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Presidents Desk

A very successful congress lies behind us with very interesting topics. Unfortunately not as many state veterinarians attended as we hoped. Many topics were chosen to be relevant to state veterinarians.

At our AGM we said goodbye to a few EXCO members who finished their term and were not available for re-election due to large work load. Office terms of Dr's Adank A, Beukes M, Bruwer F, Mutjavikua V, Raath AM and Van der Waal L came to an end. Dr de Wit M resigns from Exco due to personal reasons. I am very thankful for the hard working committee and trust that our new team will also be very ambitious.

Dr Alma Raath did work very hard as secretary. She did a very efficient job to share information to our members, write minutes of all meetings, getting out invitation for meetings and doing all necessary correspondence.

Dr Adriaan Adank, supported by Christiane Hass, was in control of our finances. He also invested lots of time to get CPD for VAN members available on internet.

Dr Lizelle van der Waal was the driving force for our CPD events. She helped to coordinate all the bits and pieces done by the committee.

Dr Morgan de Wit was our contact person with industry, getting their support for our congress and mini-congress.

Dr Alec Bishi (Vet education/UNAM), **Mariette Beukes** (World Small Animal Veterinary Association), and **Fonnie Bruwer** (Animal Health Consultative Forum) were all active members on the committee.

Dr Mike Beggs and **Dr Anna Marais** represent VAN on council and report interesting matters to VAN Exco.

Still on the committee are:

Dr Elvira Kleber, our editor of the Manga. She also keeps our website up to date. She does a good job and is glad if our members supply her with information. It is our publication and a forum to share interesting information

Stefan Beukes is our contact person with the Animal Health Consultative Forum, which is at the moment not meeting any more. But as communication between industry and stakeholders is very important we hope that it is revived or replaced by a similar forum.

I was re-elected as president. Thank you for the confidence. After 2020 I may not stay longer as president according to the constitution. Most of our Exco members are residing in other towns, this is why we have started using the Zoom App for video conferencing purposes to reduce km fees.

We welcome our new members:

Dr Groenewald PC

Dr Grünewald A

Dr Klingelhoef A

Dr Scott L

Dr.

It is a challenge to have members staying far from Windhoek at VAN Exco meetings. Some time was spent searching for **Internet Conference Facilities**. At this stage we try the Zoom app.

We are glad for suggestions and requests coming from our members.

Please remember to note the weekend 18-20 July 2019 in your diary: the World Equine Veterinary Association Congress will be held at our VAN Mini-Congress 2019. It is a honour to have this occasion in Namibia.

Wishing you a blessed new year

Beate Voigts

Veterinarians In The Making

Since the last edition of the Manga our veterinary community has grown! A total of 7 babies Have been born.



Aria Willow born 23 January 2019
(Dr. Adriaan Adank and his wife Megan)



Charlotte born 21 December 2018
(Dr. Anais Herbert)



Tertius born 20 June 2018
(Drs. Stefan and Mariette Beukes)



Luca born 14 September 2018
(Drs. Sandra and Werner Rogl)



Erik and Dirk born 26
November 2018
(Dr. Natascha Minne-
mann)



Cooper born 12
November 2018
(Elvira)

Dr. Friedhelm Von Ludwiger-80 years

Born in Oldeani Tanzania where his parents had a coffee plantation. During World War 2 his father got stationed in Arusha and then Dar-es-Salam.

1940 they moved to Germany (Warthegau bei Posen) where he spent his time on the farm 'Karlshoehe' where he found his love for horses (Trakehner). His dad only came for short visits at a time as he had to fulfill his duties during the war.

End of January 1945 the family fled from the Russians via horse wagons through snow, to Frankfurt. They traveled another 580 km to Detmold where they could stay at the house of the grandmother. His father only returned in 1949 as he was held captive.

He went to school in Detmold until grade 9.

January 1953 he moved to South West Africa together with his parents and younger brother Klaus. First station was the farm 'Immenhof' of Von Seydlitz family by Omaruru. There he rode in horses during his holidays. One of the horses was a mare called 'Ute' which became his first horse he rode at tournaments. Grade 8 he spent at a school in Omaruru where he was in an Afrikaans hostel where he picked up that language very fast. The rest of his school career he spent in a school in Sawkopmund.

He then studied veterinary science at Onderstepoort where he met his wife Renate (Von Schuetz).

The first 3 years as a vet he worked in a practice in Cape Town, dealing mainly with horses and small animals. Thereafter he worked for a year in Germany.

January 1968 he came back to South West Africa with the idea of starting his own private practice (At this time there were only 2 vets in the whole country who did not work for the government. Dr. A Lorenz who was financed by the Windhoek Municipality and Dr. L Redelinghuys who was financed by the Farmers Cooperative Union. Which meant that the owners of the animals did not have to pay for treatments of their animals or only a minimal fee plus the medication). A senior vet told Dr. Von Ludwiger that the time for opening a private vet practice has not come yet.

To get away from the heat, he moved to Swakopmund. His wife was expecting a child. He was taking into consideration to go back to Cape Town and start a private practice there (he had already acquired all sorts of veterinary equipment in Germany). In Swakopmund he started treating animals as there was not vet around. Mrs. Boehlke organized a consulting room for him free of charge. Dr. Von Ludwiger also helped Mrs. Boehlke with her horses from time to time. The dairies in Swakopmund were very glad to have a veterinarian around and so were the pig farmers. In Walvisbay Mr. Fritz Koettnitz also made his garage available as a consultation room. Mr. Koettnitz, an animal lover, who has always tried to help the animals around but who had no veterinary knowledge.

Dr. Von Ludwiger started the SPCA in Walvisbay in February 1968 and Swakopmund in June 1968. And for many years he was on the committee of both the SPCA's.

He also organized quite a few dog shows, first one took place in 1969 with a judge from South Africa.

1970 he founded the Reiterverein Swakopmund where he served on the committee for many years. Riding was his passion. Many of the tournaments took place on the sports grounds below Café Anton. An erf next to the SPCA was bought from the municipality which until now stables a lot of horses.

His 4 sons went to school in Swakopmund and Dr. Von Ludwiger was very active on the parent and school committees and the scouts. The committee of the parents (Deutsche Elternschaft Swakopmund) was committed to the German language and culture. They supported schools (teachers salaries) and made material donations (the state schools in Swakopmund did not get any support from Germany like e.g. the DHPS in Windhoek).

Although he claims that politics is not his thing, he still played a role in the DTA.

And until now Dr. Von Ludwiger is living at the coast.



VAN News

Van would like to welcome the following members:

1. Dr. Tom Tolmay
2. Dr. Wendy Scott (Southern Cross Vet Clinic)
3. Dr. Tshandyemnene Renate Tshivolo (Mariental State Vet)
4. Dr. Stanley Gomxob (Mariental State Vet)
5. Dr. Ueturora Ndjoze (Eenhana State Vet)
6. Dr. Julia Verena Burgi (Windhoek Animal Hospital)
7. Dr. Naemi Shadipeni (doing her masters in America)

VAN is busy organizing 2 CPD's before the big Congress planned for 7-9th November 2019 in Swakopmund. The first one will be an Ophthalmology CPD planned for 7-8th June 2019 and the second one a WEVA Equine Congress 18-20th July 2019 in Windhoek.