

# SAVC ANNUAL REPORT

*&* FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**1 APRIL 2012 - 31 MARCH 2013**



# **SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL**

High Standard Veterinary Practice



**Annual Report for the period  
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**THE SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL**

The Annual Report for the period **1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013** 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 2012 to 31 March 2013**

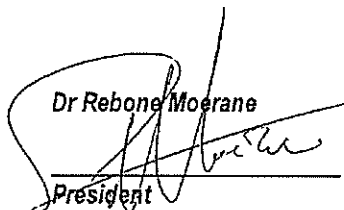
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Mr HJ Arendse  
Dr AM Banderker  
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Mr J Oosthuizen  
Dr JA Pretorius  
Dr I Sonntag  
Dr J van Heerden  
Dr BA Wenhold

**IN OFFICE**

Mrs L Havinga (Registrar)

**AUDITORS**

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Registered Accountants and Auditors  
Chartered Accountants (S.A.)

*Dr Rebone Moerane*  
  
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President

*Mrs Lynette Havinga*  
  
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Registrar

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

The mission 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*” remained intact.

Full Council met with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Dr Pieter Mulder on 23 October 2012. For purposes of this meeting the SAVC requested the Deputy Minister to inform the Council on what the Ministry wanted the SAVC to pursue. Seven points were highlighted by the Deputy Minister as follows:

- The Amendment Bill and the support and effort of the SAVC to have the Bill passed was commended;
- The World Animal Health Organisation [OIE] review of veterinary services took place and the Deputy Minister met twice with the OIE delegation. The report should be consulted;
- The supply of unregistered, cheap and unsafe medicines posed a problem. Food safety was compromised and some members of the profession supplied illegal medicines to lay persons;
- The veterinary professions had to carefully listen to rural problems and critically make input on solutions to rural problems and development. Public-private-partnerships could be part of the solution. The positive attitude towards Compulsory Community Veterinary services was encouraging. The rural-urban divide makes it evident that access to veterinary services in rural areas was a problem;
- The Rhino poaching problem was spiraling out of control and the veterinary profession was requested to think how further steps could be taken to address the poaching issues;
- Specialisation in particular fields such as aqua-culture and fish had to be supported; and
- The rabies outbreak in KZN was a concern and both KZN and Gauteng invested funds into the problem. The efforts of the profession to address the rabies problem and the guideline published on rabies, a collaborative effort which included the veterinary profession, was appreciated.

The past year, relating to the period of this report, will be remembered by the significant developments and events as follows:

- Administrative adjustments to address the unfortunate backlog in the conducting of inquiries into the professional conduct of members, which is one of the core functions of Council. The problem arose due to incompetence of certain staff members, but was rectified to a large extent within this period of report;
- Implementation of two of the SAVC's 2012 key strategic plans namely:
  - the appointment of staff members and thereby establishing capacity within the ranks, as well as the appointment, after fifteen months in the acting position, of a permanent registrar; and
  - progressive improvement of service delivery by the administration in particular telephone enquiries and a revamped Newsletter;
- Specification of data requirements included in a proposed request for proposal with a view to appoint a service provider for transformation of the information technology of the SAVC;
- Objection, by the SAVC *inter alia* during a meeting held on 17 July 2012 with the Director General of the Department of Environment, regarding the requirement of permits for veterinarians rendering veterinary services to Threatened and Protected Species [TOPS];
- Continued threats of court action by the Wildlife Ranching SA [WRSA] against the SAVC for its decision to implement changes to Rule 10 of the rules for veterinarians, relating to prescription and dispensing of highly scheduled medicines and published as amended on 8 June 2012;
- Meetings held with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Registrar of Medicines [Act 101 of 1965] and the Registrar of Act 36 of 1947;
- Publication of the Amendment Act, Act No 10 of 2012 and finalisation of the compulsory community service regulations which kept on protracting the coming into operation of the Act as the finalisation of the CCS regulations will have to coincide with the Act coming into operation;
- Efforts to market the achievement of the veterinary profession to limit access and use of highly scheduled medicines to the veterinary profession out of the hands of lay persons;
- Improved interest by black students and increased enrolment for veterinary science at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP due to the successful marketing of veterinary science as a career;
- Commencement of the election process of a new Council within the next period of report; and
- Realisation that the current SAVC Office at 874 Stanza Bopape [Church] Street, Lisdogan Park, Arcadia is no longer suitable for the image of the SAVC and the number of staff members that need to be accommodated.

## PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW

I am pleased to present the 2012/2013 annual report of the South African Veterinary Council.

The South African Veterinary Council continued through the contribution of the administration, Councillors and input from members of the profession, to deliver on its set mandate in terms of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act. The mandate includes promotion of the adopted vision namely *"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"*. The major highlights for the year include:

- The preparation of the Amendment Bill (Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Amendment Bill) which catered for various aspects including the provision for future graduates to participate in a compulsory veterinary community service [CCS] programme. We are extremely excited that the adoption of the Bill by the cabinet and the signing thereof by the President accompanied by the support from all stake-holders will fast-track implementation of CCS in the near future.
- Improvement of the capacity within the administration by improving the levels and appointing relevant people with particular expertise to various positions.
- Finalisation of visitation reports of the only two tertiary institutions in the country producing animal health technicians. The institutions were engaged on the shortfalls identified over the three year period 2010 - 2013 and we are encouraged by the willingness of the two institutions in improving the quality and standards of training.
- Appointment of external legal expertise to deal with the identified backlog of disciplinary inquiries against certain members of the professions.
- Improved communication with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries [DAFF] and we acknowledge and appreciate the effort of the Ministry in affording the council the opportunity to engage with the department on relevant matters. The decision of the department to allow the World Organisation on Animal Health to conduct an audit of the performance of veterinary services in the country will no doubt identify the shortfalls in the country and, by working together with all role players, we believe that solutions could easily be developed and implemented. In particular also the implementation of public private partnerships.
- Participation at various levels to combat the major problem of Rhino poaching in the country. Activities included developing guidelines on dealing with injured Rhinos, presentation to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee of Environment and Water Affairs and discussions with relevant bodies within the security cluster.
- Preparations for the election and appointment of the new council as the current council activities were to terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013.

There were however, a few major challenges which the council identified and had to seriously engage on. This included among others the following:

- The long time it is still taking for the Department of Environmental Affairs to decide on the appeal submitted by the council to exempt members of the veterinary profession from the permit system required in terms of the Threatened or Protected Species regulations under the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act [NEMBA]. We acknowledge that the consultation process with all relevant stakeholders is the main reason for the delay but still hope that a reasonable settlement will be decided upon sooner than later to avoid any possible and unnecessary legal action.

