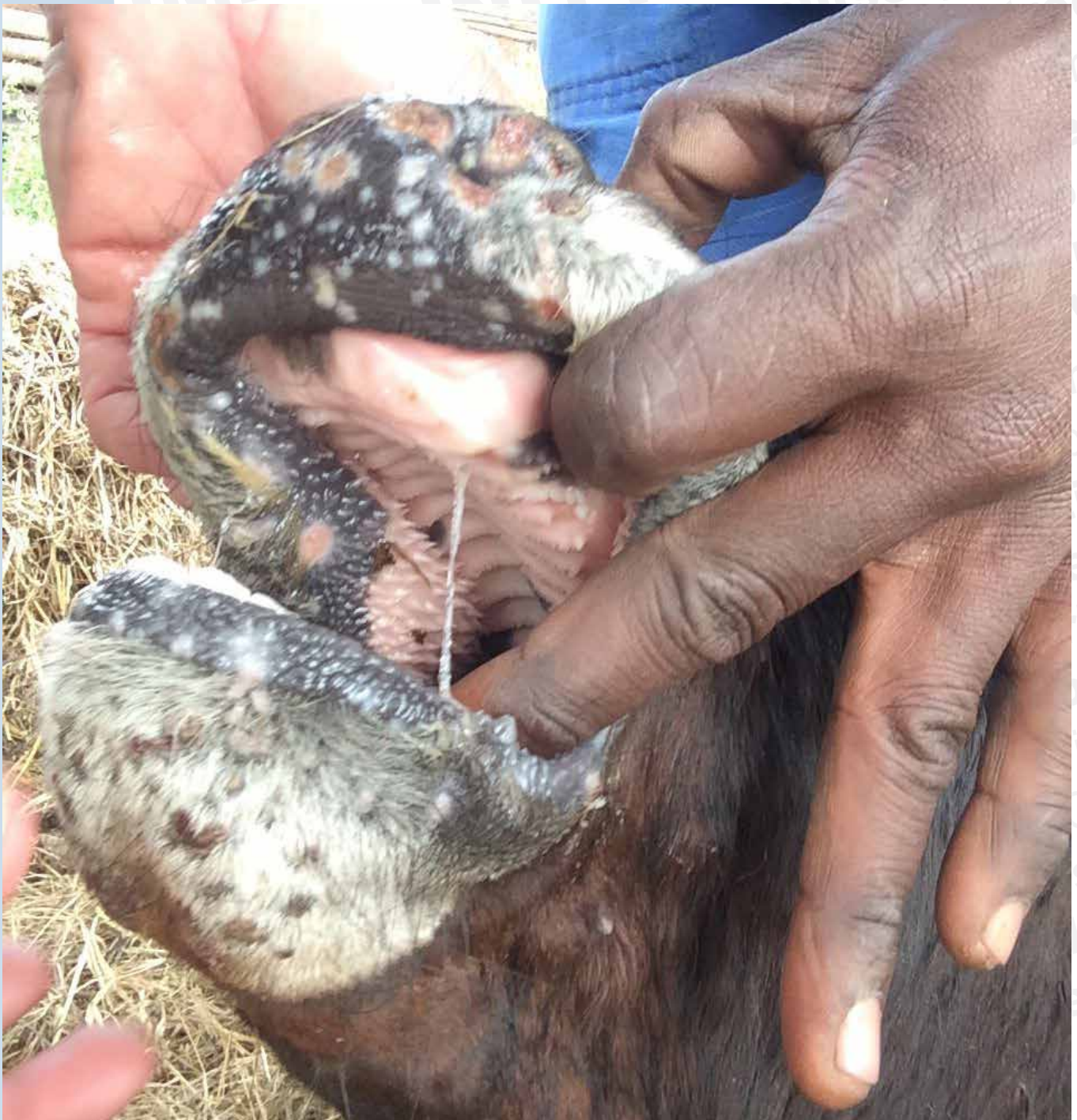


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ABBREVIATIONS



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AHT	Animal Health Technician	PSET	Post-School Education and Training
AMR	Anti Microbial Resistance	SAVA	South African Veterinary Association
AVBC	Australasian Veterinary Boards Council	SAVC	South African Veterinary Council
AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association	SER	Self Evaluation Report
BVF	Black Veterinary Forum	SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
BVSc	Bachelor of Veterinary Science	TARDI	Tsolo Agriculture and Rural Development Institute
CBE	Computer Based Examination	TOPS	Threatened or Protected Species
CCS	Compulsory Veterinary Community Service	ToR	Terms of Reference
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	TUT	Tshwane University of Technology
CHE	Council on Higher Education	UN	United Nations
CPD	Continued Professional Development	UNISA	The University of South Africa
CSR	Competence Specific Registration	UP	University of Pretoria
CVC	Community Veterinary Clinic	USA	United States of America
CVO	Chief Veterinary Officer	YY technology	Genetic manipulation of sex
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	VCZ	Veterinary Council of Zimbabwe
DOS	Disk Operating System	VNASA	Veterinary Nurses Association of South Africa
DVN	Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	VWA	Veterinary Welfare Assistants
EAEVE	European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education	WIL	Work Integrated Learning
		WVA	World Veterinary Association
FSS	Food Safety and Security		
HE	Higher Education		
HEI	Higher Education Institution		
IAWG	International Accreditors' Working Group		
IT	Information Technology		
MCC	Medicines Control Council		
HPCSA	Health Professions Council of South Africa		
ITO	In Terms Of		
JCU	James Cook University		
JTTT	Joint Technical Task Team		
NWU	North-West University		
OBP	Onderstepoort Biological Products		
OIE	World Animal Health Organisation		
ORF	Exanthemous disease caused by a parapox virus and occurring primarily in sheep and goats		
PAHC	Primary Animal Health Care		
PI BVD	Persistant Invection Bovine Viral Diarrhea		
PR	Public Relations		
PSET	Post-School Education and Training		
RCVS	Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons		
RUSVM	Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine		
SAALAS	South African Association for Laboratory Animal Science		
SAAPVP	South African Association for Para-Veterinary Professionals		
SAASP	South African Antibiotic Stewardship Programme		
SADC	Southern African Development Community		
SAQA	South African Qualifications Authority		
SPCA	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals		

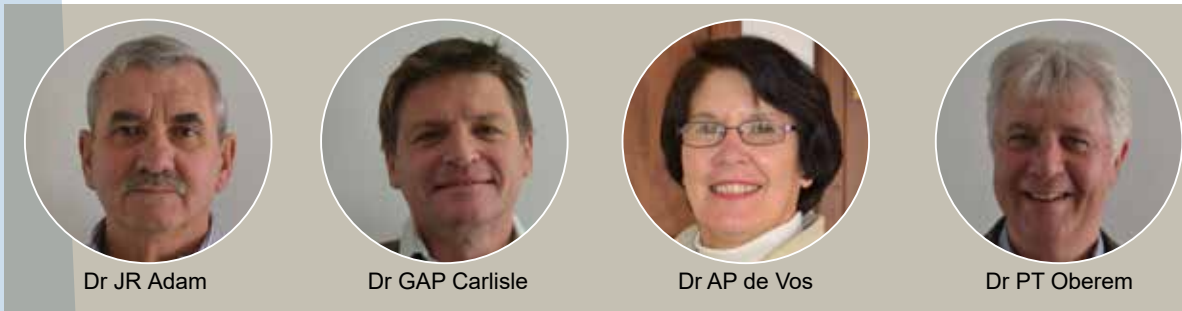
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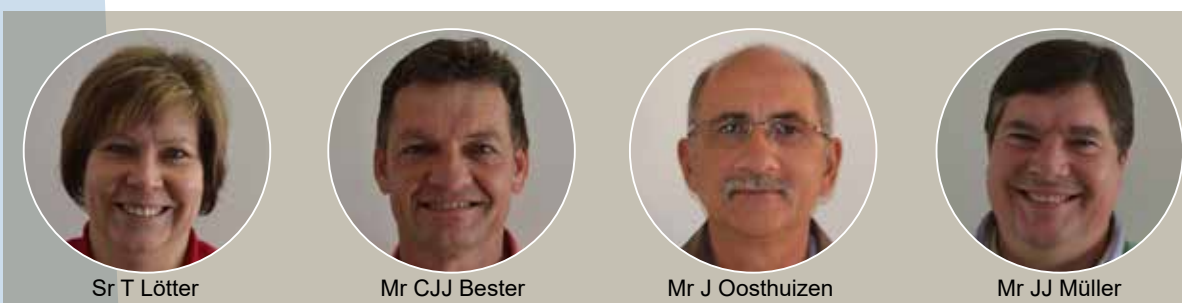
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THE SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL

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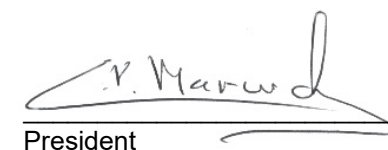
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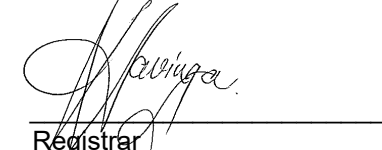
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) performed its core functions in terms of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act 19 of 1982. The information in this report confirms how the Council exercised its core and other functions in line with its objectives 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 Vision of the SAVC for this term of office 2016-2017

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

The Mission was not changed and remained as follows: The South African Veterinary Council seeks, through the statutes of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 to -

- serve the interests 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;
- 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.

The Council met on 7 and 8 February 2017 to determine its strategic goals and positioning for the remaining two and a half years of its term of office. The goals identified were:

Transformation, Communication and Restructuring of Council

This report marks the key events towards the end of this term of office of the current Council as follows:

- This year saw the election and selection of a new Council; and appointment of the various positions on Council i.e. the President, Vice-president, chairpersons- and members of Committees;
- A business analysis of the Council and its administration was conducted by an independent service provider; The instruction was the analysis as to whether the Council and its administration were complying with its mandate and objectives. The outcomes of the analysis were generally positive; and opinions were expressed regarding the SAVC's governance and financial management which was regarded as having no concerns;
- The review of the rules for the veterinary profession. The rules were published on 9 November 2015, but in view of the opinion that some of the rules were regarded as impractical for veterinary practice in South Africa, a process of review of those rules was commenced with; and these rules should be finalised within the next year;
- Although the review of the rules for the para- veterinary professions commenced during the previous year, it was resolved to finalise the rules for the veterinary profession first; and in the interim, a study regarding independent work by para-veterinary professionals was commissioned by Council and a formal study was to be undertaken by Unisa;
- The implementation of the minimum standards for veterinary practice commenced during this period by routine inspection of more than one hundred and seventy [68%] of the two hundred and fifty practices identified for inspection during this year. Most the remaining facilities not inspected, were state veterinary facilities whose principals informed Council that they did not provide for funding in their budgets; and a few principals who refused inspections. The latter was referred to the legal section for investigation. Those state veterinary facilities not inspected during this financial year were transferred to the next year for inspection;
- The SAVC continued the veterinary profession's objection against the onerous Threatened or Protected Species [TOPS] permit system for veterinarians as required by the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Minister Edna Molewa, with no solution in sight; and resolved jointly with the South African Veterinary Association to follow the legal route pending the outcome of a letter of demand addressed to Minister Molewa;
- The second year of implementation of Compulsory Veterinary Community Service [CCS] on 3 January 2017 for veterinary graduates. Although most teething problems of the first year [2016] of CCS, especially placements of CCS veterinarians, had been resolved, some reports were received regarding the lack of resources; stress related matters; non-placement of foreign graduates who passed the SAVC's registration examinations; and extension of registration being exploited by some CCS veterinarians who were granted extension of registration to locum after hours and during weekends;
- The SAVC's Director Food Safety and Security made positive progress in terms of the drive for responsible use of antibiotics, the control of Medicines under two Acts namely the Medicines and Related Substances Act, Act 101 of 1965 and the Stock Remedies Act, Act 36 of 1947;
- The SAVC continued to report the lack of critical vaccines for prevention and spread of animal diseases and the threat it poses to the national herd, but also the lack of laboratory services with the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries;
- The SAVC's IT upgrade process changed an existing Disk Operating Service (DOS) data base to the latest technology; and the integration of the new data base with communication channels became operative during this period of report with positive feedback from the registrars of the veterinary and veterinary para professions regarding the much-improved communication with Council;
- The SAVC held thirty nine (39) meetings as part of the committee-and-Council system, twelve (12) workshops and ninety eight (98) other meetings (stakeholders and registrars). During this year Council for the first time implemented an annual Mini Congress for its registrars with a view to listen to their concerns regarding Council and its administration. Council introduced a regular invitation to registrars to attend its Council meeting. The Mini-Congress also included participation by the business analyst as referred to above;

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- The National Veterinary Heritage Committee consisting of all stakeholders of the veterinary and para-veterinary professions commenced with its work and produced several articles on veterinary heritage but also a phrase book for use by the veterinary team when working with animal owners in various South African languages; and
- The SAVC continued with stakeholder engagement with emphasis on unifying the veterinary professions at all levels of society and community and introduction of animal health technicians to the veterinary profession at congresses as an opportunity for animal health technicians to market their services to veterinarians.

Registrar
Lynette Havinga



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RESIDENT'S OVERVIEW



Dr CP Marwick

Being the president of the South African Veterinary Council over the last year has been extremely rewarding as it has once again highlighted the fact that there are a multitude of veterinarians and para-veterinary professionals that are prepared to serve their professions. With the end of the term of the previous Council and the beginning of the new Council for the period August 2016 to July 2019 one appreciates the caliber of Councillors that have come forward. The South African Veterinary Council grew from its infancy in 1982 to be a proud and balanced Council, looking after and serving the interests of veterinarians and para-veterinary professionals and the people of South Africa by promoting competent, efficient, accessible and needs-driven service delivery in the animal health care sector, protecting the health and well-being of animals while protecting, representing the interests and regulating the professional conduct of the veterinary and para-veterinary professions. Standards of both education and practice are also closely monitored.

As we continued our pattern of consistent involvement and interaction in veterinary affairs we remained firmly committed to our vision of advancing public health through quality veterinary services to all.

