SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL

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VISION

A representative organisation of the veterinary and para-veterinary professions, promoting the health and well-being of all peoples of South Africa through the promotion of animal health, production and well-being.

MISSION

The South African Veterinary Council seeks, through the statutes of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 to serve the interest of the people of South Africa by:

- Promoting competent, efficient, accessible and needs-driven service delivery in the animal health care sector;
- Protect the health and well-being of animals and animal populations;

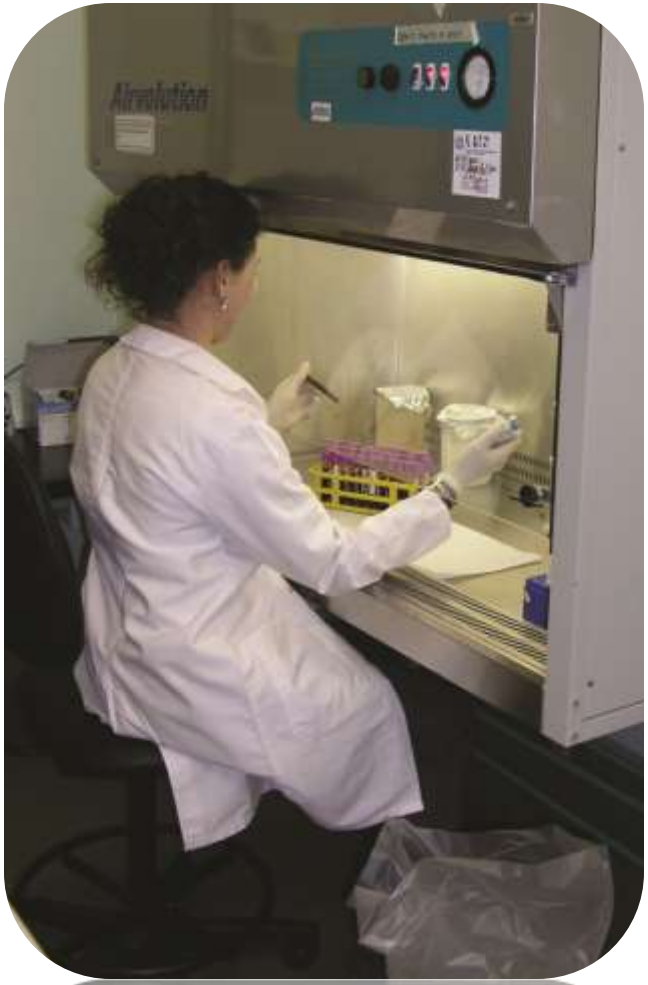
MISSION

- 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 veterinary and para-veterinary professions.

FUNCTIONS

The SAVC performed its core functions in line with its objects as follows:

- Regulate practice;
- Determine the minimum standards of tuition and training;
- Exercise effective control over the professional conduct;
- Determine the standards of professional conduct of persons;



FUNCTIONS

- Encourage and promote efficiency and responsibility;
- Protect the interests of the veterinary professions and para-veterinary professions;
- Maintain and enhance the prestige, status and dignity of the veterinary professions; and
- Advise the Minister on matters connected to the profession.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- Publication of the Amendment Act, Act No 16 of 2012 and finalisation of the compulsory community service regulations which is in the process of finalisation and is expected to come into operation around the end of 2013.

  The result will no doubt contribute to the **roll out of veterinary services to all communities in SA** and the more effective functioning of the SAVC.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- Objection, by the SAVC *inter alia* during a meeting held on 17 July 2012 with the DG of the Department of Environmental Affairs [DEA], regarding the requirement of TOPS permits for veterinarians rendering veterinary services to Threatened and Protected Species [TOPS];

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- The SAVC wishes to express its gratitude to the Ministry, who facilitated DEA deliberations with regard to the exemption of veterinarians from the requirement to obtain permits to treat TOPS.

  However the proposed exemption as gazetted for public comment does not take into consideration the veterinary professions' <u>pertinent arguments</u> pointed out to the DEA.

This matter is critical for the veterinary profession and the support of this Portfolio Committee and the Ministry

is AT THIS STAGE of utmost importance to the veterinary profession.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- The court action by the Wildlife Ranching SA [WRSA] against the SAVC for its decision to implement changes to Rule 10 relating to anaesthesia of animals. Rule 10 determines that veterinarians are the end users **of highly scheduled medicines** for purposes of anaesthesia as anaesthesia [chemical immobilisation] is a veterinary procedure. The WRSA seeks to by court action obtain approval for game capturers and game farmers to anaesthetise game animals.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- Administrative adjustments, by appointment of a competent temporary staff member and the establishment of a pool of pro forma complainants, to address the unfortunate backlog in the conducting of inquiries [a core function of Council] into the professional conduct of members.

  [Of the 24 backlogged inquiries 17 inquiries were finalised within a period of three months].

INQUIRIES 2013

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- Implementation of two of the SAVC's 2012 key strategic goals, namely:
  - The appointment of key staff members and thereby establishing capacity within the ranks, as well as the appointment of a permanent registrar; and
  - Progressive improvement of service delivery.