- The court action instituted by the Wildlife Ranching South Africa [WRSA] against the council and the Minister [DAFF] for the decision by the SAVC on implementing amendments to Rule 10 (of the rules for the veterinary profession) relating to prescription and dispensing of highly scheduled medicines.
- The continuous negative perception amongst some members of the public regarding the allegations of a few members of the profession being involved with Rhino poaching.
- The possible relocation of council offices as the current offices is no longer suitable for the administrative purposes and the image of the organisation.

I have been afforded the opportunity to lead the organisation as the President in the last two terms of office and have experienced the positive attitude and transformation between staff members and within the organisation and the impact of the council decision in society. These positive changes would not have been possible if it was not for the dedication, contribution, support and the leadership of the Registrar, Mrs L Havinga and staff, comprehensive inputs from the various veterinary professions, commitment of the Councillors and the Executive and, the support of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. We hope that the incoming Council will take forward the vision of the Council and through their innovative ideas, improve the systems and contribution of the profession in society at large.

Rebone Moerane

## 1. Administration

The management of the administration continued under the leadership of Mrs L Havinga (Acting Registrar). Mrs CE Pienaar (Registrar) resigned within the first two months of this period of report.

In-house training and skills development are ongoing activities as part of management responsibilities.

This period was marked by the evaluation of the administration and the effectiveness of its services in a changing environment. The outcomes of these evaluations will only bear fruit in the next period of report.

Monitoring and Examinations Co-ordinator, Ms G St Francis resigned at the end of this period of report.

## 2. Council and its Executive

### 2.1 Council

#### 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013

**Dr R Moerane** (President) (Member of the Executive Committee) Elected Member: Veterinary profession

**Dr AP de Vos** (Vice President) Elected Member: Veterinary profession

**Dr J Adam** Elected Member: Veterinary profession

**Mr HJ Arendse** [appointed June 2011] Elected Member: Laboratory animal technology

**Dr AM Banderker** Designated by the Minister

**Dr GAP Carlisle** Elected Member: Veterinary profession

**Dr ST Cornelius** Designated by the Minister

**Ms N Kadwa** Designated by the Minister on account of knowledge of law

**Sr T Lötter** Elected Member: Veterinary Nursing profession

**Dr CP Marwick** Elected Member: Veterinary profession

**Mr JJ Müller** Elected Member: Veterinary technology

**Prof TL Nedambale** Designated by the Minister [non-veterinary professional]

**Dr BR Ntshabele** Designated by the Minister representing the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

**Dr DJ Odendaal** Elected Member: Veterinary profession

**Mr J Oosthuizen** Elected Member: Animal health technician

**Dr JA Pretorius** [was re-instated in this period of report] Designated by the Minister

**Dr I Sonntag** Representing the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP

**Dr J van Heerden** Representing the South African Veterinary Association

**Dr BA Wenhold** Designated by the Minister

#### 2.1.1 Council Meetings

- 5 June 2012
- 23 October 2012
- 12 and 13 February 2013

#### 2.1.2 Apologies received

- 5 June 2012

Dr JR Adam

Dr BR Ntshabele



- 23 October 2012  
Dr DJ Odendaal
- 12 February 2013  
Mr JJ Müller  
Prof L Nedambale  
Dr BR Ntshabele
- 13 February 2013  
Dr ST Cornelius  
Ms N Kadwa

## 2.2 Executive Committee

### 2.2.1 Members of the Executive Committee

#### 1 April 2012 -31 March 2013

Dr R Moerane, President  
Dr AP De Vos, Vice President  
Dr C P Marwick, Member

### 2.2.2 Meetings of the Executive Committee

Represented by the full committee and/or the President, Vice President, Registrar, Councillors

- 10 May 2012: Executive Committee
- 4 June 2012: Onderstepoort Veterinary Students Council (OPVSC)  
South African Veterinary Association (SAVA)  
Animal Welfare Organisations (AWOs)  
Wildlife Ranchers Association of SA (WRSA)
- 6 June 2012: SA Veterinary Laboratory Scientific Forum (SAVLSF)
- 22 October 2012: Executive Committee
- 23 October 2012: Dr P Mulder (Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)
- 11 December 2012: Wildlife Ranchers Association of SA (WRSA)
- 11 February 2013: Executive Committee  
Medicines Control Council (MCC)  
South African Association of Animal Health (SAAHA)  
South African Equine Veterinary Association (SAEVA), a group of the SAVA  
and The National Horse Racing Authority (NHA)

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

#### 1 April 2012 -31 March 2013

### 3.1 Members of the CPD Accreditation Committee

Dr J van Heerden (Chairperson)  
Prof R Kirberger

### 3.2 Meetings of the CPD Accreditation Committee

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

### 3.3 Developments

Compliance with the requirements of CPD for the veterinary profession was audited as follows:

- 2006-2009: 2 318 veterinarians had to comply with CPD requirements for this cycle. 47 veterinarians did not comply. Disciplinary action will be instituted based on the non-compliance with the regulations relating to CPD. The next audit for this group will be reported to Council in 2013 as the next cycle [2009-2012] for this group ends in 2012;
- 2007-2010: 106 veterinarians had to comply with CPD requirements for this cycle. 5 veterinarians did not comply. These veterinarians have been given a further opportunity to ensure compliance and/or apply for deferment by no later than the end of 2011. Those who thereafter do not comply will have disciplinary action instituted against them by the Council. The next audit for this group will be reported to Council in 2014 as the next cycle [2010-2013] for this group ends in 2013;
- 2008-2011: 120 veterinarians had to comply with CPD requirements for this cycle. 58 veterinarians did not comply. These 58 registered veterinarians will be given a further opportunity to log their CPD points and/or apply for deferment to ensure compliance with CPD. Those who thereafter do not comply will have disciplinary action instituted against them by the Council. The next audit for this group will be reported to Council in 2015 as the next cycle [2011-2014] for this group ends in 2014; and
- 2009-2012: 2 620 veterinarians had to comply with CPD requirements for this cycle. 1 861 veterinarians did not comply. These registered veterinarians will be given a further opportunity to log their CPD points and/or apply for deferment to ensure compliance with CPD. Those who thereafter do not comply will have disciplinary action instituted against them by the Council. This cycle is the final cycle to be audited by submission of points obtained by members.