The outgoing Council can be proud of its achievements as they accomplished most of their strategic goals by remaining relevant, having addressed legislative issues, maintained contact with major stakeholders, operated within the budget, utilised resources correctly and engaged in public relations.

Both the old and new Council performed its core functions in terms of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act 19 of 1982. The information in this report confirms how the Council exercised its core and other functions in line with its objectives as per page 10 of this report

The Vision of the SAVC for this term of office 2016-2017 *"Advancing public and animal health through quality veterinary services for all."* was well addressed by Council, becoming more involved in public relations and marketing of the veterinary and para-veterinary professions while reviewing the regulations governing the veterinary and para-veterinary professions - thus removing regulations that may have been obstructive to the practicing of the professions.

Inspection of facilities led to the rendering of quality services from well-equipped facilities. A lot of work, however, is still necessary to service all the rural and far-rural areas.

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- 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.

Council met on 7 and 8 February 2017 to determine its strategic goals and positioning for the remaining two and a half years of its term of office.

The strategic goals identified were: **Transformation, Communication, and Restructuring of Council**, which will be reported on in more detail in the next annual report.

This period of this report marks the key events of the new Council.

The election and selection of a new Council; and appointment of the various positions on Council i.e. the President, Vice-president, chairpersons- and members of Committees as follows:

- Executive Committee
- Continued Professional Development (CPD) Accreditation (CPD AC) Committee
- Education Committee
- Finance Committee
- Food Safety and Security Committee
- Heritage Committee
- Investigation Committee (Complaints)
- Inspection of facilities [routine] Committee
- Registration and Authorisation Committee
- Review Committee Committee
- Committee on Specialisation
- Standards Committee
- Inquiry Bodies

All these committees are required to cover the huge amount of work that must be addressed by Council in order for it to be and remain relevant at all times.

A business analysis of the Council and its administration was conducted by an independent service provider; the instruction of the analysis as to whether the Council and its administration were complying with its mandate and objectives. The outcomes of the analysis were generally positive; and opinions were expressed regarding the SAVC's governance and fiscal management which was regarded as having no concerns. Some issues were raised around the investigation and appeals process in case of alleged misconduct, however these issues have now been addressed.

The review of the rules for the veterinary profession, which rules were published on 9 November 2015, was undertaken. In view, thereof that some of the rules were regarded as impractical or anti-competitive for veterinary practice in South Africa, the process of review of the rules was commenced with, and these rules should be finalised within the next year.

Although the review of the rules for the para-veterinary professions commenced during the previous year, it was resolved to finalise the rules for the veterinary profession first and in the interim a study regarding independent work by para-veterinary professionals were commissioned by Council and a formal study was to be undertaken by Unisa.

The implementation of the minimum standards for veterinary practice commenced during this period by routine inspection of more

PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW CONTINUES

than one hundred and seventy [68%] of the two hundred and fifty practices identified for inspection during this year. Most of the remaining facilities not inspected, were state veterinary facilities whose principals informed Council that they did not provide for funding in their budgets; and a few principals who refused to pay for inspections. The latter was referred to the legal section for investigation. Those state veterinary facilities not inspected during this financial year were transferred to the next year for inspection. These inspections have been met with great enthusiasm in most cases as it gave the inspectors and Council an opportunity to interact with the profession during the inspections resolving many misconceptions of Council and how veterinarians must conduct business.

The SAVC continued to pursue the veterinary profession's objection against the onerous Threatened or Protected Species [TOPS] permit system for veterinarians as required by the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Minister Edna Molewa, with no solution in sight; and resolved jointly with the South African Veterinary Association to follow the legal route pending the outcome of a letter of demand addressed to Minister Molewa. The TOPS permit system is obstructive, costly, time consuming and an administrative burden to wildlife veterinarians, to the detriment, suffering and death of the very animals that they are supposed to save. Many requests to scrap the permit system have fallen on deaf ears and the SAVC needs to find ways to convince the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to take up this matter with the Department of Environment Affairs.

The second year of implementation of Compulsory Veterinary Community Service [CCS] commenced on 3 January 2017 for veterinary graduates. Although most teething problems of the first year [2016] of CCS especially placements of CCS veterinarians had been resolved, some reports were received regarding the lack of resources; stress related matters; non-placement of foreign graduates who passed the SAVC's registration examinations; and extension of registration being exploited by some CCS veterinarians who were granted extension of registration to locum after hours and during weekends. One of the great shortcomings of the CCS veterinary programme has been the lack of sound mentorship programmes and the need to become more involved in Primary Animal Health Care to serve the communities in the far-rural areas where there is very limited veterinary service delivery.

The SAVC's Director Food Safety and Security (FSS) made positive progress in terms of the drive for responsible use of antibiotics, the control of Medicines under two Acts namely the Medicines and Related Substances Act, Act 101 of 1965 and the Stock Remedies Act, Act 36 of 1947. The Director FSS has also been involved in the consolidation of the One Health programme.

The SAVC continued to report the lack of critical vaccines for prevention and spread of animal diseases and the threat it poses to the

national herd, but also the lack of laboratory services to the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. It was hoped that with the appointment of a new CEO and new Board at Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP) that the manufacturing, storage and distribution of the vaccines would improve, so as to address the needs of the animal population in South Africa.

The SAVC's IT upgrade process changed an existing DOS data base to the latest technology; and the integration of the new data base with communication channels became operative during this period of report with positive feedback from the registrees of the veterinary- and veterinary para professions regarding the much-improved communication with Council also allowing the veterinary professions access to their own data with a view to update their profiles and make online payments of their maintenance fees.

The SAVC held thirty-nine (39) meetings as part of the committee-and-Council system, held twelve (12) workshops and ninety-eight (98) other meetings with stakeholders and registrees. During this year Council for the first time implemented an annual Mini Congress for its registrees with a view to listen to their concerns regarding Council and its administration, at the same time sessions were held to highlight many of the activities that Council was involved in. The Mini-Congress also included participation by the business analysis as referred to above. Council introduced a regular invitation to registrees to attend its Council meetings in order to expose the registrees to the decision processes of Council.

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The SAVC continued with stakeholder engagement with emphasis on unifying the veterinary professions at all levels of society and community and introduction of animal health technicians to the veterinary profession at congresses as an opportunity for animal health technicians to market their services to veterinarians.

It has been a busy and rewarding year and it gives me a great sense of achievement to reflect on all that has been accomplished during the term of this report, none of which could have happened without the full commitment, participation and extra-ordinary manner in which the Councillors, SAVC's management and staff members have performed their duties to make sure that SAVC delivered on its mandate and remains relevant to the veterinary profession in general and the population and animals of South Africa in particular.

Dr Clive Marwick



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1. ADMINISTRATION



1 April 2016 to
31 March 2017

Administration of the SAVC continued under the leadership of Mrs L Havinga (Registrar).

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

Two members resigned during this period and two vacancies were filled during this period.

Resignations: Ms Nicolene van Heerden, Ms Sonia Nkwana ■



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2. COUNCIL AND ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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2.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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Dr J van Heerden	
Mr T Zokufa	

2.2 MEETINGS HELD: FULL COUNCIL

Meetings held 26-27 July 2016	Apologies received Mr CJJ Bester Dr PT Oberem Adv D Block Sr T Lotter (27 July 2016)
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Meetings held 4 August 2016	Apologies received Prof V Naidoo
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Meetings held 14-15 March 2017	Apologies received Mr CJJ Bester
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2.3 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Period: 1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016

Dr CP Marwick	(President)
Dr JA Pretorius	(Vice-president)
Dr CC Nkuna	(Third member of Executive Committee)

Period: 1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Dr CP Marwick	(President)
Dr CC Nkuna	(Vice-president)
Dr AC Fleming	(Third member of Executive Committee)

2.4 MEETINGS HELD: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

Meetings held 25 July 2016 24 October 2016 13 March 2017	Apologies received None None None
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2.4 MEETINGS HELD: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND STAKEHOLDERS

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

Meetings held	Stakeholders	Persons attending
25 May 2016	SAVA	Dr Clive Marwick Dr Johan Marais (President and Chairperson) Dr Rebone Moerane (Vice-president) Dr Pieter Smit (Acting Managing Director) Dr Joseph van Heerden (SAVA Representative)
26 May 2016	DAFF	Dr CP Marwick (Chairperson) Dr MSM Molefe (DAFF representative)
25 July 2016	BVF	Dr CP Marwick (President, SAVC) Dr T Chetty (Chairperson, BVF) Dr P Mutowembwa (BVF) Dr CC Nkuna (SAVC) Dr JA Pretorius (Vice President, SAVC)
25 July 2016	OPVSC	Dr CP Marwick (Chairperson) Ms G Anstey (OPVSC Chairperson) Ms C Dos Reis (OPVSC) Ms E Holloway (Veterinary Nursing) Ms A Huster (OPVSC) Ms A Jackson-Moss (OPVSC) Ms G Makgale (OPVSC) Ms T Maseko (OPVSC) Dr CC Nkuna (Member of the Executive) Dr J Pretorius (Vice-President) Ms G Spanos (OPVSC) Ms M Van der Bank (OPVSC)
13 March 2017	DAFF	Dr CP Marwick (Chairperson) Dr AC Fleming (SAVC Executive Committee) Dr M Maja (Director Animal Health, DAFF) Dr BM Modisane (Chief Veterinary Officer, SA, DAFF) Dr MSM Molefe (DAFF representative) Dr CC Nkuna (SAVC and Animal Health Forum (AHF) representative)

2.5 DEVELOPMENTS

Council ended its previous term during this period. A new Council elected its President and Vice-President on 4 August 2017 and appointed its chairpersons and members of Committees.

The current Council attended one full Council meeting in October 2016 and held its strategic planning sessions on 7 & 8 February 2017.

The main goals are transformation of the veterinary professions, communication and restructuring Council.

1. Transformation of the veterinary profession:

- A presentation on transformation at the Annual Council Indaba.
- Request to become a member of the umbrella transformation committee of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP.
- The Joint Public Relations Committee to consider ways and means of how to bring the message of transformation to the veterinary professions.

- Facilitate student complaints.
- Assess the needs of the public and stakeholders.
- All training institutions be requested to conduct climate surveys amongst students.
- Council to conduct annual surveys.
- Promote Cross-functional training.
- Introduction of the roles of the veterinary team and the One Health Concept on all levels of study.
- Roles of the veterinary team members presented on 8 June 2017: all registrees should be introduced on the roles.

Equivalence in Education: RCVS recognition RCVS was approached in April 2017.

Harmonisation of Standards of Training in the SADC Region: OIE meeting scheduled for November 2017.

Review curricula of all veterinary professions.

2. Communication: Three different levels of communication were identified, up, down and lateral

- Commission a company jointly between Council and the SAVA to provide a Communication plan which will include the marketing of the veterinary professions in the current financial year.
- Improve on Council's communication with members which is an ongoing endeavour.
- Improve the SAVC's website immediately.
 - Website needs to be more user-friendly and mobile friendly.
 - Use video clips – even via SMS
 - Build relationships with media: Publish policy statements on SAVC's website
- Issue two printed newsletters as requested by the veterinary professions during the 2017. 2018 financial year.
- Draft short Ministerial briefings on veterinary matters to apprise the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Minister Senzeni Zokwana.
- Increase communication in forums: Parliamentary Portfolio Committees [PC]; Ministerial Technical Committee [obtain special representation]; Minister's Advisory meetings; frequent meetings with Registrars of various Acts.
- Conduct Annual surveys to source the needs of the professions.
- Continue workshops.

3. Restructuring of Council:

- Working Group on the Composition of Council Committee.

The committee will develop broad principles within the legal framework regarding the constitution of Council. Restructure but maintain some expertise [maintain institutional knowledge] in Council [whether Admin or Council]

- A workshop will follow and the broad principles will form part of the discussions at the workshop.
- The Director Legal Affairs to review the Act [Executive Manager vs permanent President].

The Executive Summary and the President's Overview is a reflection of the work of Council and its Executive.

One hundred and thirty nine (139) Executive decisions were taken in the period between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017). ■

3. CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) COMMITTEE



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3.1. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

Dr J van Heerden (Chairperson)
Prof D Holm (until November 2016)

3.2. MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS PERIOD

Dr J van Heerden continued to evaluate various CPD activities for accreditation. The accreditation process was handled electronically.

3.3. DEVELOPMENTS

CPD providers apply for accreditation of activities by Council's CPD Accreditation Committee who evaluates the activities and allocates points. The CPD Accreditation Committee also allocated CPD points per activity which could not be accredited via CPD provider applications. Individual members must approach the CPD Accreditation Committee to allocate points to non-accredited activities for:

- CPD courses and conferences presented by universities, veterinary professional associations, regulatory bodies and accredited service providers, which would augment the chosen field of veterinary work;
- Congress programmes offered abroad;
- Written assessment tests on veterinary literature; and
- Books authored by veterinarians.

