legislative frameworks pertinent to the smooth delivery of veterinary services and lastly the need for mobilisation of resources. These became the strategic themes and objectives around which Council’s business and operations will be framed for the period 2014 to 2016.

The overarching ideal is to reposition the Council to address divides in and between the veterinary professions and refractory activities to be relevant with developments in SA and abroad whilst ensuring that there is better management of stakeholder relations. To this end, an action plan is slowly emerging on how these will be carried forward. This strategic focus is taking a leaf from previous ones and serves to consolidate on progress made.

Council further identified the use of technology as an enabler and thus various activities will be geared towards the use of technology. As an example, there will be a reduction in physical meetings of Council committees in favour of electronic means of progressing work which may include the use of teleconferencing or video conferencing.

This is largely to minimise costs but also to expedite work as typically, Council meetings are limited to three sessions in a year and with the use of technology, more could be achieved in between the physical meetings. Those that have in recent times visited Council’s website would have noted that it has undergone a complete overhaul. The administration staff worked tirelessly to have the finished product seen. A further enhancement is the installation of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and that members can now follow SAVC on Facebook and on Twitter. Feedback on these will be sent to the Registrar in order to make necessary improvements on an ongoing basis.

We have also in previous newsletters advised you of the relocation of Council’s office from the current premises in Arcadia to new premises at 28 Victoria Link, Route 21 Office Park, Irene Ext 72. This move is going to happen in the second quarter of 2014. A plan has been put in place to ensure a smooth transition in terms of accessibility for the office staff at all times. Visitors can access the office park from both gates, one in Nellmapius Drive [M31] and one in Bosissing Street [M57]. Visitors will need to present either their driver’s license or identification document at the gate to ensure that they will be allowed entry into the office park.

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Also, Council will as a consequence not publish the Guideline on Tariffs.

I know that we are several months into the year 2014 and that it feels like forever already but I nevertheless take the opportunity to wish you well in the new year and that it brings you joy, peace and prosperity!

Thank you,
Boitshoko Ntshabele
We reported in previous Newsletters 74 and 75 that the SAVC will embark on an IT transformation process.

Council wishes to pursue the IT transformation process as the IT transformation is crucial to the Council, the Administration and the image of the profession.

It was therefore decided in February 2014 to proceed with the process as soon as the relocation to the new premises, 28 Victoria Link, Route21 Corporate Park, Netlimapius Drive, Irene Ext 72, is accomplished.

Please contact Mrs Ronel Mayhew at systems@savc.org.za for input.

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IT Tender Transformation

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Workshop: Minimum Standards for Facilities

Mrs Dinamarie Stoltz, SAVC Director Legal Affairs

For representatives of the members of the veterinary profession representing groups, e.g. wildlife group, ruminant group, equine group, behaviour group.

Workshop: Highly Scheduled Medicines

Prof Vinny Naidoo on Veterinary dispensing

"Can certain medication only be dispensed by a person with a licence?"

Please contact Mrs Ronel Mayhew at systems@savc.org.za for input.
UPDATE ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE VETERINARY PROFESSION

WHO MAY ANAESTHETISE (CHEMICALLY IMMOBILISE) AN ANIMAL?

WRSA VS SAVC

Council received a settlement proposal from Wildlife Ranching South Africa (WRSA) in October 2013. The WRSA proposed to withdraw its application against the SAVC in respect of rule 10, provided that its members are permitted to use Butorphanol, Azaperone, and Medetomidine (combination known as BAM/BAN II).

Council rejected the settlement proposal at its meeting held on 18-19 February 2014 based thereon that all the medicines are anaesthetic medicines with the exception of Azaperone. Therefore the settlement proposal is in essence proposing the use of medicines similar to the use of M99 (etorphine). Even if the proposal is agreed to then non-veterinarians would perform anaesthesia which is prohibited by law.

Rule 10 was specifically promulgated to ensure that anaesthesia is performed by veterinarians. The matter will serve in the High Court as reported in Newsletter 75.