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

A total number of 173 applications for the accreditation of courses were considered during the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 with ultimately 154 being accredited. Eleven (11) applications were not accredited, nine (9) applications owed outstanding documentation and one (1) application was withdrawn.

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

Council finalised the new policy guideline for para-veterinary professionals in October 2009 along similar guidelines as for the veterinary profession. Implementation will only commence after the completion of a pilot project which had commenced in August 2010 and which is foreseen to be extended.

#### **4. Education Committee**

##### **1 April 2012 -31 March 2013**

##### **4.1 Members of the Education Committee**

Dr AP de Vos (Chairperson)

Mr HJ Arendse

Dr KE Joubert

Sr T Lötter

Mr JJ Müller

Dr DJ Odendaal

Mr J Oosthuizen

Dr I Sonntag representative of the Dean Prof GE Swan

##### **Co-opted members**

Dr P Kayoka-Kabongo (UNISA)

Dr JJ Sauer (TUT: July 2012)

Prof D du Toit (TUT: Jan 2013)

Prof B Dzomo (NWU: 7 May 2013)

Dr M Mwanza (NWU: Jan 2013)

Dr R Naidoo (DAFF representative)

#### 4.2 Meetings of the Education Committee

7 May 2012

9 July 2012

28 January 2013

#### 4.3 Apologies received

7 May 2012

Dr KE Joubert

Dr M Nyirenda

Prof B Dzoma

9 July 2012

Mr J Oosthuizen

Prof GE Swan

28 January 2013

None

#### 4.4 Administration

The Committee welcomed Ms Leonie Westcott as the new Head of Education and experienced improved administrative support at all levels. Ms Westcott was supported by Mrs Lenora Erasmus.

#### 4.5 Developments and recommendations

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

##### STANDARDS OF TRAINING

The SAVC was informed by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on 8 October 2012 that the SAVC was recognised as a Professional Body for the purposes of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act, Act 67 of 2008. The chairperson of the SAVC Education Committee, Dr Anne de Vos, and the SAVC Head of Education, Ms Leonie Westcott, attended a SAQA Professional Bodies

Policy Launch and Recognition event on 29 January 2013 where the honourable Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande delivered the keynote address.

## **VISITATIONS**

### **The Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria (UP) (2013)**

The visitation to the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP was scheduled to take place from 16-24 May 2013 and much time was spent in preparation for it. Dr D Odendaal would be the team leader of the visitation team to the veterinary nurse (DVN) and the veterinary training (BVSc). The Committee invited team members and observers from several Veterinary Boards abroad.

The visitation teams received the completed Self-Evaluation Report (SER) from the Faculty well in advance and had adequate time to prepare for the visitation.

### **The College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, UNISA (2010)**

UNISA's report was accepted for continued registration. All remedial actions have been carried out as suggested.

### **The Faculty of Agriculture, Science and Technology (FAST), Mafikeng Campus, North West University (NWU) (2010)**

After areas of concern were identified during the visitation in 2010 and reported at Council on 1 June 2011, two delegates of the original visitation team to NWU, Messrs D Kriel and D Visser, conducted a fact-finding visit in February 2012 and their report stated a number of issues still to be addressed before the end of 2012. A follow up visit was conducted by Dr D Odendaal, Dr M Nombekela-Madiba, Messrs D Kriel and D Visser from 3-5 September 2012.

Prof M Maselesele, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Science and Technology and Prof O Oladele, Director of the School of Agriculture, paid the Committee a very productive visit in July 2012.

A very good effort was made by the Institute to follow up on all remaining recommendations and positive feedback was received.

## **INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION: OBSERVERS**

The SAVC was invited to send an observer to the University of Sydney visitation in June 2012 and Dr D Odendaal attended and gained valuable experience towards leading the team to Onderstepoort in 2013.

The SAVC was again invited to send an observer to the University of Melbourne visitation. Prof P Irons attended the visitation from 17 – 22 March 2013. He was congratulated afterwards for his valuable contribution to the team.

Dr D Holm, SAVC Examination Officer for 2013, attended the Namibian Veterinary Council Examination on 18 February 2013 with the view of starting discussions on reciprocity whereby the written component (computer based examination) of the SAVC examination can be combined with the Council of Namibia (planned for September 2014).

## **REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS**

2012 Examination results were approved by Council on 23 October 2012. The Computer Based Examination process was well administrated and ran better than in the past. Work started on the conversion of the Veterinary Technology examination as well.

There is ongoing co-operation between the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP and the SAVC regarding the databank of questions. The Faculty proposed that the Council examinations be used for final year students, once ownership of the databank had been confirmed and an agreement entered into. Council accepted the proposal in principle.

Examination panels 2012

Examination Officer – Dr D Holm

### **Veterinary Examination 2012**

#### Computer Based Examination (CBE)

Moderators - Session 1: Dr J Williams and Prof A Leisewitz

Moderators - Session 2: Prof K Pettey and Dr M-L Penrith

Oral/Practical Examination

Moderator: Prof G Rautenbach

Examiners

Panel 1: Clinical procedures Dogs and Cats – A: Dr M Peck and B: Dr M Meyer

Panel 2: Clinical procedures Horses – A: Dr A Viljoen and B: Dr T Casey

Panel 3: Clinical procedures Production Animals - A: Dr E du Preez and B. Dr H Basson

Panel 4: Pathology & VPH - A: Dr H Nel and Dr J Williams

**Veterinary Nursing Examination 2012**Computer Based Examination (CBE)

Moderator - Sessions I and II: Sr AE Botha

Oral/Practical Examination

Moderator: Sr AE Botha

Panel 1: Theatre Practice - Sr R Fourie

Panel 2: Surgical Nursing - Dr M Hartman

Panel 3: Medical Nursing - Dr V McClure

Panel 4: Radiography - Ms C Makanjee

Panel 5: Anaesthesia - Prof F Stegmann

Panel 6: Reproductive Nursing - Dr K May

**Animal Health Technicians Examination 2012**Computer Based Examination (CBE)

Moderators - Sessions I and II: Dr K Perrett and Dr T Mlilo

Oral/Practical Examination

Moderator: Mr J Oosthuizen

Panel 1: Dr L Cele - Examiner

Panel 2: Mr P Lourens - Examiner

## 2012 Results

| Profession                | Number of candidates who sat the CBE | Number of candidates who passed the CBE and Oral/Practical Examination |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Veterinarians             | 35                                   | 21   |
| Veterinary Nurses         | 5                                    | 1  |
| Animal Health Technicians | 6                                    | 2  |

### MONITORING STANDARDS: MONITORS' REPORTS 2011

All reports and comments were accepted for continued registration for the following professions: DVN (UP), Animal Health Diploma/Degree (NWU), Animal Health Diploma/Degree (UNISA) and Veterinary Technologists (TUT).