An overview of the applications for accreditation of CPD activities/events received and processed over the past five years:

	RECEIVED	ACCREDITED	NOT ACCREDITED	OUTSTANDING
1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013	174	154	11	8 (*1 withdrawn)
1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014	174	154	11	9
1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015	177	168	3	6
1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	158	144	1	11 (*2 withdrawn)
1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017	164	153	0	10 (*1 withdrawn)



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4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE



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DR DAVID CHELOPA, CCS
VETERINARIAN 2017, TREATING
HORSE WITH GUNSHOT
WOUND FRACTURE

4.1. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 - 31 July 2016

Prof V Naidoo (Chairperson)
Dr K Joubert
Dr R Mphuthi
Dr D Holm (University of Pretoria)

Para-veterinary profession representatives:

Mr C Bester (Laboratory Animal Technologists)
Sr T Lötter (Veterinary Nurses)
Mr J Müller (Veterinary Technicians)
Mr J Oosthuizen (Animal Health Technicians)

Training institutions co-opted representatives:

Ms C Boshoff (Tshwane University of Technology)
Dr M Mwanza (North West University)
Mr J Oosthuizen (University of South Africa)
Dr N Ndudane (Tsolo Agriculture and Rural Development Institute)

1 August 2016 - 31 March 2017

Dr T Chetty (Chairperson)
Dr A Fleming
Dr C Mngqeta
Prof D Holm (University of Pretoria)

Para-veterinary profession representatives:

Mr C Bester (Laboratory Animal Technologists)
Mr W Kutu (Animal Health Technicians)
Sr T Lötter (Veterinary Nurses)
Mr J Müller (Veterinary Technicians)

Prof V Naidoo (SAVC Standards Committee chairperson)

Training institutions co-opted representatives:

Ms C Boshoff (Tshwane University of Technology)
Dr M Mwanza (North West University)
Dr J Oguttu (University of South Africa)
Dr N Ndudane (Tsolo Agriculture and Rural Development Institute)

4.2. MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held

27 May 2016
15 July 2016

23 January 2017

Apologies received

Dr K Joubert
Ms C Boshoff
Prof D Holm
Dr M Mwanza
(Sr T Lötter chaired the meeting held on 15 July 2016)
Dr N Ndudane

4.3. 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

VISITATION: TSHWANE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (TUT)

Council conducted a visitation to the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) to assess training of veterinary technologists from 29 September – 1 October 2015 under the leadership of Prof Estelle Venter. Comments on the report were submitted to the Education Committee in July 2016 and Council resolved to conduct a follow up visit to the TUT with a smaller team.

The team leader, Prof Estelle Venter, moved abroad and Mr Johann Müller was appointed to lead the follow-up team from 16 – 18 May 2017. Two members from the original team, Mr Francois Dreyer and Ms Riette Theron, would accompany Mr Müller.

VISITATIONS 2017: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA (UNISA) AND NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY (NWU)

Preparatory work commenced for the two visitations as agreed to between the SAVC and senior management of the two institutions in 2017:

UNISA: 24 – 28 July 2017 and NWU: 21 – 25 August 2017.

Team members were nominated and appointed for both visitation teams as follows:

- the team leader - Dr G Brückner;
- a Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) representative – Dr M Molefe;

- iii) a representative from the SA Association of Animal Health Technicians – Mr W Kutu;
- iv) a person from NWU / UNISA (and vice versa) – Dr M Mwanza / Mr J Oosthuizen;
- v) a Council representative – Prof V Naidoo;
- vi) an international visitor – Ms T Mumby (San Diego Zoo); and
- vii) a person with experience in previous visitations (2010) - Mr D Visser

Both training institutions were informed of the team members and the team members were requested to resign from the respective University Advisory Committees in order to fulfil their roles as visitation members.

Dr Nandipha Ndudane, the Tsolo Agriculture and Rural Development Institute (TARDI) principal was invited as observer in preparation for the visitation to TARDI in 2018.

Deadlines for submission of completed Self Evaluation Reports (SERs) were communicated with the training institutions.

VISITATION GUIDELINES: SELF EVALUATION REPORT AND OTHER GUIDANCE

The SAVC's Day 1 skills for each profession are regularly reviewed. Each profession's skills are approved by Council.

DAY 1 SKILLS: VETERINARIANS

Dr K Joubert compared the SAVC Day 1 skills document with the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) Day 1 competencies to ensure that the current SAVC list was still aligned. This request came from the International Accreditors' Working Group (IAWG) meeting held (11-12 February 2016) as the OIE had to be sure that signing powers were given, as in the case of veterinarians, to persons of equivalent level.

Council accepted (26 – 27 July 2016) version 2 of the Veterinary Day 1 skills Document and the third revision would be presented for approval in July 2017. Dr Joubert suggested a meeting between the authors of the Day 1 skills documents to decide on a standard format for the documents.

The Education Committee was of the opinion that Day 1 skills should be relevant to the country and therefore Compulsory Veterinary Community Service (CCS) input was needed on Day 1 skills. Dr K Joubert would be tasked to include wildlife, obtain input from representatives of the CCS forum and State veterinarians. Regional feedback would be beneficial to assess provinces that excelled during the CCS year.

A suggestion that a list of differentiations was needed to determine when something was considered a veterinary procedure e.g. a biopsy, was discussed by the committee. Dr K Joubert, as original author of the veterinary Day 1 skills document, would work with a Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) representative on such a list. Dr Joubert would be asked to differentiate between the veterinary and para-veterinary professions.

DAY 1 SKILLS: VETERINARY NURSES

Following input received, Council accepted (26 – 27 July 2016) the Veterinary Nurses Day 1 skills Document (version 2).

DAY 1 SKILLS: VETERINARY TECHNOLOGISTS

Following input received, Council accepted (26 – 27 July 2016) the Veterinary Technologists Day 1 skills document (version 2).

DAY 1 SKILLS: ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIANS

The SAVC Animal Health Technician Day 1 skills document (version 1) was accepted by Council. The document was, however, currently under review as the scope of practice for the profession was under review.

DAY 1 SKILLS: LABORATORY ANIMAL TECHNOLOGISTS

Following input received, Council accepted (8 – 9 March 2016) the Laboratory Animal Health Technology Day 1 skills document. The document was, however, currently under review as the scope of practice for the profession was under review.

DAY 1 SKILLS: GENERAL

An overarching document explaining Day 1 skills was accepted by Council (26 – 27 July 2016).

An electronic survey was sent to 2016 Compulsory Veterinary Community Service (CCS) veterinarians asking what they needed to prepare them for the CCS year and what they felt was lacking in their training. Responses received would be forwarded to all relevant stakeholders.

GUIDELINES FOR WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING (WIL)

Input was obtained on a draft Work Integrated Learning (WIL) policy and the document was accepted by Council (26 – 27 July 2016). Following acceptance, the policy was re-circulated to the training institutions.

BVSc CURRICULUM: DAY 1 SKILLS MAPPING

A document mapping the BVSc curriculum against the Faculty's Day 1 skills was presented to the Education Committee. Dr K Joubert studied the document on behalf of the committee and indicated that should all the Faculty's documents (e.g. Day 1 skills, the list of surgery techniques and later the skills log) be read together, it matched up well with the Council's Day 1 skills document.

ANNUAL REPORTING FROM FACULTIES

According to Section 20 of Act 19, 1982 (the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act), all training institutions (University of Pretoria, University of South Africa, North West University, Tsolo Agriculture and Rural Development Institute, Tshwane University of Technology) shall furnish the Council-

- (i) annually at the prescribed time with the prescribed particulars relating to the students who are enrolled there for such degrees, diplomas or certificates;
- (ii) at its request with full particulars as to the minimum age and standard of general education required of students, the course of study, training and examination required of students before such degrees, diplomas or certificates are granted, the results of such examinations conducted by it, and such other particulars regarding any matter mentioned in this subparagraph as the council may require.

To this end, institutions providing veterinary and para-veterinary training provided Council with particulars regarding admissions on an annual basis (Annual Report Form and Applications and Admissions for the Academic Year).

MONITORING STANDARDS OF TRAINING

Dr K Joubert facilitated a monitoring workshop on 22 July 2016. The monitoring forms were revised following input received at the workshop.

Monitoring 2016

Monitoring reports for 2016 served at the committee and recommendations were submitted to, and accepted by, Council.

Council approved the appointment of Dr T Chetty to monitor the Faculty's final examination (2016) in response to a negative report received for monitoring conducted by Dr W Moraal for Applied Equine Clinical Studies (ECS 650).

Monitoring 2017

All monitoring programmes, as well as nominations for 2017 monitors, served at the Education Committee and recommendations were submitted to Council. Monitors for 2017 were appointed as follows:

North West University (NWU) (Animal Health Diploma and Degree)

SUBJECT	CODE	MONITORS
1 Introduction to Basic Physics Concepts (degree) Introduction to Agricultural Biometry (degree)	PHYM 129 ANSM 121	Mr TB Mojanaga
2 Production Animal Medicine and Surgery I (diploma) Production Animal Medicine and Surgery I (degree)	AHVM 312 AHPM 412	Mr O Khoane
3 Production Animal Medicine and Surgery II (diploma) Production Animal Medicine and Surgery II (degree)	AHVM 322 AHPM 422	Mr O Khoane
4 Companion Animal Medicine and Surgery I (diploma) Companion Animal Medicine and Surgery I (degree)	AHVM 311 AHPM 411	Mr PW Motswatswe
5 Companion Animal Medicine and Surgery II (diploma) Companion Animal Medicine and Surgery II (degree)	AHVM 321 AHPM 421	Mr PW Motswatswe
6 Pathology I (diploma) Pathology I (degree)	AHVM 313 AHPM 413	Mr MS Mdakane
7 Pathology II (diploma) Pathology II (degree)	AHVM 323 AHPM 423	Mr MS Mdakane

UNISA (Animal Health National Diploma)

SUBJECT	CODE	MONITORS
1 Animal Diseases 3		Mr M Moeng
2 Epidemiology 2		Mr T Serebolo

Tsolo Agriculture and Rural Development Institute (TARDI)

SUBJECT	CODE	MONITORS
1 Microbiology and Immunology	ANH1203	Ms L Diale
2 Veterinary Pathology II	ANH2302	M Nephawe
3 Preventative Medicine	ANH3502	Mr T Mohlabi

University of Pretoria (UP) (BVSc)

SUBJECT	CODE	MONITORS
1 Veterinary Professional Life	VPL120	Dr P Smit

University of Pretoria (UP) (DVN)

SUBJECT	CODE	MONITORS
1 Anatomy	ANG104	Sr C Ramsay
2 General Nursing	AVP111	Sr D Corbett
3 Surgical Nursing	CVP200	Sr T Serfontein

Tshwane University of Technology (TUT): Veterinary Technology

SUBJECT	CODE	MONITORS
1 Histology	HTL201T	Dr W Botha
2 Haematology: Veterinary Sciences	HVS201T	Prof A Goddard
3 Helminthology (re-monitoring)	HEM301T	Dr E Schwan
4 Veterinary Entomology (re-monitoring)	VTE301T	Ms K Labuschagne

NEW QUALIFICATIONS:

TSOLO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (TARDI) - DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL HEALTH

Dr Gideon Brückner continued to evaluate course material to assist TARDI as a new training institution offering the diploma in Animal Health.

Feedback was given to TARDI on the following subjects: Anatomy and Physiology, Animal Breeding, Computer Literacy, Non-Ruminants; Occupational Communication, Animal Handling and Welfare; (three (3) first year modules: Veterinary Microbiology and Immunology; Veterinary Pathology I; Aquaculture and Wildlife and two (2) second year modules: Vet Lab Diagnostics; Pasture and Nutrition).

The training institution was given an opportunity to comment on the feedback by Dr G Brückner on the material evaluation. Council accepted the materials evaluation at their meeting in October 2016.

It was suggested that Dr Ndudane submitted a letter to the Education Committee regarding the books currently available in the TARDI library and that the committee could then endorse it as covering the subject list.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:

RUTHERFORD HAYES UNIVERSITY: APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF A VETERINARY NURSING QUALIFICATION

No further response was received from Rutherford Hayes University in the USA after they were informed (7 April 2016) that a full visitation at their cost would be required to evaluate their veterinary nursing qualification.

Dr K Brandt from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has indicated (25 April 2016) that Rutherford Hayes University had not yet approached the AVMA for recognition of their veterinary nursing qualification.

ROSS UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (RUSVM)

Ms Westcott liaised with Prof D Brink (vice-dean: Stellenbosch University) and he confirmed in writing that Stellenbosch University students would be informed of the requirement that the SAVC Registration Examination had to be passed should they obtain their veterinary qualification from Ross University of Veterinary Medicine (RUSVM) and wished to practice in South Africa.

Ms S O'Dea from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (RUSVM) in St Kitts indicated that information would be included in their admission requirements to inform students who wish to work in South Africa that they would be expected to pass the SAVC Registration Examination. This would apply to students under the agreement between Stellenbosch University Faculty of AgriScience and RUSVM.

GLOBAL ACCREDITATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF VISITS

The SAVC and the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC)

A meeting was held (23 May 2016) with Ms L Havinga, Ms L Westcott and Dr P Ardington. Dr Ardington would align the SAVC’s visitation documents with those of the AVBC in time for the next visitation to the University of Pretoria in 2019.

The SAVC and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

Council accepted the veterinary qualification offered by the University of Cambridge following the final visitation report (9 – 13 March 2015) for automatic registration purposes.

Prof G Swan evaluated the University of Edinburgh visitation report (9 -13 November 2015) and it was accepted for automatic registration purposes.

SAVC representation: brief for observers attending board/council visitations for accreditation of qualifications

Dr P Ardington was working on the SAVC visitation documents and he was asked to combine the various inputs received on a brief for observers into one document.

International Accreditors’ Working Group (IAWG)

The IAWG is a joint initiative between the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC). The SAVC was invited to attend meetings as an observer. The European Association of Establishment for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) also attended meetings as an observer. The Working Group meets biennially to discuss standards of training and harmonisation of the different standards.

Prof Naidoo reported on his recommendations following his attendance of the International Accreditors’ Working Group meeting (11-12 February 2016) in Melbourne, Australia. All recommendations were accepted by Council (8-9 March 2016).

IAWG SAVC recommendations:

- “1. We continue to participate in the IAWG as an observer. The interactions with the other Councils is beneficial to our role as regulators. When UP becomes AVMA accredited, the SAVC to request full membership. It would also benefit the SAVC to have the Director of Education attend these meetings in addition to an Education Committee member (and not a nominee). This is how the AVMA, RCVS and AVBC nominates attendees.
- 2. The SAVC look at the OIE day one competencies to ensure that our current list is still aligned.
- 3. The veterinary SER be compared in a page by page manner with the RCVS and/or AVBC ones. Differences to be flagged and a decision be taken to update our SER document if necessary. Since this will not be an easy task, Council had to consider assigning some funds towards this. It is also suggested that this be a joint review by a veterinarian and the Director of Education. The inclusion of a student complaint mechanism should also be looked into.
- 4. The Education Committee to consider adopting the evaluation rubric of the AVMA, as done already by the AVBC and RCVS.
- 5. The SAVC should look into getting local accreditors on the EAEVE course which was highly rated by the chair of the AVBC Education Committee.
- 6. The SAVC to liaise with the RCVS to provide a list of our experienced observers, together with short CVs.
- 7. When in future SAVC is invited to be an observer on an Australasian or UK accreditation visit (not a joint international visit), and Council chooses to send a person, the school to be requested to pay for travel and accommodation. Consideration to be given to the school paying a local day fee as well. If the school opts not to contribute, the SAVC asserts its right to withdraw accreditation rights to said institutions’ graduates.
- 8. The SAVC to list qualifications of schools accepted by the SAVC for automatic registration purposes on the SAVC’s website. This be updated as necessary. In this way, when schools were not accepted, after assessment the SAVC can remove those qualifications from its website.
- 9. SAVC to look into travel insurance for international observers. Members had been in accidents during visits, with the cost of treatment being the direct responsibility of the person viz. the school refused to take responsibility for it.
- 10. When the agreements with the AVBC and RCVS came up for renewal, negotiations towards voting rights at accreditation visits had to be entered into.

