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## Presidents Desk

We can look back on a successful 2015 VAN congress with a lot of positive feedback received from our members. The scientific lectures were very well received as very practical and informative, covering present-day subjects. They were of high standard with excellent local and foreign speakers.

I want to welcome 4 new EXCO members who were elected during our AGM at the congress – Dr's Naindji Haindongo, Alec Bishi, Morgan de Wit and Stefan Beukes. It is always good to get new colleagues with different ideas and opinions onto EXCO. We are looking forward to your contributions and hope that you find it as a well invested time and effort for our profession.

We are looking back at 2015 as a year with big challenges for our profession, the biggest being the FMD outbreak in the NCA area. The fantastic work done by DVS in good collaboration with the NAU, LPO, farmers unions and individual farmers to contain the disease within the area of the outbreak and to get it under control within a relatively short time must be highly commended.

The World Veterinary Association with 80 member Associations aims to promote animal health, animal welfare, and public health globally with the understanding that human, animal, and environmental health are intricately interconnected, through food, infectious and zoonotic diseases, research to improve human and animal lives, encroachment on wildlife habitat, and the human-animal bond that has existed throughout time. On this note the WVA is also supporting the global goal to eliminate dog-mediated human rabies by 2030. Our Association wants to support this goal and we trust that Namibia will do its utmost best to achieve this goal. The Directorate of Veterinary Services plans to implement the Rabies Eradication Strategy this year, which was hampered by the FMD outbreak last year.

The theme for this years World Veterinary Day on 30<sup>th</sup> April "Continuing Education with a One Health Focus" fits in very well with the aims of the WVA.

*Anselm Voigts*

## VAN Bursary

My name is Margareta Kankono, I was born in a village called Lindangungu in Oshana region northern Namibia. I did my primary education at Lindangungu Combined School and later went to Ongwediva where I did my secondary education at Mweshipandeka High school .

In 2011 I was admitted at the University of Namibia to do a Higher National Diploma in Agriculture, a 3 year program. While at UNAM, I was actively involved in student leadership serving as the chair person of the Ogongo Campus Choir, the secretary of Agric Society, and a hostel committee member. I graduated in 2014. I am currently furthering my studies at The University Zambia doing Bachelors in Veterinary Medicine. I am a third year student and proud to be sponsored by VAN.

During my childhood I used to spend most of my time looking after or herding domestic farm animals after school or during weekends, this triggered my interest in animals.

Due to my love for animals and the inspiration I got from vets, I decided to pursue my dream of becoming one. To not only serve animals but also humankind through innovative and sustainable agricultural practices, prevention of zoonotic diseases and providing veterinary services for pets which play an important role in human lives for companionship and security.

My hobbies include playing tennis, netball and meeting new people with inspirational characters and love.



# Personal



This 'Mini Manga Editor' was born on the 14th October 2015. His name is Ryan Pitout.

Congratulations to Sandra Rogl (Goette) and Werner Rogl who got married on the 17th April 2015.



# WILDLIFE IMMOBILISATION COURSE

(Accredited by the Namibian Veterinary Council)

Was held from 29 November 2015 to 4 December 2015



Dr Anna Marais organized the course together with the Veterinary Association. She also gave a lecture

Dr Ortwin Aschenborn and Dr Carl Heinz Moeller



## The course presenters

Dr Mark Jago and Cherrie Morkel



Dr Ulf Tubessing



Hands-on experience was granted. Each candidate could at least immobilise one animal. Immobilised animals were monitored closely. After taking samples they were reversed and went back into the field.

Equipment used



Filling darts



Shooting exercise on target.



Shoot on moving target from a helicopter.

# VAN News

On the 15th October 2015 a new Exco was elected at the annual general meeting:

- 1) President : Dr. Anselm Voigts (also World Small Animal Vet Association ,AFSCAN and Namibian Agricultural Union representative)
- 2) Vice President; Dr. Beate Voigts (also on UNAM Steering Committee and responsible for Congress)
- 3) Treasurer: Dr. Adriaan Adank (also World Vet Association representative)
- 4) Secretary: Dr. Sandra Rogl
- 5) Exco members: Dr. Alec Bishi (CPD)
  - Dr. Vimanuka Mutjavikua (World Rabies Day)
  - Dr. Elvira Kleber (Manga newsletter and VAN website)
  - Dr. Anja Boshoff (Animal Welfare)
  - Dr. Morgan De Wit (Van Congress, South African Vet Association representative)
  - Dr. Stefan Beukes
  - Dr. Naindji Haindongo
  - Reporting on Namibian Vet Council matters: Dr. Mike Beggs and Dr. Jessey Kamwi
  - Reporting from Namibian Medicines Regulatory Council: Dr. Rainer Hassel

VAN awarded the study bursary to Margareta Kankono (see article page 2) as Saara Uusiko completed her studies successfully. We wish her all the best for her studies.

The bank details of Veterinary Association of Namibia have changed to FNB, br 280272, acc 62256015465.

World Veterinary Day will be celebrated on 30 April 2016. The selected theme for 2016 will be: Continuing Education with a One Health focus

We are calling on all VAN members to send us proposals for activities focusing on this years theme, which you or we can organize and submit to WVA. All applications must be done through VAN and must be approved and submitted by VAN

# South African Veterinary Association

## Suid-Afrikaanse Veterinêre Vereniging



12 November 2015

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Dear Dr Voigts

### COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (SAVA) AND THE VETERINARY ASSOCIATION OF NAMIBIA (VAN)

Conversations during the 2015 SAVA Congress and subsequent emails have reference.

The Board of the SAVA has approved the following:

- Reciprocal attendance of the main congresses at membership rates (i.e. members of VAN can attend SAVA Congresses at SAVA membership rates and *vice versa*).
- Advertising of the VAN Congress in VetNews at no cost (similar to congresses arranged by Groups of the SAVA - a single full page advertisement).
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Groups have been requested to inform you when foreign speakers are invited to present talks. Vetlink, who manages most of these events on behalf of the SAVA Special Interest Groups, has also been requested to liaise with you in this regard.

Kind regards

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