The outcome of this case will ensure that all parties have an answer to the much debated question as to who may anaesthetise (chemically immobilise) an animal.

THE FUTURE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH VETERINARIANS MAY PRACTICE

We reported in Newsletters 75 on the matter relating to the Guideline of Tariffs and the Competition Commission (CC). Council was addressed at its meeting held in February 2014 by two representatives who in essence gave a broad overview of the functioning of the CC. Council was informed that it could obtain various services from the CC namely, legal advice from the Legal Services Division of the Competition Commission in the form of a non-binding advisory opinion at the cost of R 2 500, legal advice from the advocacy unit and an application for exemption can be submitted from some of the requirements of the Competition Act in terms of Section 10 of the Competition Act, Act 98 of 1998. If it can be shown that the profession contributes to one of the objectives then the Council may apply for exemption. The objectives are: maintenance or promotion of exports; promotion of the competitiveness of small businesses or firms controlled or owned by historically disadvantaged persons; changing the productive capacity to stop decline in an industry; and maintaining economic stability in an industry designated by the Minister. Council is of the opinion that the profession contributes to some of the above objectives and Council should therefore apply for exemption from the rules relating to minimum standards and to publish a guideline of maximum fees in order to adjudicate complaints of overcharging from the public.

There will be a shift in emphasis from price to professionalism when the rules are reviewed. Council intends to seek legal advice from the CC advocacy unit.

Members are welcome to submit their comments to Mrs Dinamarie Stoltz at: legaldirector@savc.org.za

THREATENED OR PROTECTED SPECIES (TOPS) PERMITS

The reports on this matter appears in Newsletters 75, 74 and 73. As per the President’s message in this newsletter we have embarked on further attempts to address this matter. The Council wrote to the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Minister Edna Molewa and requested a meeting with her.

The Council is still of the opinion that veterinarians should not be required to obtain additional permits to treat TOPS.

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Council alerted the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in 2013 of the following concerns brought to Council’s attention from various sources including experts in the field of poisons.

- Aldicarb misuse has been observed since 1994. It started off with wildlife poisoning due to misuse as a predator control agent. In 1998 the first dog poisoning incidents were observed. Lately the poisoning of dogs in urban areas and on farms reached critical levels.

- Poisoning is committed by crime syndicates that are often orchestrated by foreign nationals.

- Aldicarb poisoning presents a major threat to wildlife in South Africa.

- Threats by poachers to poison water supplies for humans were made known.

- There is no control over Aldicarb once it is sold.

- Stricter control on the sale of Aldicarb in South Africa may not solve the problem as most of the Aldicarb is illegally brought in via Zimbabwe as a result of lax border controls.

- Other poisonous substances can be used and are just as lethal and important.

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries intends to prohibit acquisition, import, export, possession, sale and disposal of Aldicarb.

Council subsequently in February 2014 resolved to, in addition, request the Director General of the Department of Health and Population Development, to place Aldicarb on the banned list in order to make sale and possession of Aldicarb completely illegal under the Hazardous Substances Act.

If the above prohibitions need to be effective then the South African Police Services (SAPS) must take firm action.
This year, four kennel assistants braved the infamous southeaster to compete in the Cape Argus Cycle Tour. In 2012, Frank, Albert and Oswald completed their first Argus on borrowed bikes and donated secondhand cycling kit, shoes and helmets. In the following 2 years, the guys have shown tremendous commitment to their training which has paid off in other aspects of their life. Albert Munthuli says by being able to compete in this race makes him appreciate how lucky he is to live in such a beautiful city. “It has given me the motivation to train hard and to live a healthy life for a better future.”

Albert is now studying part-time at a business school.

Dr Melissa Charles, veterinarian and owner of Savvydog-be safe, organised the team and entries. Craft Cycling sponsored brand new cycling pants and tops which made the team look and feel like a ‘pro cycling team’!

Albert and Frank took an hour off their previous time despite the wind. They can be very proud of themselves.