- 11. The Education Committee had to adopt the EAEVE accreditation list as a means of direct entry into the registration examination i.e. the SAVC had to include those schools as having acceptable curriculums.
- 12. We continue in efforts to harmonise education standards in SADC.
- 13. The SAVC to consider sending a person to the WVA conference in 2018, to participate in the registration workshop.”

FOURTH OIE GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON VETERINARY EDUCATION (22-24 JUNE 2016)

Dr Rebone Moerane attended the fourth OIE Global Conference on Veterinary Education held in Bangkok, Thailand from 22-24 June 2016 on behalf of Council. The focus of the conference was the implementation of OIE guidelines to ensure excellence of the veterinary profession. Dr Moerane submitted a report to the Education Committee in July 2016 and it was accepted by Council in October 2016.

EXAMINATIONS

Feedback was given to Drs JC Almansa Ruiz, MEM Dlamini and ZM Watyoka following the decision by Council (8 - 9 March 2016) to uphold its decision that the candidates failed and Council did not make any exceptions.

Registration Examination 2016: Foreign graduates

Examination dates

Date for Computer Based Examination:	4 - 5 October 2016
Date for Oral/Practical Examination:	11 - 12 October 2016 (veterinarians)
	13 October 2016 (veterinary nurses and animal health technicians)
	14 October 2016 (veterinary technologists)

Appointment of examination officer, moderators and examiners

Examination Officer (EO): Prof B Penzhorn
Logistics Co-ordinator: Sr R Ludike

Veterinarians

Computer Based Examination (CBE):

Moderator: Session 1 – Paper 1: Dr M-L Penrith and Dr A Cloete
Moderator: Session 2 – Paper 2: Dr J Killian and Dr C Speedy

Practical Examination:
Moderator: Dr R Moerane

Examiners:
Panel 1A: Clinical procedures Companion Animals – Dr E Lee and Dr M Meyer
Panel 1B: Clinical procedures Companion Animals (Horses) – Dr G Hudson and Dr T Boshoff
Panel 1C: Skills Lab: Companion Animals – Dr P Smit

Panel 2: Pathology & VPH - Dr H Nel and Dr R Last

Panel 3A: Clinical procedures Production Animals - Dr E du Preez and Dr P Engelbrecht
Panel 3B: Skills Lab: Production Animals – Dr J van Heerden

Veterinary nurses

Computer Based Examination (CBE):

Moderator: Session 1: Sr E Botha

Moderator: Session 2: Sr R Ludike

Practical Examination:

Moderator: Sr E Botha

Examiners:

Panel 1: Theatre Practice: Sr R Pansegrouw

Panel 2: Surgical Nursing: S T Fisher

Panel 3: Medical Nursing: Dr E Scheepers

Panel 4: Radiography: Sr M McLean

Panel 5: Anaesthesia: Sr M Schutte

Panel 6: Reproductive Nursing: Dr G Brown

Panel 7: General Nursing: Sr R Ludike

Animal Health Technicians

Computer Based Examination (CBE):

Moderator: Session 1: Dr T Mlilo

Moderator: Session 2: Dr K Perrett

Practical Examination:

Moderator: Mr J Oosthuizen

Examiners:

Panel 1: Dr L Cele

Panel 2: Mr P Lourens

2016 Registration results were approved (25 -26 October 2016) as follows by Council:

Professions	Number of candidates who sat the CBE	Number of candidates who passed the CBE and Oral/Practical Examination
Veterinarians	31	17
Veterinary Nurses	2	1
Animal Health Technicians	1	2 (one candidate had to only take the practical examination)
Veterinary Technologists	1	1

Council (14 – 15 March 2017) accepted Prof B Penzhorn's recommendation that the focus of the Practical Examination be on practical procedures and that all theory be assessed in the Computer Based Examination (CBE). The current pass mark (60%) for the CBE was referred to the Standards Committee for input.

TARDI 18-month programme examination

The State **employed unregistered persons**, holding a qualification in animal production, as animal health technicians in the Eastern Cape. Numerous efforts were made to pursue the matter and a previous examination opportunity already had been provided by Council. A further written examination took place on 18-19 May 2016 for eighty-three (83) candidates. Only candidates who obtained an average of 60% for the four written papers attended the practical examination from 7-9 June 2016. Thirty (30) persons passed the written examination and all these persons passed the practical examination.

Council resolved that the candidates who failed should be given another opportunity in 2017. Should they fail the examination in 2017, they would be expected to enrol for the prescribed qualification in animal health should they wish to continue to perform the services of animal health technicians.

Dispensing examination

An online dispensing examination was developed by Prof V Naidoo. This was in line with current thinking on dispensing rights for veterinarians where it was discussed whether dispensing was the right of a graduate or whether it was to be earned through licensing. The idea was that professionals had to comply with the minimum requirements of the Medicines and Substances Related Control Act, Act No 101 of 1965. Council resolved to take the course forward as voluntary CPD.

Jurisprudence examination

Two candidates sat and passed the Jurisprudence examination as conducted by Dr E van Vollenhoven (22 April 2016) and moderated by Prof M van Vuuren. The moderated Jurisprudence examination results were recommended to, and accepted by, Council (26-27 July 2016).

CURRICULUM EVALUATION: VETERINARY NURSING

Australian veterinary nursing qualifications were assessed for possibly entry into the SAVC Registration Examination, but were found to be deficient in the areas of Equine- and Production Animals.

CURRICULUM EVALUATION: VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Council resolved (14 – 15 March 2017) that no local qualifications, other than the National Diploma in Veterinary Technology, should be accepted for entry into the SAVC veterinary technology registration examination. International qualifications would, following successful evaluation, be accepted for entry into the examination.

COMBINED SAVC AND INSTITUTION EXAMINATIONS

The Education Committee discussed the possibility of combining the SAVC registration examination with those of final year University of Pretoria (UP) students. Council resolved (14 – 15 March 2017) to obtain legal input on the possible combination of the SAVC and the UP examinations keeping the respective mandates of Council and the UP in mind.

VETERINARY WELFARE ASSISTANTS (VWAs)

Approval from the Council on Higher Education (CHE) was awaited by UNISA following submission in 2015 for an veterinary welfare assistants' course (one-year certificate). The writing of materials was on track for implementation in 2017, or possibly 2018.

TRAINING:

LABORATORY ANIMAL TECHNOLOGISTS (LATs)

The South African Association for Laboratory Animal Science (SAALAS) considered Day 1 skills for LATs and the outcomes of the previous training course. The IAT course was assessed to determine shortcomings (previously Pharmacology and Jurisprudence were identified). The SAALAS was in full support of a Council examination. Clear guidelines had to be provided on Work Integrated Learning (WIL) and it was expected that logbooks had to be in place.

VETERINARY NURSES

The University of Pretoria had since February 2015 been waiting for the Higher Education (HE) Committee for a response to the application to offer a degree in Veterinary Nursing (BVN). The SAVC liaised with the Council on Higher Education (CHE) regarding delays in responses to application for approval of qualifications for professions as follows: veterinary physiotherapy, veterinary welfare assistants and veterinary nurses.

The shortage of veterinary nurses was also discussed between the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP and the Veterinary Nurses Association of South Africa (VNASA).

ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIANS (AHTS)

UNISA

It was reported that a lot more exposure to Primary Animal Health Care (PAHC) was included in the curriculum. UNISA handled most of the training for Work Integrated Learning (WIL). More veterinarians would be employed to train students. A progress report on the UNISA mobile clinic was circulated to the committee. The services of the mobile veterinary clinic was in huge demand and UNISA mostly handled all practical procedures. Testing would be done according to Day 1 skills. UNISA launched a new diploma; previously a national diploma was offered, but it was being phased out and a diploma in animal health was being implemented. Approval was received from the Council on Higher Education (CHE).

NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY

It was reported that an ambulance was acquired in addition to the mobile veterinary clinic. There were two Compulsory Veterinary Community Service (CCS) veterinarians employed at NWU. The employment of veterinarians offered an increase in community engagement opportunities for students. The university was affected by the “*Fees Must Fall*” protests, but managed to complete all their training.

TSOLO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

It was reported that there were two CCS veterinarians employed at TARDI and that from April 2016 two animal health technicians (AHTs) were employed. They held the BTech degree from Grootfontein. TARDI used Allerton as laboratory in an attempt to benchmark with other training institutions. An advertisement for one veterinarian was placed, but the work permit still had to be sorted out as only three foreign veterinarians applied. Dr M Guma had to write the SAVC Registration Examination in October 2016 and the University of Pretoria assisted him with his practical preparation. TARDI was looking into testing against Day 1 skills. A workshop was held between TARDI and the University of Pretoria in an attempt to improve collaboration.

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGISTS

The Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) started with in-house Work Integrated Learning (WIL) training. Outside venues, e.g. Onderstepoort and Malelane, were also still used. It was reported that there were huge improvements in the numbers of students. TUT increased the first-year intake from thirty-five (35) to forty-five (45). Students now rotated between outside private facilities as well as the in-house facilities. The employment of tutors assisted students greatly. A mobile clinic had to be included in the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) training in 2017. An amended generic version of Table 9 (minimum standards for training of Veterinary Technologists) was accepted by Council (14 – 15 March 2017).

VETERINARY PHYSIOTHERAPY

Resistance was experienced from human physiotherapists regarding the promulgation of a new para-veterinary profession of veterinary physiotherapist. Council wrote to the Health Professions Council of SA (HPCSA) and the various veterinary and para-veterinary associations to update them on progress with regard to the veterinary physiotherapy profession.

Regarding the application from Equine-Librium, it was further resolved that a two-part evaluation would take place: 1) Equine-Librium had to provide a Self-Evaluation Report (SER) including the full syllabus to be assessed by a pre-evaluation committee. 2) A site visit had to take place once the training institution was accepted by the CHE. This decision changed in the next period of report.

GLOBAL ACCREDITATION: INFORMATION PACK FOR FOREIGN EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

A CPD booklet was developed and was available on the SAVC website.

SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (SAQA): NATIONAL LEARNERS' RECORDS DATA BASE

The SAVC's data was successfully uploaded to the National Learners' Records Data Base on 4 May 2016 and 4 November 2016.

The SAVC was awaiting feedback on whether recognition as a Professional Body with the SAQA would continue.

COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHE)

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) Working Group continued to work on and obtain input on a draft framework - Towards a national framework: The roles and responsibilities of the CHE, HEIs and professional councils regarding the accreditation of professional programmes and related quality assurance functions.

The draft framework formed part of a CHE/HEI/PC workshop held on 24 March 2017. EU funding was obtained by the DHET/ CHE for a project on the development of a framework to enhance interaction, coordination and collaboration between relevant stakeholders to produce more professional graduates. It was anticipated that the Working Group's work would feed into this much larger framework that would address challenges in the entire Post-School Education and Training (PSET) sector.

The project was officially launched and representatives from across the sector would soon be asked to serve on the steering committee and the project would also include a national colloquium scheduled from 18-19 May 2017.

PROFESSIONAL BODY MEETINGS

South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) Professional Bodies Forum meetings and the Independent Professional Body Forum meetings were attended.

PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONALS: SPECIALISATION

The previously drawn up document outlining specialisation for para-veterinary professionals needed to be reviewed with a view to provide para-veterinary professionals with different pathways. It was suggested that the document formed part of the planned para-veterinary workshop. ■



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5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1 MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016

Dr CP Marwick (Chairperson)
Dr JR Adam
Dr PT Oberem

1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Dr JR Adam (Chairperson)
Dr CP Marwick
Dr PT Oberem

5.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held	Apologies received
26 May 2016	Dr PT Oberem
25 July 2016	None

Meetings held	Apologies received
7 September 2016	None
24 October 2016	Dr PT Oberem
30 January 2017	Dr PT Oberem
13 March 2017	None

5.3 AUDITED STATEMENTS 2016.2017

The statements were accepted by Council and were allocated 15% of the surplus on salaries not paid to the skills development fund.

5.4 THE BUDGET FOR 2017.2018

BUDGET APPROVED: MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

Expected income generated was increased by 6%, one percent below inflation which, at the time of approval of the budget, stood at 6.9% and which rate would in all probability increase during the financial year.

The Finance Committee believed that provision of R 30 000 should be made available for any vehicle damage claimed by staff members or Councillors when using vehicles for official purposes in the contingency fund; and standard insurance should be retained.

Animal Health Examinations: The national skills fund had to be approached to fund the Animal Health examination.

Public Relations: There was a sharp increase in the Public Relations budget for 2017/2018 due to the proposed communication plan [marketing]; in conjunction with the South African Veterinary Association and the Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP.

Staff salaries: There was an increase of approximately 13 % in total salary expenditure for 2017/2018 due to creation of new posts and benchmarking of salaries.



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Service providers: Service provider increases were estimated at 10%.

Disciplinary costs: The period calculated for disciplinary costs over five years may be too long, however a comparison was made with the previous year and rules had to be amended.

Parking infrastructure: Including shade parking had to be developed as soon as possible and a business proposal had to be made to the Finance Committee.

Bad debt: A current ratio of 4 % bad debt on income from maintenance fees was an acceptable norm. The administration would be proactive in recovering as much as possible of outstanding debts.