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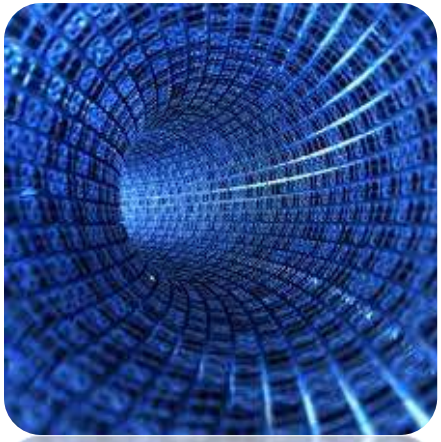
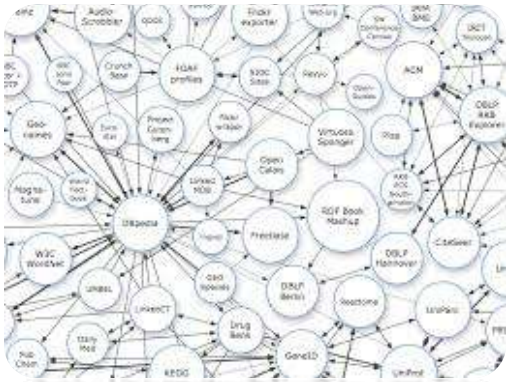
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- Specification of data requirements for transformation of the information technology of the SAVC.
- The transformation of data and records will address the lack of flexibility to communicate on electronic platforms with stakeholders. Interfaces are to be created between data and the SAVC's website to assist in delivery of an improved service.
- Tenders based on the data requirements have been invited and are currently being considered by Council.





SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- Improved interest by black students and increased enrolment for veterinary science at UP due to successful marketing.
- The election process commenced during this period and a new Council was inducted on 31 July 2013; and
- Realisation that the current SAVC Office in Arcadia is no longer suitable for the image of the SAVC and the number of staff members that need to be accommodated. The Council will relocate as soon as the new premises is available.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- Finalisation of implementation of visitation reports of the only two tertiary institutions in the country producing animal health technicians.

- Improved communication with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries [DAFF]. We acknowledge and appreciate the effort of the Ministry in affording the Council the opportunity to engage with the department on relevant matters.

Visitation 2010: Unisa

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS

- The World Organisation on Animal Health [OIE] **audit of the performance of veterinary services** in the country will no doubt identify the shortfalls in the country.

- Participation at various levels to combat the major problem of Rhino poaching in the country.

REPORT ON COMMITTEES

Council exercised all functions under its Committee system:

- CPD Committee
- Education Committee
- Fees Committee
- Finance Committee
- Inspections Committee
- Investigation Committee
- Registration and Authorisation Committee
- Specialisation Committee

REGISTRATION

A total of **4 993 veterinary and para-veterinary professionals** were registered with the SAVC on 31 March 2013 and **370 persons were authorised** to perform veterinary or para-veterinary professional services. The administration encouraged members to register and to maintain their registration.

REGISTRATION STATISTICS 2012 - 2013

Professionals registered/ authorised to perform veterinary / para-veterinary services on 31 March 2013	Number registered 2012	%	Number registered 2013	%
Veterinarians (incl 18 with restricted registration)	2824	59.10	2972	59.52
Veterinary Specialists	142	2.97	147	2.94
Animal Health Technicians	998	20.88	1010	20.22
Laboratory Animal Technologists	21	0.44	21	0.42
Veterinary Nurses	556	11.64	578	12
Veterinary Technologists	237	4.97	265	5.30
Subtotals	**4778**	**100**	**4993**	**100**
Persons authorised in terms of Section 23(1)	362		376	
Total	**5140**		**5369**	

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Profession	Registrations	(Removals)	Re-registrations	Gains (Loss)
Veterinarian	161	(95)	80	146 (15)
Competence Specific (Restrict)	4	(2)	-	2
Veterinary Specialist	6	(1)	-	5
Animal Health Technician	49	(75)	38	12
Laboratory Animal Technologist	-	-	-	-
Veterinary Nurse	47	(35)	10	22
Veterinary Technologist	41	(17)	4	28
Authorised 2012/2013	Authorisations	(Removals)	Renewal	Gains (Loss)
Veterinarian	11	(18)	7	-
Animal Health Technician	2	(4)	5	3
Laboratory Animal Technologist	8	(6)	4	6
Veterinary Nurse	-	(3)	1	(2)
Veterinary Technologist	2	(12)	11	1
Animal Welfare Assistant	16	(54)	44	6

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Profession	2010	2011	2012	Gain (Loss)	2013	Gain (Loss)
Veterinarian (Exclude CSR)	2758	2820	2808	(12)	2954	146
Competence Specific Registered Veterinarian	13	15	16	1	18	2
Veterinary Specialist	132	140	142	2	147	5
Animal Health Technician	962	993	998	5	1010	12
Laboratory Animal Technologist	24	21	21	-	21	-
Veterinary Nurse	510	539	556	17	578	22
Veterinary Technologist	200	209	237	28	265	28
	4599	4737	4778	41	4993	215
Authorised i.t.o section 23(1)	332	443	362	(81)	376	14
			5140		5369	229

AUDITED STATEMENTS
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2013

	Note	2013	2012
ASSETS:			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		3154523	3061779
Fixed Assets	2	2636737	2610438
Investments	3	517786	451341
CURRENT ASSETS		7035629	4341836
Accounts receivable and prepayments		23168	20000
Short term investment and accrued interest		6504715	3915795
Cash at bank		507746	406041
TOTAL ASSETS		10190151.8	7403615

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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES:

ACCUMULATED FUNDS		8155199	6024985
Balance 1 April		6024985	5362771
Net surplus for the year		2130214	662214
Skills development fund	4	197130	149881
CURRENT LIABILITIES		1837823	1228749
Accounts payable		1365956	534974
Examination fees in advance		143616	329601
2013 Student registrations		39575	30473
Fees paid in advance		288676	333701
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		10190152	7403615

QUESTIONS?