

THE CENTRAL VETERINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF ZAMBIA AND ITS LIBRARY

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THE INSTITUTE

The Central Veterinary Research Institute Library was established at Mazabuka Research Station in 1928 by the Department of Veterinary and Tsetse Control Service.

For more than half a century the Central Veterinary Research Station (CVRS) was located at Mazabuka some 100 km away from the capital city of Zambia.

In 1979, however, the station was relocated to the new site at Balmoral Veterinary Research Institute (CVRI).

The Institute is headed by the Assistant Director Research, and he is assisted by the Heads of sections.

The transfer of the central Research Laboratory from Mazabuka in the southern part of the country coincided with the Implementation of the FAO/UNDP Animal Disease control Project and also the EEC Vaccine Production Unit Project.

It was the declared intention of the Government to develop Livestock production in order to increase its contribution to the Agricultural Sector and to overall national growth. This policy involving the control of livestock diseases, therefore, assumes a very important role in the strategy of rural development.

The Library

The main objectives and functions of the CVRI Library are as follows:

- To provide laboratory diagnosis material to the staff and sending back farming information to the farming community;
- Dissemination of scientific and technical information to the field services;
- To acquire some books on Animal Diseases.

As a research librarian at this Institute my main function is to see to it that books and journals in the field of Veterinary and Tsetse Control Services are acquired for my staff and students.

I have three colleges which I assist in providing information and these are:

- Natural Resources Development College - Lusaka
- Zambia Institute of Animal Health - Mazabuka
- Samora School of Veterinary Medicine

Administration

- 1 Assistant Director Research - Head
- 2 Senior Executive Officer - (Res)
- 3 Research Librarian

Then Heads of Sections

The CVRI Library works in collaboration with the following institutions

- N.R.D.C. College in Lusaka
- Mount Makulu Research Library - Lusaka
- National Archives of Zambia and other institutions outside Zambia

STRUCTURE OF THE CVRI