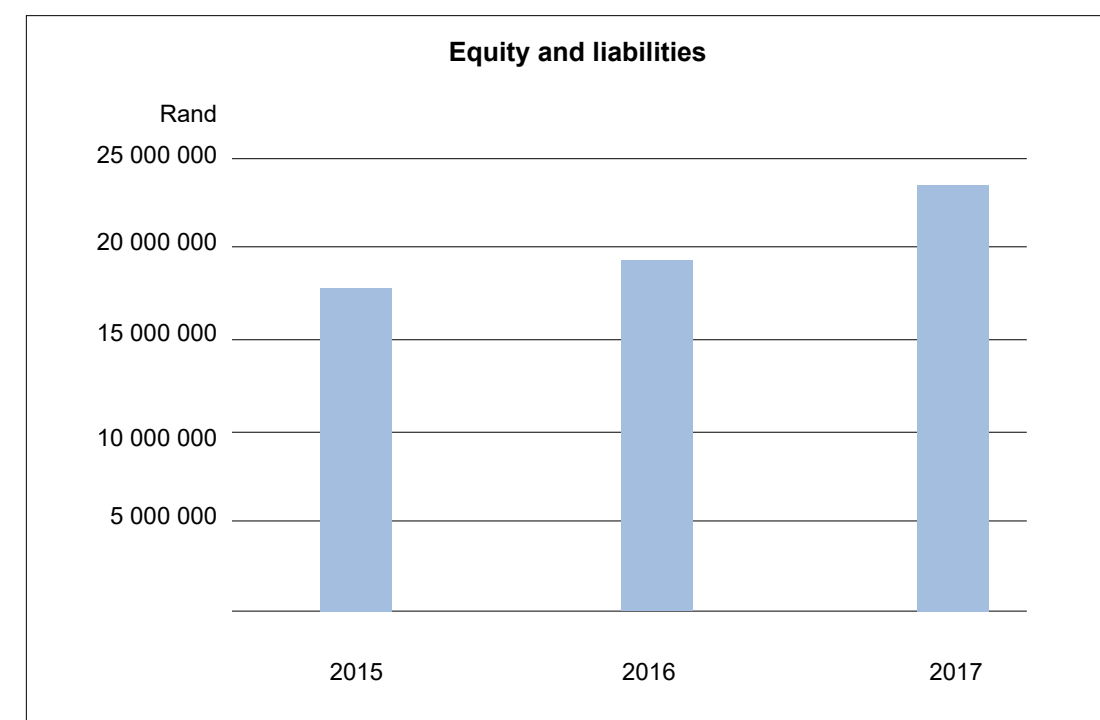
Re-registration fees: The re-registration fee should be reviewed as the committee believed it should be double the maintenance fee. Late payers had to comply with Continued Professional Development [CPD] even though they re-registered.

Removal policy: A more stringent policy had to implemented for removal of veterinary and para-veterinary professionals who did not pay the maintenance fees.

5.5 INVESTMENTS

A fixed investment for three-to five years, respectively of an amount of R 10 m, was invested with ABSA.

5.6 ORGANISATIONAL POSITION



5.7 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

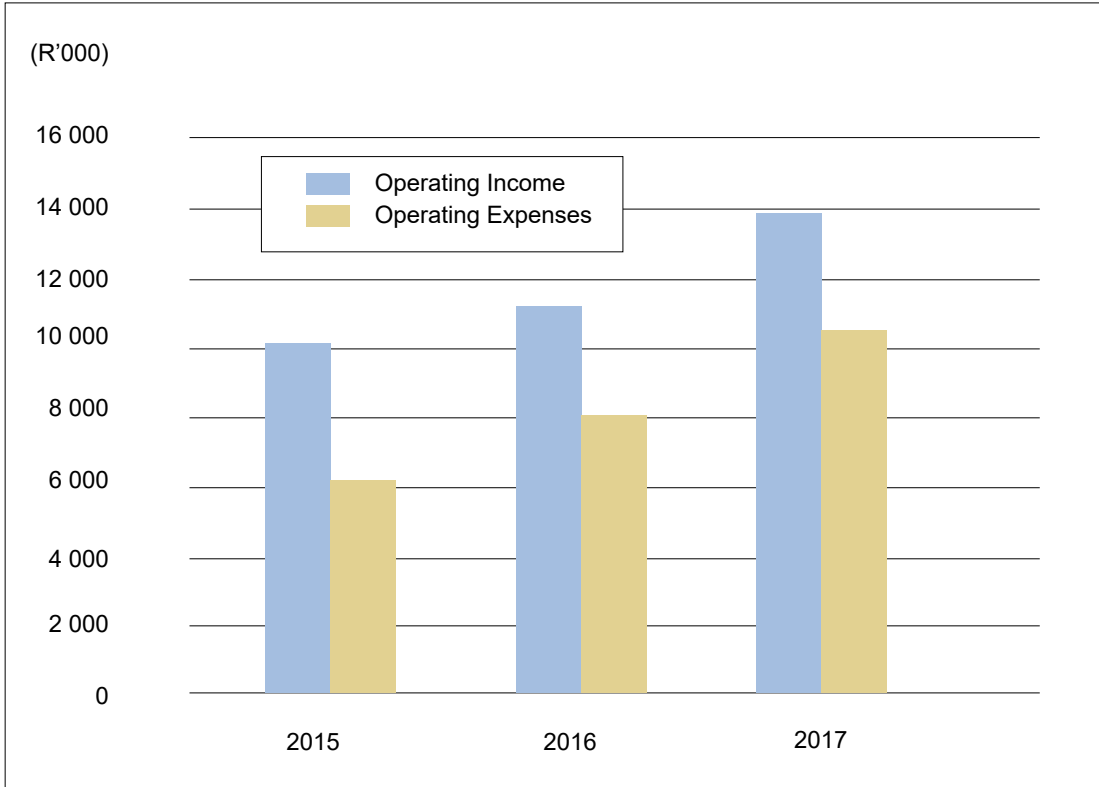


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6. FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

6.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016

Dr JR Adam (Chairperson)
Dr CP Marwick
Prof V Naidoo
Dr CC Nkuna
Dr PT Oberem

1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Dr MSM Molefe (Chairperson)
Dr JR Adam
Dr CP Marwick
Prof V Naidoo
Dr CC Nkuna
Dr PT Oberem
Mr T Zokufa



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6.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held	Apologies received	Co-opted/guests attended
25 July 2016	Prof Naidoo	Prof M Van Vuuren
24 October 2016	Dr Oberem	Prof M Van Vuuren
13 March 2017	Dr Marwick Dr Nkuna	Prof M Van Vuuren

6.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The One Health Concept is a collaborative effort of a multidisciplinary environmental, human and veterinary approach to ensure the wellbeing of both animals and humans, which is very important from the South African perspective. To this end a permanent secretariat was established under the auspices of the Food Safety & Security Committee and Prof Moritz van Vuuren appointed as the Director: Food Safety and Security Portfolio. After the appointment of Professor van Vuuren a great deal has been achieved in addressing issues concerning Food Safety and Security and especially in the sphere of Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) by the Food Safety and Security Committee.

At the meeting of the Food Safety and Security meeting held on 25 July 2016 it was decided that:

- The abuse of colistin in South Africa was one of the main factors in highlighting the importance of the correct use of antimicrobials in the country.
- The Medicines Control Council (MCC) under the Medicines and Related Substances Act, Act 101 of 1965, was critically evaluating the use of antibiotics in food producing animals.
- The concern was that colistin was actually the medicine of last resort to treat life threatening human conditions (infections) and was commonly used in food producing animals.
- Council informed the veterinary profession by way of a Newsletter that it recommended that colistin not be used in food producing animals at all, unless the veterinarian could justify its use, having conducted a sensitivity test and as a very last resort, to treat an animal. Any conduct to the contrary will be regarded by council as unprofessional conduct.

At the meeting of the Food Safety and Security meeting held on 24 October 2016 it was discussed that:

- In the domain of One Health and AMR several developments took place.

- Prof Van Vuuren was invited and accepted to participate in the One Health Sub-Committee of the Global Health Security Agenda (the Sub-Committee), in which fifty countries participated.
- Recent work done by the Sub-Committee contributed to documents prepared for the September 2016 meeting of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly high level meeting on antimicrobial resistance.
- The UN General Assembly dedicated one full day to AMR, the biggest global One Health issue.
- A meeting hosted by the National Department of Health was held on 27 July 2016 to discuss the practical Guideline to Antimicrobial Resistance Stewardship in South Africa: One Health Approach & Governance (the Guideline). The SAVC was represented by Prof Van Vuuren. After an objection raised by Prof Van Vuuren, veterinary professionals were involved in the drafting of the Guideline and animal health was included.
- Council sent a communique to the veterinary profession that Council supports the prudent use of antimicrobials, which was placed on Council's website as well.
- Prof Van Vuuren and Dr CN Nkuna attended the One Health Antibiotic Stewardship Summit held in Washington DC (USA) held during September 2016. The Summit provided the perspective of the animal protein industries and the sustainability of those industries.

At the meeting of the Food Safety and Security meeting held on 13 March 2017 it was discussed that

- Prof Van Vuuren addressed the Executive Committee meeting of the South African Animal Health Association (SAAHA) on 1 November 2016. The objective was to request the animal health pharmaceutical companies to provide quantitative data on the quantity of antibiotics sold in the country. The information was required by the Chief Veterinary Officer of South Africa (CVO), Dr BM Modisane, on request of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) directed at all its Member States.
- The reason that the figures should be obtained was the sale of compounded medicines. Volume wise those sales accounted for approximately 10 - 20% of the AM's used and the real focus was to limit the compounding.
- Prof Van Vuuren was nominated by the CVO to participate during November 2016 in the International Workshop on National Action Plans for Combating Antimicrobial Resistance in Developing Countries in New Delhi, India. He prepared and presented on Veterinary Surveillance and Monitoring of AMR in South Africa. The workshop was meaningful as it not only focussed on national action plan development, but also on anti-microbial resistance spread in the environment.
- Prof Van Vuuren attended a workshop of the South African Antibiotic Stewardship Programme (SAASP) on 24 February 2017 in Johannesburg and presented a talk titled "Determinants of Antibiotic Prescription Behaviour". It was the ideal opportunity to also enlighten the medical profession on how things work in Animal Health in the veterinary profession, for instance the fact that South Africa had the dual registration system and the fact that veterinarians had the privilege to not only prescribe but dispense them as well. ■



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7. HERITAGE COMMITTEE

7.1 MEMBERS OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016

Dr AP De Vos	(Chairperson)
Dr A Snijders	(Representing the SAVA)
Dr PB Mutowembwa	(Representing the BVF)
Ms P Khobotle	(Representing the SAAPVP)
Drs L Mrwebi and CL Mnqeta	(Representing the DAFF)
Dr P Oberem	(Representing the SAVC)

1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Dr AP De Vos	(Chairperson)
Dr A Snijders	(Representing the SAVA)
Dr PB Mutowembwa	(Representing the BVF)
Dr CL Mnqeta	(Representing the DAFF)
Mr MW Kutu	(Representing the Veterinary Para-profession)

7.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held	Apologies received
25 October 2016	Dr CL Mnqeta

7.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.3.1 The purpose and function of the committee was to value and appreciate the common heritage shared with a view to cross the divides in the profession.

The committee members were nominated to volunteer and anybody was welcome to attend Heritage Committee meetings; that it was neither select nor a closed meeting. The Terms of Reference were accepted by the members present as follows:

That a permanent committee would still be maintained along the lines previously decided on:

- That it would be run under the auspices of the SAVC – for the sake of continuity;
- That a Council member would chair the committee;
- That it needed to be supported by the administration of the SAVC, including the dissemination of information through SAVC's website and newsletter;
- That the committee would decide its own Terms of Reference and that the members would be self-funded;
- That the following stakeholders would be represented and that attempts would be made to get representation of:
 - The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC)
 - The South African Veterinary Association (SAVA)
 - The Black Veterinary Forum (BVF)
 - The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF);



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- The South African Association for Para-Veterinary Professionals (SAAPVP); and
- Training institutions and industry, if possible.
- It would be named the Veterinary Heritage Committee;
- That there would be at least one meeting per year, coinciding with expedient travel arrangements, and that the rest would be done electronically, where possible;
- The representatives of DAFF, SAVA, BVF and SAAPVP would forward all relevant information to their constituencies.

7.3.2 DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED INITIATIVES

- To promote the election of a Veterinarian of the Year and to publish the results on the website.
- To create a multi-language '*phrase book*' of commonly used veterinary terms and phrases which could be built up and published on the website for use while working.
- To create a regular column in the SAVC publication, to highlight matters of heritage.
- It was resolved that two meetings per year (March and October) would suffice. Further electronic meetings could be scheduled when needed.

7.4 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held	Apologies received
14 March 2017	Dr CL Mnqeta Dr PB Mutowembwa

7.5 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.5.1 Discussion of the proposed initiatives-

- To promote the election of a Veterinarian of the Year for World Veterinary Day, 29th April.

Many nominations had been received of worthy veterinarians and para-veterinarians, and there were many candidates that had been nominated by more than one individual.

The options were discussed, whether to place all the nominees on the website as in 2016, OR select a '*winner*' – and if so, what procedure to follow and which categories to look at.

The proposal decided on, served before Council the next day and Council elected to publish a list of all the nominees on the website and to also disseminate the list to all registrars via an email MailChimp message.