Invoices for the Maintenance fees for 2014 are issued on 1 April 2014 and posted by surface mail as from 10 April 2014.

Members have 90 days, until 30 June 2014 to make payment of the fees.

- The maintenance fee for veterinarians is R 3164.
- The maintenance fee for para-veterinarians is R 969.

If you have not received your invoice please contact Ms Monalisa Mameane for a copy of your invoice at:
- email address: debtorclerk@savc.org.za or
tel: 012 342 1612

Please note that we are unable to allocate payment if we cannot identify your payment by your invoice- or registration numbers.

Members who wish to make a down payment of the maintenance fees after the deadline of 30 June 2014 may submit a motivation to the Registrar at savc@savc.org.za.

The new SAVC premises are located at 28 Victoria Link, Route21 Corporate Park, Nellmapius Drive, Irene.
Expression of interest to participate in Compulsory Community Service Programme for Veterinarian; Department of Agriculture Forestry & Fisheries

Agriculture is an important sector for many rural communities. Productivity of livestock could be improved by animal health inputs and interventions. A critical limiting factor in rural communities is the distorted distribution of veterinary services as well as an uneven access to animal health care.

To address the aforementioned imbalances the Department of Agriculture Forestry & Fisheries (DAFF) focuses on improving access to veterinary services across the country. Two strategic national initiatives namely (1) Compulsory Community Service (CCS) Programme and (2) Primary Animal Health Care (PAHC) are being implemented.

The CCS programme aims to provide accessible and affordable veterinary services in the whole country especially the rural communities. The programme will involve the deployment of newly qualified veterinarians across the entire country and will focus on disease prevention, rendering ambulatory services and providing education especially regarding responsible pet ownership, resource utilization and optimizing livestock production. This programme will offer the newly qualified veterinarian the opportunity to render their much needed service to rural areas and gain valuable experience and knowledge.

Veterinarians performing compulsory community service will not compete with the private sector, but will complement services delivered by all sectors in the veterinary fraternity. Clinical services rendered in respect of the compulsory community service programme shall be aimed at, but not limited to, exposing and promoting access to clinical veterinary services among communities not currently aware or making use of it.

Compulsory community service will be centrally funded by the DAFF and CCS veterinarians will be the employees of DAFF. However, CCS veterinarians may be placed or seconded to any strategic partner such as Animal Welfare organizations, private practitioners, and other veterinary community outreach service providers in order to achieve the objectives of the programme.

All costs of salaries and other employee-benefits will be paid directly to the individuals performing compulsory community service by the DAFF regardless of the placement or secondment, at a salary scale as prescribed in terms of Public Service Act.

Operational costs associated with CCS programme may, on request, be made available by the DAFF subject to agreed MOU that may be signed between the parties. The Department wishes to optimize the use of the available veterinary infrastructure and resources across the country. In this regard, the Department wishes to utilize facilities of animal welfare organizations, private veterinarians and other entities for the deployment of CCS veterinarians in order to complement the existing government infrastructure.

Interested members of the veterinary profession such as Animal Welfare organizations, private practitioners, and other veterinary community outreach service providers who wish to make their facilities available for the CCS programme are invited to express interest in participating in CCS programme by completing the attached form.

All interested parties will be required to provide supervisory and mentorship to the CCS veterinarians.

Interested parties wishing to acquire a CCS veterinarian shall complete the attached application (click on this link) and send to:

The Director: Veterinary Public Health, Private Bag X 138, PRETORIA, 0001
Attention Dr Tina Engle, email: to TinaL@daff.gov.za Fax +27 12 319 7699

How did the requirements change and what is expected of members? Registered veterinarians are no longer required to annually log their CPD points with the Council.

Who should keep record of CPD activities? All registered veterinarians are expected to keep their own CPD records and proof thereof.

What percentage of the total number of veterinarians is selected for the annual audits? Ten percent of the total number of veterinarians registered with Council will be randomly selected to take part in the annual audit.