### GUIDELINES, FORMS AND POLICIES

Monitoring guidelines, forms and timelines were in the process of being revised after input was solicited from current and past monitors for suggestions to improve the system. Also attended to were:

- The examination documents
- The proposed Minimum Requirements for training for merchandising staff
- Para-veterinary specialisation guidelines
- Para-veterinary CPD

### GLOBAL ACCREDITATION

A draft Memorandum of Agreement was drawn up between the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) with the aim to work towards a future agreement. This would entail the RCVS acknowledging the SAVC visitation process so that in future the RCVS need not send its own full visitation team to the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP, but may instead send an observer to join the SAVC's future visits. Two members of the RCVS, Dr Jill Nute and Prof John Innes, will join the 2013 visitation to the University of Pretoria and a decision will be taken based on the success of the 2013 visitation.



An agreement was due to be signed between the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) and the SAVC in May 2013 with a view to recognise criteria for visitations to training institutions. The qualifications of those institutions visited along similar criteria may be accepted for automatic registration.

### **CONTACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and OTHER STAKEHOLDERS**

Several meetings and information sessions were attended by councilors as well as administrative staff, including:

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) Professional Body Forum was attended.

A meeting on 7 March 2012 between the training institutions, the Faculty of Veterinary Science (UP), Prof Swan; Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), Prof P Marais and Prof D du Toit, the CEO of the CHE on the training of lay persons.

The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Learners' Record Database Upload training.

A meeting on 14 August 2012 with Dr D Parker, Acting DDG for University Branch, Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and Dr E van Staden, Chief Director Academic Planning / Management support (Universities).

The meetings of the Independent Professional Body Forum were attended.

The Committee invited Mr J Dlamini of DAFFET to visit and investigate possibilities of better liaison on education matters with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) in future.

Ms H van Rensburg visited the Committee to explain new expectations of the DHET from professional bodies in terms of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

### **ANIMAL PHYSICAL REHABILITATION**

The Committee was indirectly involved with the inaugural Working Group meeting held 21 November 2012 that was to birth a new para-profession.

## **5. Committee on Fees**

### **5.1 Members of the Committee on Fees**

**1 April 2012- 31 March 2013**

Dr JR Adam (Chairperson)

Ms N Kadwa

Dr TL Nedambale

Dr IG Southern

Dr BA Wenhold

### **5.2 Meetings of the Committee on Fees**

3 September 2012

31 January 2013

### **5.3 Apologies received**

No apologies

As in the past 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 but to indicate Council's opinion on the reasonableness of a fee charged. Registered Veterinarians are reminded annually by the Committee that fee setting is not permitted due to regulations set by the Competition Commission. A meeting was held with the Consumer Commissioner to clarify aspects of veterinary practice and liability.

Individual practices 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 primary animal health care [PAHC] often take place without payment and/or with discounted fees for these services.

The Committee accepted that the number of inputs received was due to the streamlining and the consultative process. The fees for 2012 were increased with 8% in both the minimum and maximum bands. Furthermore, a distinction will not be made for specialist fees but the current policy be retained namely specialist services at a rate of 1.5 times charged by general practitioners was recommended.

The committee resolved to in the future meet only once a year.

## **6. Finance Committee**

### **6.1 Members of the Finance Committee**

**1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013**

It was resolved to adjust the position of the Portfolio Finance and to establish a Finance Committee during this period of report. The first committee was elected as follows:

Dr CP Marwick (Chairperson)

Dr J Adam

Dr BA Wenhold

## **6.2 Meetings of the Finance Committee**

30 January 2013

## **6.3 Apologies received**

No apologies

## **6.4 Budget**

### **6.4.1 Budget 2012.2013**

The budget accommodated some of the strategic developments of the SAVC to include expenditure for:

- Core functions, administration of the Act, specifically the keeping of a register, monitoring standards of training and exercising control over the conduct of the veterinary and para-veterinary professions;
- Market related salaries as a first priority to attract suitable staff to perform the functions of the administration and to retain expertise;
- Global accreditation activities;
- Public relations; and
- A functional inspectorate.

### **6.4.2 Budget 2013.2014**

The budget was expanded to provide for an overall increase on expenditure of 10% to cover the costs for the SAVC's core functions but also the provisions of the Amendment Act including-

- An Appeals Committee;
- The Suspension Committee; and
- An Inspectorate.

Furthermore provision was made in the budget for strategic developments as follows:

- A Communication and Marketing strategy;
- Information Technology transformation to improve communication; and
- A functional Inspectorate.

In addition it became necessary to provide for legal costs in view thereof that

- The SAVC was threatened by the Wildlife Ranching SA with legal action in the High Court;
- Appointment of a pool of pro forma complainants for disciplinary inquiries; and
- Legal opinion had to be sourced in matters relating to the requirements for veterinarians to obtain permits to treat Threatened and Protected Species [TOPS] under the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act.

## **7. Investigation Committee**

### **7.1 Members of the Investigation Committee**

## 1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013

Dr GAP Carlisle (Chairperson)  
Dr R Mulder  
Dr MP Verseput  
Dr BM Modisane

### 7.2 Meetings of the Investigation Committee

3 May 2012  
26 July 2012  
4 October 2012  
24 January 2013

### 7.3 Apologies received

- 3 May 2012  
Dr BM Modisane
- 26 July 2012  
Dr BM Modisane  
Dr M Verseput
- 4 October 2012  
Dr BM Modisane
- 24 January 2013  
Dr BM Modisane
- 26 March 2013  
Dr BM Modisane

### 7.4 Administration

Telephonic enquiries relating to complaints were dealt with on a daily basis by the Administration as in the past advising prospective complainants on what the complaints procedure entails. The information on how to submit a complaint had been available on the website and on request by email, surface mail or facsimile. Members of the public have access to a separate area where they can find specific guidelines on how to submit a complaint and/or and account for assessment. Complainants are encouraged to first discuss the matter that has initiated their concerns with the member concerned, with a view to resolving the matter.