- The multi-language '*phrase book*' of commonly used veterinary terms and phrases was still a work in progress.
- The publication to highlight matters of heritage was discussed: all the articles published in the Newsletter so far would be published on the website as well. The latest was the article on Indigenous Knowledge by Dr Snijders.
- The intention of the Heritage Committee to celebrate common heritage in order to enhance unity in the professions - and request for input - would be mentioned to Council again. ■

8. INSPECTIONS COMMITTEE



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VETERINARIAN 2017. GOAT
WITH ORF (EXANTHEMOUS
DISEASE CAUSED BY
A PARAPOX VIRUS AND
OCCURRING PRIMARILY IN
SHEEP AND GOATS)

8.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2015 – 31 July 2016

Sr T Lotter	(Chairperson)
Dr A Erasmus	
Dr R Mphuthi	(State Veterinarian)
Dr CP Marwick	
Dr I Southern	(SAVA Representative)

1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Sr Lotter (Chairperson)	[Animal Welfare and Laboratories]
Dr A Erasmus	[Companion animal practice]
Dr C P Marwick	[Production animal practice]
Dr P Smit	[Companion animal practice]

8.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Physical meetings held	Apologies received
13 October 2016	None

Quarterly electronic meetings
June 2016
September 2016
December 2016
January 2017

8.3 WORKSHOPS HELD

A very first inspector's workshop was held on 31 January 2017 with a view to discuss the introduction of routine inspections of facilities where from any veterinary services were rendered. Eighteen (18) Inspectors attended the workshop.

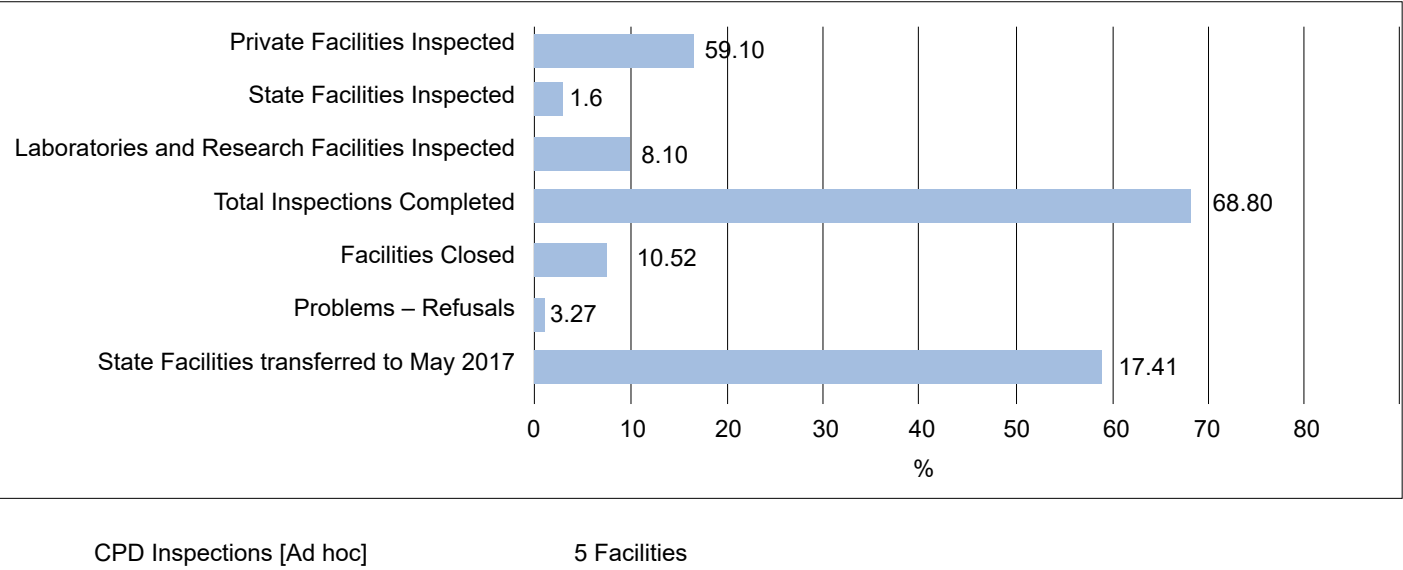
Topics discussed during the workshop includes:

- The Approach to routine Inspections
- Records and clinical records
- Rule 36 – Veterinary Shops
- Online Veterinary Shops
- Inspection of Veterinary Shops
- Rule 25 – Mobile Facilities
- Rules 27, 28 & 29 – Hospitals/Clinics
- Identification of Patients in Hospital
- Location [Positioning/Situation/Placement] of Theatre and Door/thoroughfare
- Isolation Facility
- Location [Placement/Where Situated in the Practice] of X-Ray room
- Oxygen
- Overnight Monitoring of Hospitalised Patients
- Monitoring of Anaesthesia
- Fire Extinguishers
- Rule 31 - Laboratories and Requirements
- Specimens
- Rule 33 A and B – Production Animals and Wildlife
- Medicines
- Vaccination Records
- Protection
 - Gloves
 - Protective Eyewear
 - Protective Wear
- Instruments & Equipment
- Sterility of Instruments/Packs
- Centrifuges/Refractometers
- Sharps Containers
- Additional Equipment – Microchip Scanner, Stretchers for Game
- Resuscitation Equipment
- Office where Clients can be received
- Service Delivery vehicle
- Theatre Facilities for Wildlife
- Diagnostic Laboratories
- Security Arrangements to protect Records
- Minimum Standards for Bomas
- Lay Staff
- Some "Medicines Related" Problem Issues Identified During Routine Inspections [Especially Wildlife Practices]
 - Receiving Scheduled Medicines
 - Mixing of Medicines
 - Availability of Medicines
 - Safe Keeping
 - Dispensing
 - Registers
 - Prescriptions
 - Pre-Dispensing of Medicines

8.4 INSPECTION OF FACILITIES: MINIMUM STANDARDS OF FACILITIES

INSPECTIONS: PRIVATE FACILITIES		INSPECTIONS: STATE VETERINARY FACILITIES	
NAMES OF INSPECTORS	NO OF FACILITIES INSPECTED	NAMES OF INSPECTORS	NO OF FACILITIES INSPECTED
Dr JR Adam	6	Dr FM Baloyi	Due to State budget constraints, state veterinary facilities could not be inspected during this financial year. Principals of State veterinary facilities would in future be given a two-year notice to ensure that provision is made for routine inspection fees.
Dr PC Ardington	12	Dr J Chipunza	
Dr PC Delport	6	Dr E Goremucheche	
Mr FH Dreyer	5	Dr MS Gulwako	
Dr L Du Plessis	5	Dr E Katanda	
Dr A Erasmus	25	Dr C Kutwana	
Dr EL Lee	3	Dr NG Lekhuleni	
Sr T Lotter	29	Dr MK Mabunda	
Dr MH Lowry	5	Dr V Mashau	
Dr CP Marwick	19	Dr GA Moyo	
Mr J Oosthuizen	3	Dr NT Ndudane	
Dr MBN Phala	3	Dr DWP Ngobese	
Dr J Rabie	10	Dr YS Nkubungu	
Dr IG Southern	14	Dr LF Rampa	
Prof SS Van den Berg	1		
Dr FA van Niekerk	15		
Dr MJ Wolhuter	3		

8.5 FACILITIES INSPECTION – STATISTICS 2016.2017



8.6 INSPECTIONS COMMITTEE

No inspections conducted by State Inspectors for the period under review.

TYPES OF FACILITIES	NUMBER
Private Facilities Inspected	138
State Facilities Inspected	4
	(43 facilities from the financial year 2016.2017 stood over pending payment)
Laboratories and Research facilities Inspected	20
Facilities Closed: Are no longer operative	26
Ad hoc Inspections based on non- compliance with Continued Professional Development [CPD] requirements	12

8.7 FACILITIES HANDED OVER TO LEGAL SECTION

Five (5) principals refused to make payment of the routine inspection fees and their conduct was referred to the legal section for investigation of professional conduct. ■



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9. INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE



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9.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016

Dr GAP Carlisle (Chairperson)
Dr M Lawrance
Dr BM Modisane
Dr M Verseput

1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Dr GAP Carlisle (Chairperson)
Dr M Lawrance
Dr BM Modisane
Dr M Verseput

Co-opted
Mr MW Kutu (When expertise required)

9.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held	Apologies received	Council member/observer
14 July 2016	None	None
3 November 2016	Dr BM Modisane	None
8 December 2016	None	None
2 March 2017	Dr BM Modisane	Dr MSM Molefe

9.3 ADMINISTRATION

The Administration dealt with complaints ranging from lay persons performing veterinary and/or para-veterinary restricted procedures, professional complaints against other professionals, and complaints of unprofessional conduct against veterinary and para-veterinary professionals from members of the public on a daily basis. The Administration experienced an increase in complaints regarding veterinary fees since the Guideline of Fees was discontinued in December 2013. These complaints could however not be addressed, as each service provider had to establish his/her own fee structure as per the Competition Act, Act 89 of 1998.

COMPLAINTS

Due to the amendment to the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act 19 of 1982, which came into operation on 9 November 2015, Council now had jurisdiction to investigate complaints against lay persons performing veterinary services. The prosecution of Ms Romayne Midgely, who fraudulently presented herself as a veterinary nurse, was but the first successful case. The introduction of the Inspectorate in April 2016 had been of great assistance with the investigation of cases in which complainants wanted to remain anonymous. Out of a total of eight (8) cases referred to the inspectorate, two have been finalised. In one of the matters, an investigation into unprofessional conduct was launched against the para-veterinary professional and the second was closed due to insufficient evidence. ■

Complaints received from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

Out of 36 matters that were deliberated and decided on:

1. Finalised finding no unprofessional conduct (Dismissed)	17
2. Referred to mediation	3
3. Inquiries conducted	2 Guilty
4. CPD Matter to be referred to a one-person inquiry	0
5. Rule 40 (9) - (Caution or warning from the Investigation Committee)	8
6. Closed by Administration	2
7. Withdrawn by complainants	4

10. REGISTRATION AND AUTHORISATION COMMITTEE

10.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016

Dr CC Nkuna (Chairperson)
 Dr AM Banderker
 Sr T Lötter
 Mr J Oosthuizen
 Mr JJ Müller
 Mr CJJ Bester

1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Dr CC Nkuna (Chairperson)
 Sr T Lötter
 Mr C Bester
 Dr T Chetty
 Mr WM Kutu
 Mr J Müller
 Mr T Zokufa



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 DR NADIA JORDAAN TREATING THREE DOGS THAT WERE POISONED WITH ORGANOPHOSPHATES, THEMBA ANIMAL CLINIC

10.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held	Apologies received
26 May 2016	None
27 September 2016	Dr T Chetty
24 January 2017	None

10.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 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, development of the curriculum could not be finalised in this period of report;
- Authorisation section 23 (1) (c), animal welfare assistants** – the guidelines with regards to assessing animal welfare assistants were amended and accepted by Council;
- Authorisation section 23 (1) (c) authorisations (excluding researchers and animal welfare assistants)** – The guideline for authorisation and the supervision agreement were reviewed and accepted by Council;
- Methods to euthanasia injured bats** – a guideline was drafted which will be distributed to all stakeholders, but was not finalised within this period;
- Compulsory Community Services (CCS) registration of international graduates** – exemption was granted to foreign veterinarians who wrote the SAVC examination as they registered before the CCS amendments to the Act and regulations were published;
- Registration policies** – an in-house special dispensation policy document was finalised to allow for reduced maintenance fees for the registered professionals who were either: abroad, not practicing in the field and/or studying full or part time and unemployed. One hundred and forty-five (145) applications were received for a special dispensation for the period of report and was granted based on the special dispensation policy.

10.4 REGISTRATIONS, REMOVALS, RENEWALS AND AUTHORISATIONS

A total of 5658 veterinary and veterinary para professionals were registered with the SAVC on 31 March 2017 and 802 persons were authorised to perform veterinary- or veterinary para professional services. Registrars were encouraged to register and to maintain registration.

The Registration and Authorisation Committee made recommendations to Council as set out in the table below.

Veterinary or Para-Veterinary Profession	Registrations and Re-Registrations after three years (Automatic qualifications)	Authorisation to render the services of the veterinary or para-veterinary profession: Granted (New and renewals)	Authorisation not granted
Animal health technicians	0	2	0
To render services of Laboratory animal technologists	0	110	4
Veterinary nurses	1	4	2
To render services of Veterinary technologists	0	55	1
Veterinarians	1	16	1
Animal welfare assistants	0	99	3
TOTAL	2	286	11

1 APRIL 2016 - 31 MARCH 2017

Professionals registered/authorised to perform Veterinary/veterinary para-professional services as on 31 March 2017

Professionals	Number registered 2016	%	Number registered 2017	%
Veterinarians (including 19 with restricted registration)	3239	60.70	3457	61.10
Veterinary Specialists	172	3.22	180	3.18
Animal Health Technicians	998	18.70	1033	18.26
Laboratory Animal Technologists	18	0.33	19	0.34
Veterinary Nurses	622	11.65	667	11.79
Veterinary Technologists (including CSR)	287	5.40	302	5.33
Subtotal	5336	100	5658	100
Persons authorised in terms of section 23(1)	625		802	
Total	5961		6460	

Persons authorised in terms of section 23(1) to render services of:	2016	2017
Veterinarian	33	42
Animal Health Technician	40	40
Laboratory Animal Technologist	204	288
Veterinary Technologist	42	88
Veterinary Nurse	1	8
Animal Welfare Assistants	305	336
Total	625	802

REGISTRATIONS AND REMOVALS FROM THE REGISTER DURING 2016/2017

Professions	Registrations	(Removals)	Re-registrations	Gains (Loss)
Veterinarian	249	(62)	31	218
Competence Specific (Restrict)	0	0	0	0
Veterinary Specialist	7	(2)	3	8
Animal Health Technician	84	(63)	14	35
Laboratory Animal Technologist	0	0	1	1
Veterinary Nurse	61	(21)	5	45
Veterinary Technologist (VT)	19	(12)	8	15

AUTHORISATIONS AND REMOVALS FROM THE REGISTER DURING 2016/2017

Authorised 2016/2017	Authorisations	(Removals)	Renewal	Gains (Loss)
Veterinarians	15	(7)	1	9
Animal Health Technicians	1	(2)	1	0
Laboratory Animal Technologist	108	(26)	2	84
Veterinary Nurses	6	0	1	7
Veterinary Technologists	54	(9)	1	46
Animal Welfare Assistants	85	(68)	14	31