When must a member submit proof of CPD activities? Only when members are contacted by Council need they submit their CPD points and proof of the activities undertaken by them.

Who performs the random selection? The random selection is conducted on behalf of Council by a veterinary specialist epidemiologist.

What must be submitted when a member is contacted by Council? Members who are selected need to submit their CPD points form and proof (attendance certificates) of the activities as confirmation of the activities attended/or undertaken.

When will the random selection for 2014 commence? The 2014 random selection will take place at the end of April 2014.

Until when will members selected for the random audit in 2014 have to submit proof of CPD activities? Selected members will have until the end of July 2014 to submit proof of their CPD activities.

When will the 2014 audit be finalised? The audit will be finalised by the end of October 2014 and members will receive confirmation of compliance and/or what requirements need to still be complied with and/or depending on the relevant cycle be advised to apply for deferment.

Why is it important to in any event keep record of CPD points and proof thereof? It is important to keep accurate record of acquired CPD points as these records may also be requested during an inspection of facilities wherefrom members practice or work and requested during disciplinary inquiries as mitigating factor when a sentence is considered.

For what period should CPD records be retained? Records should be retained for at least two consecutive CPD cycles.

For any CPD-related queries, please contact the following persons:

• Please submit CPD points and proof thereof to: The Director Registrations, Ms L du Plessis at project@savc.org.za, fax to 086 247 2028 when required to do so.

• For interpretation of the regulations pertaining to CPD: The Director Legal Affairs, Mrs D Stoltz: legaldirector@savc.org.za

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The Council resolved, against the background of past global accreditation discussions and visitation criteria used by the SAVC and its counterparts the Australian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC); American Veterinary Medicine Association (AVMA); and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), no longer to be made available to the SAVC by either the school or the sovereign regulatory authority involved. The SAVC’s Education Committee will be responsible for recommending acceptance of said qualification; OR

1. The school in question has undergone a global accreditation visit with the SAVC being present as an observer. All reports generated by said global accreditation visit will also have to be made available to the SAVC by either the school or the sovereign regulatory authority involved. The SAVC’s Education Committee will be responsible for recommending acceptance of said qualification; OR

2. A formal agreement has to be signed between the SAVC and the home regulating authority to accept recognised qualifications for automatic registration purposes based on co-ordinated accreditation visits (as already signed between the SAVC and AVBC). This formal agreement should make provision for, but not limited to:

- Notification of any changes to legislation regarding registration as a veterinarian in the relevant country;
- Confirmation that regular visitations of the veterinary schools of the countries concerned will take place and that there will be a time interval for these visitations stipulated;
- Receipt of draft copies of the visitation reports of both parties and determination of when this should be done;
- Thereafter receipt of the final versions of the reports;
- The manner in which delays regarding reports will be addressed;
- Receipt of copies of the current visitation procedures and documentation specifying standards and methods of evaluation and provision for the action to be taken about material changes made;
- Review of the agreements between the two parties if material changes are made to the standards of training;
- Invitations to observers to join the visitation teams of the respective entities on a reciprocal basis;
- Assessment of reports by experts appointed by the receiving authority in the absence of appointment of its observers to join visitation teams;
- Acceptance of the reports on the basis that no material deficiencies are identified and the receiving entity is satisfied that the qualification is sufficient to meet current registration requirements in that country;
- Specification that certain steps should be taken to rectify, within a specified period for further information, to effect changes or remedy deficiencies;
- A further visit by the authority itself, if so required and decided (who accepts the qualification for registration purposes), to investigate concerns;

- The right to withhold or withdraw registration based on a decision that a qualification is not sufficient for registration purposes and a time stipulation of when the decision will take effect;

- Determination of costs and determination as to who the responsible entity for the carrying of the costs of observers will be;

In the absence of formal co-ordinated accreditation visitations and agreements, all prospective applicants will have to sit the SAVC’s registration examination.
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3. SPAH Study C99-4750-01

EDUCATION MATTERS (continued)

FEEDBACK: UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, VISITATION 2013

Two visitations took place to the University of Pretoria in 2013. The Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (DVN) visitation took place from 16-17 May 2013 and the Bachelor in Veterinary Science (BVSc) visitation took place from 20-24 May 2013. The BVSc report has been finalised and will be printed together with the DVN report as soon as the DVN report is ready. The DVN report will be sent to the Faculty for their comments shortly.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (SAQA)

The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) is recognised as a professional body by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The SAVC has since September 2012 completed a trial data loading process and will complete all data loading by the end of May 2014. The SAVC signed a policy document on the use of SAQA trademarks in March 2014.