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

- The total number of formal complaints for this period: **76**
  - 5 complaints were finalised administratively as complainants did not submit supporting affidavits
  - 68 complaints were submitted to the Investigation committee for consideration
  - 3 complainants withdrew their complaints before submission of the case to the Investigation committee.
- The committee dealt with the **68** complaints as follows:
  - **17** finalised finding no unprofessional conduct
  - **3** matters referred to mediation
  - **6** matters issuing directives to improve professional conduct

- 7 matters referred to formal inquiries
  - 19 matters required further information and should be finalised in the next reporting period
  - 2 Matters awaiting finalisation of normal Courts of law
  - 5 Matters were accounts
  - 7 Matters were CPD matter to be referred to a one person inquiry
  - 1 Matter was referred to the Registration and Authorisation committee
  - 1 Matter the complainant was advised to settle the account prior to consideration
- The 7 matters referred to Inquiry Bodies for formal hearings should be finalised in the next reporting period.

## 8. Registration and Authorisation Committee

### 8.1 Members of the Registration and Authorisation Committee

1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013

Dr BA Wenhold (Chairperson)  
 Dr A Banderker  
 Sr T Lötter  
 Mr J Oosthuizen

### 8.2 Meetings of the Registration and Authorisation Committee

8 May 2012  
 11 October 2012  
 29 January 2013

### 8.3 Apologies received

No apologies

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

- **veterinarians involved in animal welfare**- the guidelines had been reviewed and in particular veterinary supervision was defined;
- **authorisation of animal welfare assistants**- the guideline documents, especially those concerning the use of medicines were reviewed and a medicine checklist were developed and finalised October 2012;
- **animal welfare assistants / veterinary welfare assistants (VWA)** - the scope of practise and rules for this prospective veterinary para profession were developed and finalised by the Committee. However the development of the curriculum could not be finalised in this period of report and is not foreseen to be finalised within the next period of report;
- **veterinary clinical facilities, sterilisation campaigns and community engagement**-facilities from which veterinary clinical services are rendered are required to register with Council and where the standards for these facilities cannot be met application for exemption is made based on the need. The guidelines had been reviewed, amended and approved by Council (October 2012). The facility checklist were reviewed and approved by Council (January 2013). Sterilisation campaigns are undertaken in areas where there are usually no registered facilities and/or a lack of services exists. Due to increased number of applications, the guidelines for sterilisation campaigns and community engagement had been reviewed and finalised to accredit the veterinarian who is taking responsibility of the community

engagement campaigns in this period of report. The guideline was published on the SAVC's website (September 2012);

- **advertisements**- the policy relating to the publication of an advertisement for the services of a suitably registered veterinary and/or veterinary para professional was amended, finalised policy approved by Council (June 2012); and
- **registration policies**- an in-house policy document was drafted with regards to reduced maintenance fees for the registered professionals which are either: abroad, not practicing and /or studying full or part time, however the policy could not be finalised in this period of report.

#### SAVC Registration Examination Foreign Registered members

Council invited registered members who passed the SAVC's registration examination to take an oath similar to the one currently taken by BVSc graduates. The third such oath taking ceremony was implemented on 29 November 2012.

#### 8.4 Registrations, Removals, Renewals and Authorisations

A total of **4993 veterinary and veterinary para professionals** were registered with the SAVC on 31 March 2013 and **370 persons were authorised** to perform veterinary or veterinary para professional services. The administration encouraged members to register and to maintain their registration.

1 April 2012– 31 March 2013

#### Professionals registered/ authorised to perform veterinary /para-veterinary services on 31 March 2013

| Professionals   | Number registered 2012 | %          | Number registered 2013 | %          |
|---|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Veterinarians (including 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       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>4778</b>            | <b>100</b> | <b>4993</b>            | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Persons authorised in terms of section 23(1)</b>       | 362                    |            | 376                    |            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5140</b>            |            | <b>5369</b>            |            |

| Persons authorised in terms of section 23(1) to renders services of: | 2012       | 2013       |
|--|------------|------------|
| Veterinarian   | 18         | 18         |
| Animal Health Technician   | 43         | 46         |
| Laboratory Animal Technologist                                       | 20         | 26         |
| Veterinary Technologist  | 66         | 67         |
| Veterinary Nurse   | 5          | 3          |
| Animal Welfare Assistants  | 210        | 216        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>362</b> | <b>376</b> |

### Registrations/ authorisations and removals from the register during 2012/2013

| Professions                    | 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                  |
| <b>Authorised 2012/2013</b>    | <b>Authorisations</b> | <b>(Removals)</b> | <b>Renewal</b>   | <b>Gains (Loss)</b> |
| Veterinarians                  | 11                    | (18)              | 7                | -                   |
| Animal Health Technicians      | 2                     | (4)               | 5                | 3                   |
| Laboratory Animal Technologist | 8                     | (6)               | 4                | 6                   |
| Veterinary Nurses              | -                     | (3)               | 1                | (2)                 |
| Veterinary Technologists       | 2                     | (12)              | 11               | 1                   |
| Animal Welfare Assistants      | 16                    | (54)              | 44               | 6                   |

### Comparison with previous years on 31 March -

| Profession                                   | 2010        | 2011        | 2012        | Gain (Loss) | 2013        | Gain (Loss) |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Veterinarian (Exclude CSR)                   | 2758        | 2820        | 2808        | (12)        | 2954        | 146         |
| Competence Specific Registered Veterinarians | 13          | 15          | 16          | 1           | 18          | 2           |
| Veterinary Specialists                       | 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          |
|  | <b>4599</b> | <b>4737</b> | <b>4778</b> | <b>41</b>   | <b>4993</b> | <b>215</b>  |
| <b>Authorised i.t.o section 23(1)</b>        | 332         | 443         | 362         | (81)        | 376         | 14          |
|  |             |             | <b>5140</b> |             | <b>5369</b> | <b>229</b>  |

8.5 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:

#### Veterinary qualifications

- 1) Bahrenberg A      *Veterinary Surgeon Degree , Justus Liebig University, Geissen, Germany*
- 2) Chikuni NE      *BVSc, University of Zimbabwe*
- 3) Chiwome BA      *BVSc, University of Zimbabwe*
- 4) Dube MM      *BSc, University of Swaziland*
- 5) Gambanga TL      *BVSc, University of Zimbabwe*
- 6) Gaudex LIT      *DFSVM, Ecole National Veterinary University, Frans*
- 7) Gwatirisa B      *BVSc, University of Zimbabwe*
- 8) Hwabaya SRC      *BVSc, University of Zimbabwe*
- 9) Kamudyariwa S      *BVSc, University of Zimbabwe*
- 10) Karius S      *DVM, Ludwig Maximillian University, Minich, Germany*