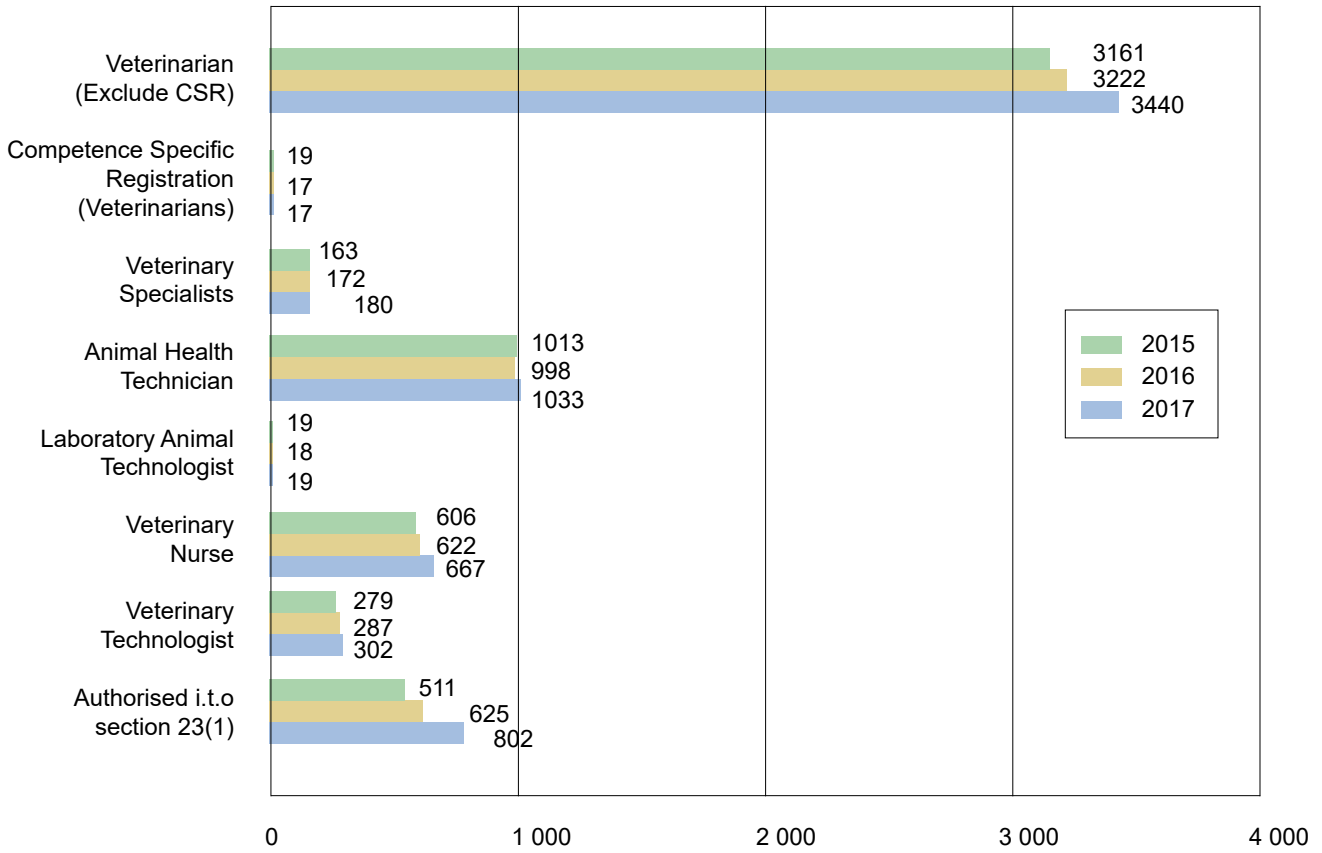


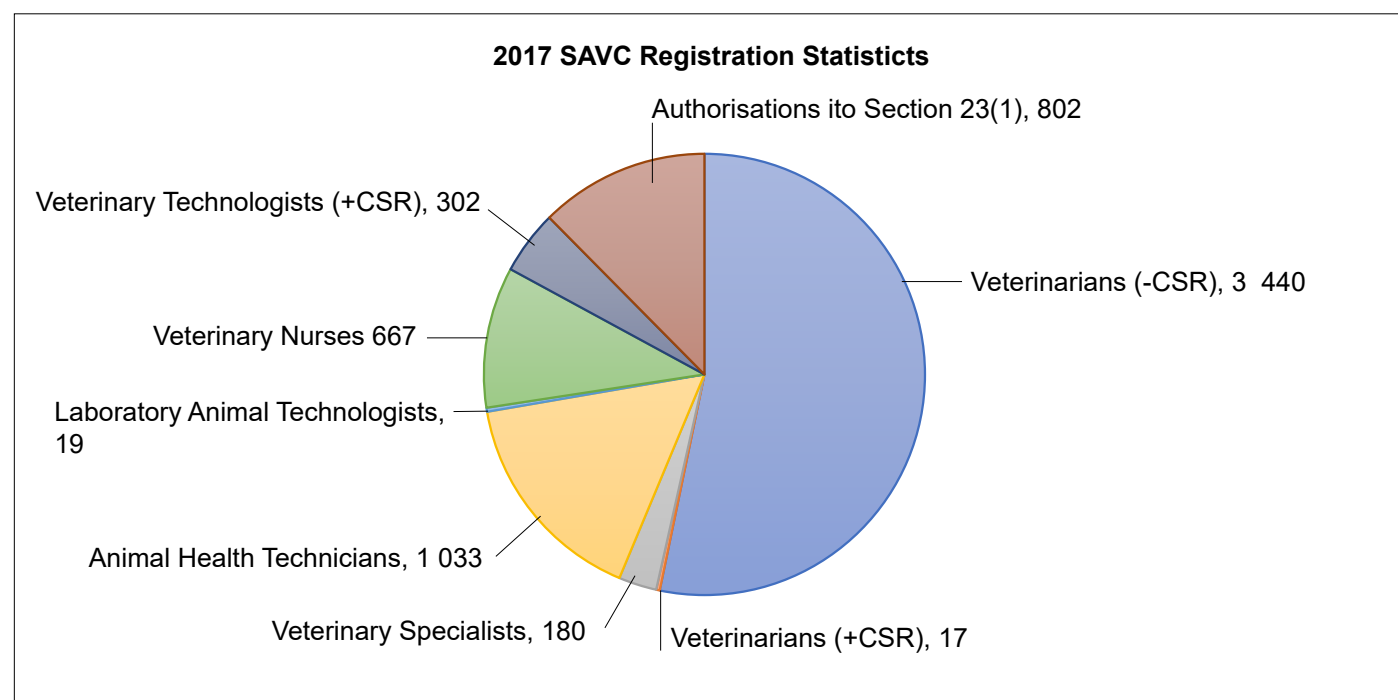
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COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS ON 31 MARCH

Profession	2013	2014	2015	Gain (Loss)	2016 (Loss)	Gain (Loss)	2017	Gain
Veterinarian (Exclude CSR)	2954	3080	3161	81	3222	61	3440	218
Competence Specific (Restricted)								
Veterinarians	18	17	19	2	17	(2)	17	0
Veterinary Specialists	147	160	163	3	172	9	180	8
Animal Health Technician	1010	1019	1013	(6)	998	(15)	1033	35
Laboratory Animal Technologist	21	20	19	(1)	18	(1)	19	1
Veterinary Nurse	578	602	606	4	622	16	667	45
Veterinary Technologist (VT)	265	276	279	3	287	8	302	15
	4778	4993	5260	201	5336	82	5658	322
Authorised i.t.o section 23(1)	376	425	511	86	625	114	802	177
			5771	250	5961	196	6460	499

Comparison with previous years on 31 March 2017





SAVC REGISTRATION EXAMINATION: FOREIGN REGISTERED MEMBERS

Council invited registered members who passed the SAVC's registration examination to make a declaration similar to the one currently taken by BVSc graduates. The fourth such ceremony took place on 23 November 2015.

10.4 THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS WERE ACCEPTED DURING THE PERIOD OF REPORT IN TERMS OF SECTION 20 (5) (A) (B) & (C) TO REGISTER THE APPLICANTS, AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE EXAMINATION:

Veterinary qualifications

1.	D16/13419	Almansa Ruiz	JC	DVM	University of Madrid, Spain
2.	D16/15374	Broussard	EA	DVM	Louisiana Sate University, USA
3.	D16/15857	Chako	A	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe
4.	D16/12605	Chipangura	JK	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe
5.	D16/15846	Chipunga	SL	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe
6.	D16/15850	Chuma	C	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe
7.	D16/15847	Flamini	C	DVM	University of Perugia, Italy
8.	D16/15849	Jongi	G	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe
9.	D16/12532	Lukacs	G	D.V.SC	Szent István University, Budapest
10.	D16/15925	Mafuya	PL	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe
11.	D16/15851	Masawi	J	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe
12.	D16/15853	Nyoni	G	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe

13.	D16/13168	Offereins	HW	Veterinary Medicine	Utrecht, Netherlands
14.	D16/15854	Sibanda	M	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe
15.	D16/15852	Tigere	GS	BVSc	University of Zimbabwe
16.	D16/11318	Watyoka	ZM	BVSc	Kazan State Academy of Veterinary Medicine, Russia

Veterinary nurse qualification

1.	V16/15848	Bamhambire	S	Dip.Vet.Nurse	University of Zimbabwe
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REPORT ON THE CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) CYCLE AUDIT 2017

An audit was conducted and completed in terms of compliance and non-compliance of CPD requirements for veterinarians and veterinary specialists who were selected for the 2017 Random Selection Audit as per the legislation which states as follows: Rule 4(3)(b)(i) requires that a veterinarian must maintain professional knowledge and skill required to ensure that a client receives competent professional services.

The outcome of the audit ended on 31 March 2017:

Outcomes		Number	
1. Members' files audited			
2. CPD not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deceased Fully retired Members Abroad Registered members not working in the veterinary field Registration withdrawn 	2 23 29 4 1	331
TOTAL			59
3 CPD compliant	Submitted proof of CPD structured points and written confirmation of unstructured points. Submitted proof of CPD structured points and lack written confirmation of unstructured points. These points cannot be audited and is a mere formality.	177	
4	Submitted annual proof of enrolment for an NQF level 6 or higher qualification	17	
TOTAL			194
5 Legal Section	Previous defaulters: Finalised by legal section [dealt with under compliance and non-compliance]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No responses: referred for investigation Outstanding proof of structured points Non-compliant with previous deferment requirements: Still pending an audit 	4 61 5 -	
TOTAL			70
6 Referred to the 2018 audit	Pending: First cycle commenced in 2015 and only ends in 2018	8	
TOTAL			8

11. REVIEW COMMITTEE



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11.1 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016

Dr AP de Vos	(Chairperson)
Dr JR Adam	Chair of Food Safety and Security Committee
Dr GAP Carlisle	Chair of Investigation Committee
Sr T Lötter	Chair of Inspections Committee
Dr J van Heerden	Chair of the Continued Professional Development Committee

Co-opted members:

Dr CP Marwick	President of the SAVC
Dr J van Heerden	Chair of the Continued Professional Development Committee

1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Dr AP De Vos [chairperson]	
Dr GAP Carlisle	Chair of Investigation Committee
Sr T Lotter	Chair of Inspections Committee
Ms K Mogale	Person on Council with Legal knowledge
Dr MSM Molefe	Chair of Food Safety and Security Committee
Dr C Nkuna	Chair of the Registration & Authorisation Committee

Co-opted members:

Dr CP Marwick	President of the SAVC
Dr J van Heerden	Chair of the Continued Professional Development Committee

11.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held	Apologies received
24 May 2016	None
6 October 2016	None

11.3 DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Amendment Act, Act 16 of 2012, (the Amendment Act) commenced on 9 November 2015, complemented by the regulations relating to compulsory veterinary community services (CCS) for new graduates, regulations relating to suspensions, inspections and appeals and further supported by the new rules for the veterinary profession. All amendments commenced on 9 November 2015.

The Review Committee embarked on another round of review of the rules for the veterinary profession to address potential shortcomings in the rules and to honour the undertaking given to the Competition Commission during September 2014. The Review Committee liaised closely with the Competition Commission during this period of report.

Several consultative teleconferences were held between members of the Review Committee; and between members of the Review Committee and stakeholders. Consultations with the veterinary professions took place both in writing and at workshops that were held as follows:

2016 October 6	Disciplinary Procedures Workshop
2016 November 9	Medicines Workshop
2016 November 10	Laboratories Workshop
2017 February 1	Minimum Standards for Facilities Workshop
2017 February 2	Medicines Workshop

The review of the rules for the veterinary profession was not finalised during this period of report and entailed much legislative drafting including alignment with inter alia the para-veterinary professions.

The finalisation of the rules for para-veterinary professions was held over pending the finalisation of the rules for the veterinary profession, in order to align the rules for the para-veterinary professions to the final rules for the veterinary profession. ■



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12. COMMITTEE ON SPECIALISATION

12.1. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016

Dr AP de Vos (Chairperson)
 Prof B Dzikiti (Faculty representative)
 Dr R Lobetti
 Dr D Miller
 Prof M Saulez

1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Dr AJ Mohr (Chairperson)
 Dr J Benade (Faculty representative)
 Prof B Dzikiti
 Dr N Fourie
 Dr L Lobetti

12.2 MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

The committee worked electronically and recommendations to Council were processed via the SAVC Executive Committee and ratified by full Council. All committee members were involved and no apologies were received.

12.3. DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Terms of Reference (ToR)

The committee, appointed on 1 August 2016, was in the process of updating the Terms of Reference (ToR) and Standards Operating Procedures (SOP).

MMedVet monitoring

Monitoring of the following examinations took place:

EXAMINATION	DATES	SAVC MONITORS
1 MMedVet (Equine Medicine)	22 April 2016	Prof M Saulez (Executive Decision 849)
2 MMedVet (Medicine)(Small Animals)	21 June 2016	Dr M Bohm (Executive Decision 898)
3 MMedVet (DiagIm)	5 August 2016	Dr S van Staden (Executive Decision 917)
4 MMedVet (Small Animal Surgery)	18 November 2016	Dr G Irvine-Smith (Executive Decision 968)
5 MMedVet (Pathology)	1 December 2016	Dr R Last (Executive Decision 982)

Peer reviews for application to be registered as veterinary specialist

The following peer reviews were received and processed:

PEER REVIEW APPLICANT	FIELD	PEER REVIEWER	EXECUTIVE DECISION NUMBER AND DATE
Dr K Koepel	Wildlife (game)	Dr I Espie	Executive Decision 978: 29 November 2016
Dr A Kitshoff	Small Animal Surgery	Dr S Boyd	Executive Decision 992: 30 January 2017

Other decisions

Executive Decision 890 (22 April 2016): To register Dr E Van Vollenhoven as: '*Veterinary Specialist: Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine*' without the need to go through a local review process considering that she had been approved by the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine.