GLOBAL ACCREDITATION

The following Australasian qualifications will be accepted in terms of agreement signed between the SAVC and the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC). University of Sydney, University of Melbourne and University of Murdoch. Other Australasian universities, i.e. Adelaide, James Cook, Queensland, and Charles Sturt will be accepted subject to them being successfully assessed and positive reports being received by South African assessors. A visitation is planned to the University of Massey, New Zealand, and the SAVC requested to send an observer. Dr Bolitoko Mshabele was appointed and will attend the visitation on 3-9 May 2014.

SECOND VETERINARY FACULTY

The University of Pretoria (UP) representative on Council advised that the Department of Higher Education made a formal decision to establish a new Faculty of Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Science at MEDUNSA. The new faculty will be unique in the South African perspective in that it would accommodate veterinarians, veterinary nurses, animal health technicians and possibly veterinary welfare assistants (an all encompassing faculty).

The Council will have to put a system in place to accredit the faculty to ensure that the students who graduate are of the same standard as all the other faculties. The matter is complicated by the fact that a complete distributive model of training will be utilised.

VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY ACCREDITATION [STANDARDS] COMMITTEE

Council intends to establish a standing “Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Accreditation [Standards] Committee” with a view to:
1. Enter into discussions with the University Council (currently still MEDUNSA) on its intentions regarding future veterinary and para-veterinary programmes with the view to advise the University Council on the role of the SAVC in setting the minimum standards for veterinary and para-veterinary training and education.

Furthermore to better understand the intentions of the University Council with regard to veterinary and para-veterinary training;

2. Review the current national, regional (SADC) and global accreditation processes and criteria for accreditation of veterinary programmes with a view to drive regional accreditation and obtain funding through the OIE and to establish national as well as regional equivalence;

3. To prepare for the assessment of possible future distributive veterinary and para-veterinary training models. Furthermore to alert the University Council of the problems experienced with distributive programmes elsewhere in the world; and

4. To investigate and plan for a one-year post-community service veterinary examination for all candidates to ensure that standards during training and the one year post-training are congruent with prescribed SAVC registration requirements.

We invite your comments. Please submit your comments to Ms L. Westcott at: education@savc.org.za
Transgressions

TRANSGRESSIONS IN TERMS OF THE VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS ACT

During 14 and 15 October 2013 inquiries were held into the conduct of veterinarians who failed to comply with the Regulations relating to Continued Professional Development (CPD) of veterinary professions. The inquiries were held for veterinarians who had failed to accumulate and log a minimum of one hundred and twenty (120) CPD points, of which forty (40) points had to be structured activities, for two consecutive CPD cycles starting 1 April 2006 and ending 31 March 2012.

The inquiries were held in absentia of the respondents, who were given an opportunity to object, to a one person Inquiry Body, being Adv D Block [A member of Council appointed on the basis of his knowledge of the law].

All matters were deliberated based on the individual merits at hand of each matter, prior to imposing a penalty.

Some of the mitigating factors that were taken into account:

i. Age of the veterinarian;

ii. The response and the contents thereof [e.g. illness]; and/or

iii. Whether there was any attempt to comply with the CPD regulations [meaning the number of points attained];

Some aggravating circumstances which were taken into account were that no or very little attempt was made to comply with the CPD regulations and/or that no response was received upon receipt of Council’s letter to inform of the inquiry to be held.