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|------------------------|---|
| 11) Kubi KC            | BVM, University of Zambia                       |
| 12) Lukasik (Braun) MH | MSc, Warsaw Agric University, Poland            |
| 13) Mafonko RB         | BVM, University of Zambia                       |
| 14) Magadu R           | BVSc, University of Zimbabwe                    |
| 15) Moyo S             | BVSc, University of Zimbabwe                    |
| 16) Mugabe R           | BVSc, University of Zimbabwe                    |
| 17) Mumba T            | BVM, University of Zambia                       |
| 18) Russell J          | BVM, University College Dublin, Ireland         |
| 19) Samkange A         | BVSc, University of Zimbabwe                    |
| 20) Scott SE           | DVM, Crown University, USA                      |
| 21) Spargo RM          | BVSc, University of Zimbabwe                    |
| 22) Tagwireyi WM       | BVSc, University of Zimbabwe                    |
| 23) Van Huyssteen B    | BVSc (HONS), University of Melbourne, Australia |

## 9. Committee on Specialisation

### 9.1 Members of the Committee

1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013

Dr J Pretorius (Chairperson)  
 Prof R Lobetti  
 Dr D Miller  
 Prof HM Terblanche  
 Prof M Saulez

### 9.2 Meetings of the Committee on Specialisation

9 May 2012  
 3 October 2012

On 13 September 2012 a meeting was held with the Faculty of Veterinary Science to discuss specialist training and registration.

### 9.3 Apologies received

9 May 2012  
 Prof R Lobetti

3 October 2013  
 Prof M Saulez  
 Prof M Terblanche

### 9.4 Developments and recommendations

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



### **MONITORING STANDARDS OF TRAINING: MMEDVET PROGRAMMES 2011**

The 2011 positive monitoring reports and Faculty comments were accepted for continued registration purposes:

M.Med.Vet (Diagnostic Imaging): Prof SS vd Berg  
M.Med.Vet (Small Animal Medicine): Dr RG Lobetti  
M.Med.Vet (LAS): Dr B Mohr

### **MONITORING STANDARDS OF TRAINING: MMEDVET PROGRAMMES 2012**

The 2012 positive reports and Faculty comments were accepted for continued registration purposes:

M.Med.Vet (Hyg): Dr J du Preez  
M.Med.Vet (Equine Medicine): Dr C Donnellan  
M.Med.Vet (Small Animals): Dr T Schoeman

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A VETERINARY SPECIALIST**

The Committee on Specialisation recommended to Council that minimum standards for specialisation including the transition standards for registration as a veterinary specialist be included in the regulations. The suggested transition standards would be published as an addendum to the minimum standards for veterinary undergraduate standards.

### **CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)**

The Committee on Specialisation consulted all registered specialists on additional CPD requirements for veterinary specialists. (Specialists maintained registration as veterinarians by compliance with CPD requirements for veterinarians). The proposal not to accept additional CPD requirements for South African specialists was accepted by Council. It was acknowledged that the CPD requirements were not practical and could not be enforced in South Africa as the supply of specialist CPD courses and CPD criteria as proposed would be cost prohibitive as a result of the small number of specialists registered in South Africa, especially within each discipline.

### **SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR EACH DISCIPLINE**

Dr Pretorius reported on her liaison with the registered specialists with regard to the outcome of the workshops held in Gauteng and in Cape Town, and feedback by the Specialist Chairperson was circulated amongst the specialists and other stakeholders for example academia and state veterinary services.

The outcome of the workshops confirmed that the establishment of a specialist college was probably not feasible from a cost and capacity perspectives due to the small number of veterinary specialists registered in South Africa. Furthermore that the Council should not facilitate the establishment of a specialist college as Council is an assessor of standards and not a provider. It was suggested that the registered specialists in South Africa should consider establishing a specialist forum possibly under the auspices of the South African Veterinary Association [SAVA], or a separate forum or organisation to deal with issues relating to specialist training.

## **SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY SPECIALISATION AND GLOBAL ISSUES**

Dr Cedric Tutt was delegated to, on behalf of the SAVC, attend the Annual Business Meeting of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) and the International Veterinary Specialist Working Group on 20 and 21 April 2012 and submitted a report thereon. The report was positive in its proposals for co-operation with the EBVS and sharing of resources however no further developments took place in this regard.

## **DESIGNATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF NON-PRESCRIBED QUALIFICATIONS**

New specialist designations could not be added for specialist registration during this period as designations are linked to M.Med.Vet degrees which are prescribed in terms of the regulations.

The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) is in the process of registering professional bodies. A professional body such as the South African Veterinary Council is responsible for maintaining and monitoring the standards of training in the profession, including specialist training.

An increased number of international specialist qualifications for example equine dentistry were being submitted for registration purposes in South Africa during the period of report. Foreign qualifications and non-prescribed local postgraduate qualifications for which designations exist were evaluated through the process of peer review.

Council may in future also accept other routes for specialist training in South Africa i.e. training as a specialist would not be limited to university programmes and the students would be able to sit on-line examinations in South Africa on the same day as, for example on which a European College examination takes place. Questions in the examination that may not be relevant to local conditions would be removed. A lot of time, effort and resources would be shared by collaborating with international specialist bodies. International accreditation would depend on mutual agreements between the universities and/ or other registered training facilities and the specialist colleges abroad. It was acknowledged that the disciplines for which there are currently no designations prescribed in terms of the regulations as there are no degrees offered in South Africa with which to compare standards, remained a challenge as the position did not promote specialisation in the country. Council consulted legal advice during the period of report as to how foreign or other local specialist qualifications could be accepted for registration purposes where no designations exist, for example equine dentistry and epidemiology however the matter could not be finalised during the period of report.

## **SUPERVISORS: RECOGNITION OF CLINICAL SUPERVISOR FOR M.MED.VET TRAINING**

- Dr A Labuschagne, M.Med.Vet (Suill) was approved as supervisor for specialisation in pig heard health; and
- Dr P Davies, M.Med.Vet (Zootechnology) was approved as a temporary supervisor for specialisation in pig heard health (for a period of five years).

## **CLINICAL RESIDENCY POSTS FOR TRAINING OF VETERINARY WILDLIFE SPECIALISTS: M.MED.VET(Fer)**

- Dr I Espie, M.Med.Vet (Fer) was approved as clinical supervisor/trainer;
- Dr P Buss, M.Med.Vet (Fer) was approved for automatic registration as wildlife specialist based on the proof of how he kept abreast of his field of specialisation since qualifying as a specialist;
- Dr D Cooper, M.Med.Vet (Fer) was approved to act as part-promoter for a third of candidates' experiential training as exposure to specialists in the field is necessary in all aspects of wildlife medicine; and

- Dr M Stokoe's registration for M.Med.Vet (Fer) in 2008 was accepted based on his registration prior to SAVC supervision requirements came into place.