Executive Decision 902 (24 June 2016): A request for "*honorary*" registration as specialist was received. It was the committee's opinion that the application for being awarded two honorary specialist degrees should be dismissed and the applicant was encouraged to approach the University of Pretoria or another similar institution and apply for such recognition as it was not the mandate of the SAVC's Committee on Specialisation to confer degrees and therefore this should be sought elsewhere. Additionally, there was no category for honorary specialist registration, and there has been no precedent.

Executive Decision 940 (13 September 2016): To streamline the decisions of Council by submitting the recommendations of the Registration and Authorisation Committee; the Committee on Specialisation and the Inspections Committee electronically to the full Council for approval of the recommendations within nine days [five working days]. ■



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13. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13.1. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016

Prof V Naidoo (Chairperson)
Mr C Bester
Sr T Lötter
Dr K Joubert

1 August 2016 – 31 March 2017

Prof V Naidoo (Chairperson)
Dr K Joubert
Sr T Lötter
Mr J Müller

23 January 2017: Dr T Chetty (Ex officio: Education Committee chairperson)

13.2. MEETINGS HELD AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Meetings held	Apologies received
27 May 2016	Dr K Joubert
25 July 2016	No meeting held
23 January 2017	No apologies

13.3. DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Standards Committee made recommendations on various issues that included, inter alia, matters as follows:

HARMONISATION OF STANDARDS

The SAVC approached the registrar of the Veterinary Council of Zimbabwe (VCZ) to find out whether the VCZ was interested in harmonising standards of training with the SAVC.

The OIE was approached to assist with funding for an initial regional harmonisation meeting of Southern African Development Countries' (SADC) Veterinary Statutory bodies.

MONITORING AND EXAMINATION

Council approved Day 1 (July 2016) skills for the various veterinary and para-veterinary professions.

Training Institutions will be expected to indicate their current level of training and how this met the Day 1 skills. The process will be completed according to a 3-year implementation plan.

Day 1 skills would be revised as required on a yearly basis but implemented with change of SAVC Council (i.e. every 3 years) to allow institutions to adapt accordingly.

BRINGING NEW PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS ON BOARD

The veterinary and para-veterinary professions would be consulted about the bringing on board of a new para-veterinary profession.

Equine Dental Technicians

The SA Equine Dental Technician Association would be invited to discussion with Council in terms of bringing a new para-profession, equine dental technicians, on board.

Animal Behaviourists

Informal discussion with the two main animal behaviourist bodies identified would be invited. An article would be published in pet magazines explaining the role of veterinary and para-veterinary professionals in context. This would allow the public to have a choice of who they take their animals to and to assist in understanding that there was a definite difference between a veterinary behaviourist and an animal behaviour practitioner.

Farriers

The current Farriers' Association, the Defence Force and the Police Services would be approached to explain Council's view on standardisation of the practice because it impacts on animal health.

Complementary medicines

Council resolved that until a training programme was considered for complementary medicines, the committee would not consider it as a veterinary para-profession as making a diagnosis is a veterinary procedure.

MEAT INSPECTION

The SAVC registrar, Ms L Havinga, Prof V Naidoo and Ms L Westcott met with the HPCSA registrar to discuss a possible Memorandum of Understanding in terms of meat inspection. The SAVC recognised the need for veterinary oversight on professional matters involving animal health and Veterinary Public Health (VPH) up to the level of abattoirs. Prof Naidoo made a presentation to the Professional Board for Medical Technology on 10 March 2017 and will make a written presentation to the Environmental Health Practitioners Board in July 2017 relating to training of persons who worked with veterinary samples and meat inspection.

CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL CARETAKERS

Legal input had to be obtained regarding the advancement of animal caretakers, to allow for better recognition of a major component in veterinary service delivery.

A workshop will be held with various interested parties:

- **South African Association for Laboratory Animal Science (SAALAS);**
- **Veterinary Nurses Association of South Africa (VNASA);**

- **South African Veterinary Association (SAVA);**
- **South African Association for Animal Health Technicians (SAAAHT);**
- **University of Pretoria (UP);**
- **University of South Africa (UNISA);**
- **North-West University (NWU);**
- **Tsolo Agriculture and Rural Development Institute (TARDI);**
- **Council on Higher Education (CHE); and**
- **Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)**

to look at how animal caretakers could be advanced according to a 5-year implementation plan.

Information to assess current levels of animal caretaker practice would be gathered via a survey and other means (e.g. facility inspections) before the workshop with interested parties be held. A facilitator would be appointed to facilitate the workshop.

TRAINING OF PERSONS USING STOCK REMEDIES

The South African Animal Health Association (SAAHA) was asked (14 April 2016) for details regarding their online training course on stock remedies. This served as a starting point regarding the possible registration of co-operations and the training of persons selling stock remedies especially in the light of the problem with anti-microbial resistance. The course was currently under revision by the SAAHA.

GLOBAL ACCREDITATION OF VETERINARY QUALIFICATIONS

The Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC)

The visitation reports of the visits conducted at James Cook University (JCU) and Murdoch University were accepted and veterinary qualifications offered were accepted for automatic registration without external evaluation.

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

The University of Edinburgh visitation (9-13 November 2015) report was accepted and the veterinary qualifications offered were accepted for automatic registration.

The Veterinary Council of Namibia

Based on the syllabus of the new Namibian veterinary qualification, the graduates would be eligible to sit for the SAVC's registration examinations should the holders of the Namibian veterinary qualification chose to practice in South Africa.

SAVC REGISTRATION EXAMINATION

The following items were discussed and accepted by Council on referral from the Education Committee:

- To retain the pass rate for the Computer Based Examination at 60%;
- To retain the current examination rules for the cycle 2016 – 2019;
- To, in future, retain examination rules for the term of a sitting Council;
- To not condone marks as stated in the examination rules; and
- To inform moderators that their responsibility was to ensure a fair examination (before and during examination) and to advise on suitable questions for the next year's examination.

DAY 1 SKILLS

Council resolved to issue a letter upon registration wherein it was stated that the person's curriculum was evaluated and that they have been granted registration (upon successful completion of the Council examination), but should he/she be planning to work in a field he/she had not received training in, and should they transgress, it would be viewed in a severe light.

Feedback on the SAVC's Compulsory Veterinary Community Service (CCS) survey would be shared with all relevant parties.

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) was approached to see if any guidelines on correct mentorship of new graduates existed. ■



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4 August 2017

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 8 for the year ended 31 March 2017. 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 2017 and the results of their operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.



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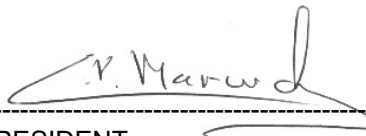
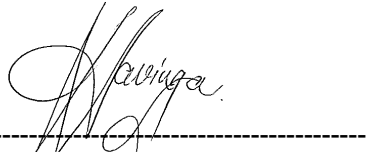
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PRESIDENT
REGISTRAR

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2017

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	Note	2017	2016
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		19940835	10654799
Property, plant and equipment	2	9937835	9946135
Investments	3	10003000	708664
CURRENT ASSETS		3566967	8717890
Trade and other receivables	4	296440	375656
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3270527	8342234
TOTAL ASSETS		23507802	19372689
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES:			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		20255301	17005263
Balance 1 April 2016		17005263	13819548
Net surplus for the year		3250038	3185715
Skills development fund	6	262776	266999
CURRENT LIABILITIES		2989725	2100427
Trade and other payables	7	2989725	2100427
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		23507802	19372689



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2017. CCS MOBILE CLINIC
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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COMMUNITIES

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

Established under the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, No19 of 1982.

		2017	2016
INCOME			
FEES - VETERINARIANS:		9598107	8652772
Registration	Veterinarians	274400	237851
	Specialist	12638	13123
Maintenance fees	Veterinarians	8875049	8001305
	Specialist	436020	400493
FEES - PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS		2008547	1896327
Registration	Nurses	10051	20971
	Technologists	9460	13443
	Laboratory Animal Technologists	591	1764
	Animal Health Technicians	46116	51038
Maintenance fee	Authorised Para-veterinarians	122335	206304
	Nurses	598523	536356
	Techologists	287760	242482
	Laboratory Animal Technologists	18353	18281
	Animal Health Technicians	915358	805688
Advertising		101107	88655
Authorisation fees		299785	271442
Dividend received		0	2931
Examination fees		1264466	567871
Fines		45300	197914
Facility inspections		609431	10447
Insurance recovery		3081	3203
Interest received		776856	637203
Mini congress		48000	0
Overseas certificate		59814	66940
Parking		85124	16100
Sales		28111	19983
Seta refund		6879	7737
Sponsorships		68000	17085
Students		162915	100861
Municipal fee recovered		0	18724
Unrealised gain arising from change in fair value of investments		15362	13958
		15180885	12590153
EXPENDITURE		11930847	9404438
Administration fees		4931372	4298714
Salaries		4931372	4298714
Audit and risk fees		85448	77680
Bank charges		67565	52464
Business analysis		84000	0
Data base and programme expenses		145553	52595
Depreciation of fixed assets		481154	184830
Carried forward		5795092	4666283

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

Established under the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, No19 of 1982.

Note	2017	2016
Brought forward	5795092	4666283
Director Food and Security	189920	32000
Disciplinary Inquiries	284898	548481
Election on councillors	83410	0
Examination expenses	505276	331189
Garden services	16264	13355
Global accreditation	0	57735
Congress	45433	87742
Honorariums	271415	224638
Human resources	145404	139120
Inspections	366845	41405
Inspectorate	91315	0
Insurance	33639	27769
Interest - bond	4837	36387
Internet expenses	51593	17704
Internet Councillors	24450	45600
Internet expenses sms communication	20362	29217
IT Transformation expenses	0	87358
Levy - building	54850	51464
Long service awards	0	8000
Meeting expenses	995222	653014
Membership	5788	0
Monitoring expenses	115477	88820
Municipal expenses	279169	264087
Postage	34479	64718
Printing	81730	62689
Professional fees-legal fees	536074	460019
Public relations	42166	33433
Repairs and maintenance	121796	85384
Refreshments	64246	51315
Stationery and office supplies	100622	161421
Skills levy	47649	37161
Sponsorship	5000	0
Staff function	13071	10615
Staff recruitment	94282	29905
Staff retirement annuity	116711	0
Staff team building	14106	24196
Telephone and fax	81323	73186
Tokens of appreciation	10068	3700
Travelling and accommodation expenses	892320	667504
Uif	24765	17807
Visitation	52736	116427
Workshop	217044	53590
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	3250038	3185715

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 MARCH 2017

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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	3 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 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
- it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle an obligation: or
- 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

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

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OTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 MARCH 2017

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2. PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2017			2016
	Cost		Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying Value
Land and buildings Erf 3319 , Irene X72 , Registration Division J R, Province Gauteng, measuring 2943 square metres with buildings thereon.				
Cost	8944548	0	8944548	8839274
Solar power installation	210000	140000	70000	140000
Office furniture and equipment	807315	550112	257203	344682
Computer software	867364	289121	578243	521576
Computer equipment	348270	260429	87841	100603
	11177497	1239662	9937835	9946135

THE CARRYING VALUE FOR 2017 CAN BE RECONCILED AS FOLLOWS:

	Carrying value at beginning of year	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation	Carrying value at end of year
Land and Buildings	8839274	105274	0	0	8944548
Solar power installation	140000	0	0	70000	70000
Office furniture and equipment	344682	8992	0	96471	257203
Computer software	521576	345788	0	289121	578243
Computer equipment	100603	12343	0	25562	87384
	9946135	472397	0	481154	9937378

THE CARRYING VALUE FOR 2016 CAN BE RECONCILED AS FOLLOWS:

	Carrying value at beginning of year	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation	Carrying value at end of year
Land and Buildings	8839274	0	0	0	8839274
Solar power installation	210000	0	0	70000	140000
Office furniture and equipment	425137	15982	0	96437	344682
Computer software	0	521576	0	521576	
Computer equipment	34158	84838	0	18393	100603
	9508569	622396	0	184830	9946135

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OTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 MARCH 2017

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3. INVESTMENTS - AT MARKET VALUE

	2017	2016
ABSA-Global Income and Growth Protector (Market Value 31 March 2017 R100003000)	10003000	0
Sanlam - Managed portfolio	0	708664
	10003000	708664

4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables	269430	152620
Prepayments	6759	202785
Deposits	20251	20251
	296440	375656

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of		
Money Market	3217615	8254974
Bank balances	52912	87260
	3270527	8342234

6. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Balance 1 April 2016	266999	264511
Additions during year	72414	43571
Honorariums unclaimed	9140	0
Salaries 2017 transfer	63274	43571
	339413	308082
Less : Payments made during year	76637	41083
Balance 31 March 2017	262776	266999

7. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade payables and accruals	1211733	461613
Current portion of long term liabilities	0	96027
Examination fees in advance	743565	664758
Income received in advance	1034427	878029
	2989725	2100427

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8. MEETING EXPENSES

	2017	2016
Adhoc	84400	38230
Council	462362	239159
Council end of term function	18090	0
Education liason	0	9555
Educom	70896	44590
Executive	43888	49275
Food safety	37136	41225
Food safety-extraordinary event	0	52800
Finance	30384	22295
Heritage	0	3185
Investigation	33760	47775
IT transformation	0	22295
Joint P R	3376	0
Mediation	13504	3185
Registration and Authorisation	64144	50960
Review committee	97613	28485
Strategic planning	35669	0
	995222	653014



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