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DATE: 17 - 18 May

VENUE: Stone Cradle, Rietvleidam

DAY 1 focuses on behavioural problems in the veterinary practice - invaluable information for veterinarians, veterinary nurses as well as receptionists.

DAY 2 will focus more on targeted therapeutic protocols of importance to veterinarians.

Jon Bowen BVetMed DipAS(CABC) MRCV
Honorary Lecturer in Small Animal Behaviour. RVC (University of London). Jon leads the Veterinary Behaviour Service. He is particularly interested in the behavioural effects of medical problems, such as epilepsy, syringomyelia and pain. He also has a particular interest in progressing our understanding of noise phobia in dogs, inter-cat aggression, cognitive ageing and abnormal behaviour (such as shadow chasing, self-mutilation and tail-chasing).

OPEN DAY: 17 May 2014

Focus on behavioural issues faced by Veterinarians, Vet Nurses, Animal Behaviourists, Practice Receptionists and other Professionals

07h30 Registration, Tea/Coffee
08h30 Welcome and congress opening – SAVA president Dr Henk Basson
08h45 Fear and Anxiety: definition, causes, physiology – Dr Aileen Pypers
09h25 Recognising and treating fear, anxiety and fear aggression – Dr Frederique Hurly
10h05 Tea/Coffee
10h35 The effect of puppy socialisation, training and routines on anxiety – Sr Carla van der Merwe
11h05 Canine cognitive disorder – Dr Jon Bowen
12h00 Lunch
12h45 Separation and separation related anxiety – TBC
13h15 Environmental enrichment to reduce stress – Dr Frederique Hurly
13h45 Alternative therapies to treat fear and anxiety – Dr Anushka Viljoen
14h35 Tea/Coffee
14h55 Human fear and anxiety – Dr Lynette Roux
15h35 The role of pheromones – Dr Quixi Sonntag
16h30 Time for questions to the panel
17h00 Sundowners and time to get to know each other

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10h30 Legislative control of Veterinary Medicines – Prof Vinnie Naidoo
10h40 Review of legislation governing the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions – Mrs Dinamarie Stoltz
11h00 Health and Behaviour – Dr Jon Bowen
12h00 Lunch and ABIG AGM
13h00 The anxious horse – Dr Elize van Vollenhoven
13h30 Low stress handling in the practice – Dr Aileen Pypers
14h15 Urine marking in cats – Dr Frederique Hurly
14h45 Psychoactive treatments – Dr Jon Bowen
15h30 Lucky draw for the book ‘Low stress handling’ by Sophia Yin and Closure of congress

ABIG
SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATIONS

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR & INTERACTION GROUP

Conference 2014
WHERE TO ATTEND PRESENTATIONS

Branch Meetings and Mini Congresses 2014
(All registered members of the Veterinary professions are invited)

• Please register
• Contact SAVA (marketing@sava.co.za), SAVETCON (petrie@savetcon.co.za) and Vetlink (info@vetlink.co.za) for details of registration

Eastern Cape & Karoo
9-10 May 2014, Mentors Country Estate, Jeffries Bay

Eastern Free State
17 May 2014, Protea Hotel, Clarens

Animal Behaviour & Interaction Group Congress
16-17 May 2014, Stone Cradle, Doornkloof

Southern Cape
23-24 May 2014, Hyatt Hotel, George

Livestock Health & Production Group
2-4 June 2014, Skukuza Camp, Kruger National Park, Dr Boitshoko Ntshabele

Mpumalanga
9 August 2014, Venue to be confirmed

Free State & Northern Cape
1-2 August 2014, Emoya Estate, Bloemfontein

World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA)
16-19 September 2014, Cape Town ICC
Regrettably the SAVC will not attend

Western Cape
17-18 October 2014, venue to be confirmed

Natal/Midlands
22-23 November 2014, venue to be confirmed

KZN
To be confirmed

Control of scheduled medicines
Presented by Prof V Naidoo, SAVC
For members of the veterinary profession, held at SAVA 2014 branch meetings

Review of the Rules for the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary professions
Presented by Ms D Stoltz, SAVC
For members of the veterinary profession, held at SAVA branch meetings
ÚPRACTICE IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
Council once again remind the members of the veterinary profession that should they wish to practice in neighbouring countries that they would have to register with the registering authorities of those countries.