### **PROJECTED FUTURE NEED FOR SPECIALISATION IN VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH (VPH)**

Ongoing attempts were made to set up a meeting between the Interprovincial Technical Committee (ITC) for Agriculture working group of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP and the Black Veterinary Forum to promote specialisation in veterinary public health and epidemiology. Despite these efforts, the meeting did not materialise during the period of report.

### **APPLICATION FOR PEER REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS / EXPERIENCE**

An application for peer review has been received from Dr Roy Bengis during the period of review, however, the outcome of peer assessment was not available during the period of report.

### **PRESCRIPTION OF MMEDVET DEGREES IN TERMS OF SECTION 20 (1) (a) OF THE VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS ACT, 19 OF 1982**

Dr C Tutt was in the process of making a submission for the recognition of a specialist designation in Veterinary Dentistry.

## **10. Pre-Advice Screening Committee on Inspections**

The Inspections Committee did not meet regularly as routine inspections were still pending the amendment to the Act.

### **10.1 Members of the Pre-Advice Screening Committee on Inspections**

**1 April 2012- 31 March 2013**

Dr CP Marwick (Chairperson)  
 Dr A Erasmus  
 Prof A M Lübbe  
 Dr L Orsmond  
 Prof SS van den Berg  
 Sr T Lötter (co-opted member)

### **10.2 Apologies**

No apologies

### **10.3 Meetings of the Pre-Advice Screening Committee on Inspections**

8 February 2013

The full Committee met with representatives from the DAFF to discuss the future of Compulsory Veterinary Community Services [CCS] in particular the use of mobile facilities and theatres; the conditions for CCS and the requirements as follows:

- Proper registered facilities need to be in place before commencement of CCS;

- Veterinary functions have to be performed in a professional manner and within the confines of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act no 19 of 1982. Veterinarians cannot conform to the requirements of the Act if facilities where from CCS will be performed are inadequate;
- Adequate security arrangements have to be put in place and the CCS veterinarians should not be placed at risk;
- Accommodation and payment have to be provided for;
- The CCS veterinarians have to be gainfully employed and not sit and do nothing as this would be counterproductive; and
- CPD has to be complied with.

Mobile facilities were deliberated and it was concluded that the main purpose for these services was to provide access to veterinary services for all but specifically indigent communities. Mobile facilities should be used to provide Primary Animal Health Care. Mobile facilities in other communities should be an extension of a fully equipped back-up facility.

Dr T Songabe [DAFF] reported that the founding document on the CCS required the formation of various structures for the implementation, evaluation and the monitoring CCS progress. The structures or institution would include *inter alia* the advisory committees and communication committees. The various committees had a specific period in which they had to commence or come into effect. He further advised that the operation policy framework of the CCS comprised of four documents being the legislation (the Act had to be passed), the Regulation for the performance of Compulsory Community Service, the Regulation on minimum standards of facilities and the operational document. The CCS Forum was at present not constituted as legislative infrastructures and other outstanding issues had to be completed first.

A proposal was tabled that an interim forum be established whilst the legislative issues were being addressed and that interim forum be tasked to fast track the progress of the CCS.

#### **10.4 Other appointments confirmed and made during this period**

- Dr CP Marwick, Portfolio Finance

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31 July 2013

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the members of  
SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL

We have audited the annual financial statements set out on pages 2 to 6 for the year ended 31 March 2013. These financial statements are the responsibility of the executive committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

### SCOPE

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

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

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

### AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of the chamber at 31 March 2013 and the results of their operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.



**ACTON & MCINTOSH**  
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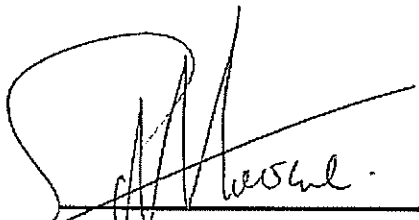
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were approved by the board and are signed on their behalf  
on



PRESIDENT



REGISTRAR

**SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL****Established under Veterinary and Para-Veterinary  
Professions Act, 1982 (Act 19 of 1982)****BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2013**

|  | <u>Note</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                             |             |             |             |
| 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     |
| <b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES:</b>             |             |             |             |
| 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     |



**SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL****Established under Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act 19 of 1982)****INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

|  | <u>2013</u>    | <u>2012</u>    |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>  |                |                |
| Fees - Veterinarians:  | 6253154        | 3217369        |
| Registration   |                |                |
| - Veterinarians  | 63903          | 51060          |
| - Specialist   | 3874           | 3521           |
| Maintenance fees   |                |                |
| - veterinarians  | 5909477        | 3019306        |
| - specialist   | 275900         | 143482         |
| Fees - para-veterinary   | 1008545        | 906182         |
| Registration   |                |                |
| - nurses   | 13753          | 11237          |
| - technologist   | 2468           | 5137           |
| - laboratory animal technologist                                 | 0              | 0              |
| - animal health technicians                                      | 14105          | 14126          |
| Maintenance fee  |                |                |
| - nurses   | 307231         | 264164         |
| - technologist   | 126640         | 116175         |
| - laboratory animal technologist                                 | 11421          | 10408          |
| - animal health technicians                                      | 532927         | 484935         |
| Advertising  | 257189         | 274252         |
| Application fees   | 91402          | 56862          |
| Authorisation fees   | 97912          | 105914         |
| Deferment income   | 5214           | 439            |
| Dividend received  | 2795           | 4164           |
| Examination fees   | 430536         | 333987         |
| Fines  | 9000           | 58250          |
| Insurance recovery   | 0              | 14129          |
| Interest received  | 352038         | 243194         |
| Overseas certificate   | 65699          | 62888          |
| Sales  | 22601          | 27403          |
| Sponsorship  | 840            | 21930          |
| Students   | 98378          | 95200          |
| Unrealised gain arising from change in fair value of investments | 59773          | 21624          |
|  | <u>8755076</u> | <u>5443787</u> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE:</b>  | <u>6624862</u> | <u>4781573</u> |
| Administration fees  | 2515608        | 1843569        |
| Salaries   | 2515608        | 1832404        |
| Investment charges   | 0              | 11165          |
| Audit fees   | 24674          | 23500          |
| Bank charges   | 39731          | 28740          |
| Data base and programme expenses                                 | 66864          | 7200           |
| Depreciation of fixed assets                                     | 75383          | 85656          |
| Carried forward  | 2722260        | 1988665        |

**SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL****Established under Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act 19 of 1982)****INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013****-CONTINUED-**

|                                       | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Brought forward                       | 2722260     | 1988665     |
| Disciplinary Inquiries                | 605534      | 51031       |
| Election of council                   | 54724       | 0           |
| Electricity, rates and taxes          | 76706       | 45116       |
| Examination expenses                  | 225075      | 176331      |
| Honorariums                           | 83900       | 96270       |
| Human resources                       | 58931       | 174000      |
| Inspections                           | 0           | 6352        |
| Insurance                             | 18380       | 20574       |
| Internet expenses                     | 11513       | 11796       |
| Internet drop box members             | 31200       | 0           |
| Meeting expenses                      | 564259      | 640623      |
| Monitoring expenses                   | 73305       | 28671       |
| Photocopier expenses                  | 20902       | 99744       |
| Postage                               | 133705      | 141863      |
| Printing                              | 158227      | 171437      |
| Newsletter                            | 121637      | 110403      |
| Other                                 | 36590       | 61034       |
| Professional fees                     | 63774       | 67446       |
| Legal                                 | 61875       | 38564       |
| Other                                 | 1899        | 28882       |
| Public relations                      | 194587      | 64057       |
| Repairs and maintenance               | 134819      | 102009      |
| Refreshments                          | 33968       | 32379       |
| Stationery and office supplies        | 65309       | 74103       |
| SAVA Congress                         | 19177       | 23410       |
| Security                              | 5529        | 4872        |
| Skills levy                           | 24417       | 18298       |
| Staff function                        | 7243        | 0           |
| Staff recruitment                     | 29777       | 795         |
| Telephone and fax                     | 92825       | 95601       |
| Tokens of appreciation                | 4381        | 850         |
| Travelling and accommodation expenses | 642186      | 624740      |
| Uif                                   | 14413       | 13055       |
| Visitation                            | 442762      | 7485        |
| Workshop                              | 11074       | 0           |
| NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR              | 2130214     | 662214      |

**SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL****Established under Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act 19 of 1982)****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 MARCH 2013****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

***Basis of preparation***

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

***Fixed Assets***

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

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

***Investments***

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

***Recognition of liabilities, provisions and assets***

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

No liability is recognised for:

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

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

***Financial Instruments .***

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

- (a) Trade and other receivables are stated at their cost less provision for doubtful debt
- (b) Cash and cash equivalents are measured at fair value
- (c) Interest -bearing borrowings are recognised at the balance of original debt less principal payments.

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|   |                |                             | <u>2013</u>       | <u>2012</u>    |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|   | Cost           | Accumulated<br>Depreciation | Carrying<br>Value |                |
| <b>2 FURNITURE &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>  |                |                             |                   |                |
| Land and Buildings  |                |                             |                   |                |
| Erf 683 Lisdogan Park Township, Registration<br>Division J R, Province Gauteng, measuring 1007<br>square metres with buildings thereon.<br>Purchased April 2008 |                |                             |                   |                |
| Cost  | 2463183        | 0                           | 2463183           | 2463183        |
| Office furniture and equipment  | 380844         | 246711                      | 134133            | 119110         |
| Computer equipment  | 209122         | 169701                      | 39421             | 28145          |
|   | <u>3053149</u> | <u>416412</u>               | <u>2636737</u>    | <u>2610438</u> |

The carrying value for 2013 can be reconciled as follows:

|                                | Carrying<br>value at<br>beginning<br>of year | Additions     | Dis-<br>posals | Depre-<br>ciation | Carrying<br>value at<br>end of<br>year |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| Land and Buildings             | 2463183                                      |               | 0              |                   | 2463183                                |
| Office furniture and equipment | 119110                                       | 63396         | 0              | 48373             | 134133                                 |
| Computer equipment             | 28145  | 38286         | 0              | 27010             | 39421                                  |
|                                | <u>2610438</u>                               | <u>101682</u> | <u>0</u>       | <u>75383</u>      | <u>2636737</u>                         |

The carrying value for 2012 can be reconciled as follows:

|                                | Carrying<br>value at<br>beginning<br>of year | Additions    | Dis-<br>posals | Depre-<br>ciation | Carrying<br>value at<br>end of<br>year |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| Land and Buildings             | 2463183                                      |              |                |                   | 2463183                                |
| Office furniture and equipment | 148423                                       | 18491        | 0              | 47804             | 119110                                 |
| Computer equipment             | 46433  | 19564        | 0              | 37852             | 28145                                  |
|                                | <u>2658039</u>                               | <u>38055</u> | <u>0</u>       | <u>85656</u>      | <u>2610438</u>                         |

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|  | <u>2013</u>   | <u>2012</u>   |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| <b>3 INVESTMENTS - AT MARKET VALUE</b> |               |               |
| Sanlam - Managed portfolio             | 517786        | 451341        |
|  | <u>517786</u> | <u>451341</u> |
| <b>4 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>       |               |               |
| Balance 1 April 2012                   | 149881        | 108979        |
| Additions during year                  | 78000         | 52255         |
| Surplus salaries 2013 transfer         | 78000         | 40000         |
| Honorariums not claimed 2013           | 0             | 12255         |
|  | <u>227881</u> | <u>161234</u> |
| Less : Payments made during year       | 30751         | 11353         |
| Balance 31 March 2013                  | <u>197130</u> | <u>149881</u> |
| <b>4 MEETING EXPENSES</b>              |               |               |
| Boardroom hire                         | 11119         | 0             |
| CPD Accreditation                      | 39480         | 49500         |
| DEA                                    | 20769         | 0             |
| Council                                | 177011        | 277462        |
| Educom                                 | 74316         | 57410         |
| Executive                              | 36750         | 94425         |
| Executive comm WRSA                    | 34125         | 0             |
| Fees                                   | 27921         | 20786         |
| Food security                          | 15750         | 7290          |
| Finance                                | 7875          | 0             |
| Inspections                            | 18375         | 12150         |
| Investigation                          | 41805         | 26730         |
| Joint PR                               | 2625          | 0             |
| Registration and Authorisation         | 34125         | 29160         |
| Rhino                                  | 5250          | 0             |
| Specialist                             | 16963         | 17010         |
|  | <u>564259</u> | <u>591923</u> |

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