Council received yet another request, this time from the Veterinary Council of Zambia, who requested that the profession in South Africa be informed should they wish to practice in neighbouring countries that they would have register with the Veterinary Council in Zambia.” The request was received from Dr Joseph Sitali, Registrar of the Veterinary Council of Zambia.

To register in Zambia please contact the Registrar at PO Box 32117, Lusaka, Zambia; at: vcregistrar@vaz.org.za; or at jsitali65@gmail.com. All correspondence should be addressed to the Registrar of Zambia.


VISIT THIS LINK AND READ MORE ABOUT:
What an eighty one year old member of the profession say about veterinary science training and why he maintained registration as a veterinarian although he only practiced for a few years. (This letter is in Afrikaans)

Registration of facilities
Did you know that you may only render veterinary services (e.g. chemically immobilise animals, give veterinary advice and/or make a diagnosis, or dispense medicine) if you operate from a facility registered with Council?

Please contact Ms C Block at facilities@savc.org.za to register a facility or to confirm that your facility is registered.

In this regard please take note of Rule 4.5 “The place at or from which a person practises a veterinary profession shall comply with the applicable minimum standards for a consulting room, or an animal hospital, as the case may be, which are specified in these Rules, and be registered with Council.”

BULLETINS
REVIEW OF RULES PERTAINING TO THE PRACTISING OF THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONS
Why do the rules have to be changed? Change is as inevitable as life itself! The review of the rules which may be outdated presents new opportunities to the profession, which should be embraced!

It gives the veterinary and para-veterinary professions an opportunity to give input and to influence the way veterinary medicine will be practiced for the next 10 to 20 years. It is a tremendous opportunity!

SMSALLS
Veterinary Nurses / Animal Health Technicians Required
PDZA PEOPLES DISPENSARY FOR SICK ANIMALS BROMPTON CAPE TOWN
March 2014

The PDZA require the services of Veterinary Nurses

Abilities:
• Administer Primary health care on mobile units and in the hospital
• Driver’s license and willing to travel
• Afrikaans and Xhosa speaking is an advantage

Key Performance Areas:
• Patient Management
• Anaesthetic Induction
• Euthanasia
• Premedication
• Vaccination
• Basic Diagnostics

Preference will be given to candidates registered with (SAVC).
CV, proof of qualifications and registration to be forwarded to the Hospital and Operations Manager: e-mail nblaauw@pdza.org.za
CR
fax (021) 6384096
Closing date: 30th April 2014

SMSALLS
Veterinary nurse required
JOB TITLE: MOBILE ANIMAL STERILISATION UNIT (MASU) CO-ORDINATOR
January 2014

The Animal Rescue Organisation is looking for an enthusiastic veterinary nurse to join ARG’s Outreach team as Mobile Animal Sterilisation Unit (MASU) Coordinator.

Applicants MUST
• Be registered with the SAVC
• Be willing to travel extensively within the Western Cape
• Have own driver’s license
• Be able to work independently and take the initiative
• Be passionate about animal welfare, primary healthcare and be able to promote MASU
• Have excellent management and people skills.

Advantage will be given to candidates who:
• Are bilingual
• Have outreach / theatre / anaesthetic experience
• Are computer and social media literate
• Salary is negotiable and dependant on experience and abilities. New graduates with the right abilities are welcome to apply.
• Please send a full CV to: avril@animalrescue.org.za

Closing date: 28th April 2014

MEETING DATES 2014
Full Council
27 May 2014
Cut-off date for submissions 29 April 2014

Executive Committee
26 May 2014
Cut-off date for submissions 28 April 2014

Education Committee
5 May 2014
Cut-off date for submissions 7 April 2014

Finance Committee
26 May 2014
Cut-off date for submissions 28 April 2014

Committee on Food Safety
26 May 2014
Cut-off date for submissions 9 May 2014

Investigation Committee
22 May 2014
Cut-off date for submissions 24 April 2014

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22 May 2014
Cut-off date for submissions 24 April 2014

Registration & Authorisation Committee
As and when required

Dates 2014

Committee on Specialisation
13 May 2014
Cut-off date for applications 30 April 2014
Economics for the Practising Veterinarian

Preliminary Programme

Monday, 2 June 2014 - Dairy
7:00 Registration
8:00 Welcome - Dianne Holmes
8:15 New developments in the Dutch dairy industry - Henk Hogeveen
8:30 Influence of dairy profitability: Working with large TMR tanks in the USA - Marinus de Loos
9:45 PROMOTION SESSION
10:00 Introduction of trade - Taffy Malan
10:10 VIDEO: The role of the veterinarian in a dairy business
11:00 Economic consequences of reproductive performance in dairy cattle - Jan du Preez
12:00 The importance of easily accessible data for the dairy veterinarian - Gordon Adam
12:30 Dairy Standards: The veterinarian's role - Jompie Burger and Danie van der Merwe
13:30 LUNCH
14:15 The economic impact of extensive bovine leucosis in affected dairy cows - Jan de Vreugt
14:30 Discussion on Dairy Standards and certification - Taffy Malan
15:15 PROMOTION SESSION
15:45 TEA
16:00 Maternal control: Monitoring, managing and interpreting - Andrew Hansen - Sponsored by Hipra
16:15 A deterministic economic model of clinical and subclinical mastitis under South African conditions - Chris van Dak
17:00 The potential economic impact of the interpretation of bovine Brucellosis test results - Speaker to be confirmed
17:30 Brucellos Testabacteriae and Brucellosis in South Africa - Seththy Devendra

Tuesday, 3 June 2014 - Sheep
7:00 Gala dinner at exhibitors
8:00 Amendment to the rules relating to the practice of veterinary professions - Dimantia Botha
8:30 The economics of an infectious disease outbreak: Using the European Q Fever epidemic as a model - Henk Hogeveen
9:00 Economic impact of extended lactation in ewe-dams - Martin van der Hart - Sponsored by Bayer
9:45 PROMOTION SESSION
10:00 VIDEO: The role of the veterinarian in a sheep business
10:15 TEA
10:45 The economic impact of subclinical BVD and FMD infections in cattle herds - Santiago Candelauren - Sponsored by Virbac
11:15 The economic value of trace mineral supplementation to the farmer and veterinarian - Stephanie Hanners - Sponsored by Zoetis
11:45 The use of growth enhancing technology the factory, the facts, and the economic benefits associated with the use thereof - Martin van der Hart
12:15 The veterinarian's role in managing small beef feedlots more profitably - Willem Schabrans - Sponsored by Zoetis
12:45 PROMOTION SESSION
13:15 LUNCH
14:15 The sensitivity of pooled vs. single preputial scrapings in the diagnosis of Trichomonosis in bulls using PCR - C. Steele Scott
14:45 VIDEO: The role of the veterinarian in a small stock business
15:15 TEA
15:45 The economic effects of heel composition in sheep feet - Dave Milgrey
16:15 The cost of veterinary services and the role of the veterinarian in sheep health in South Africa - Diane Jones
17:45 PROMOTION SESSION
18:15 LUNCH
18:45 TEA
19:15 The effectiveness of day-old chicks - John Kromkamp
19:45 Closed book: improve the sustainability of extensive sheep farms - Johan Doms
20:15 Game drives/tea at exhibitors

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Associate Members
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Safari tents (sleep 2): R525 per tent

Gala Dinner: SPONSORED by Hipra

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• serve the interests of the people of South Africa by promoting competent, efficient, accessible and needs-driven service delivery in the animal health and animal welfare professions;
• 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.

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