



Collaboration between the veterinary schools of Utrecht and Onderstepoort A political history

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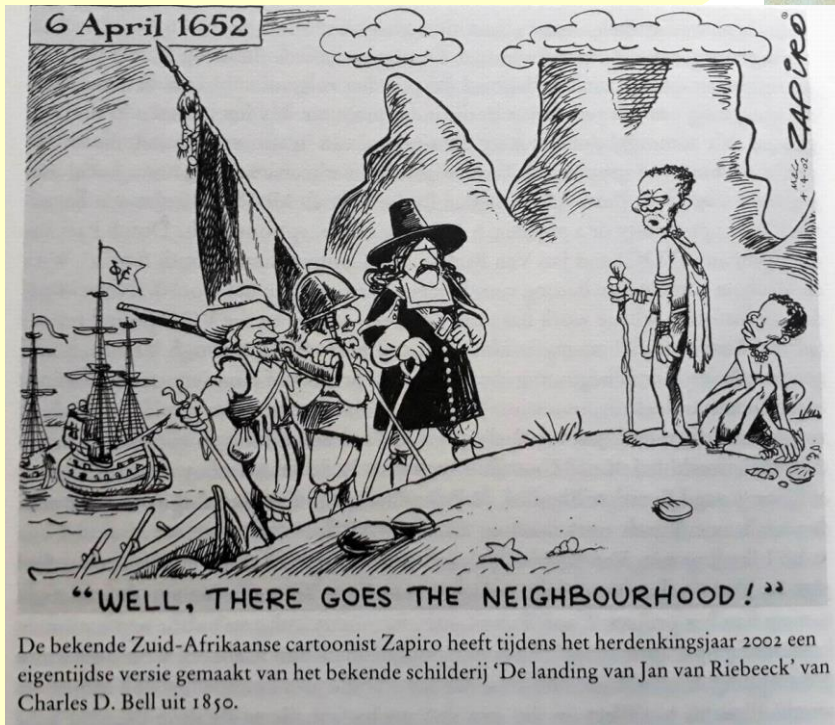
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Why and how did cooperation between the universities of Utrecht and Pretoria, and their veterinary faculties develop?

What was the influence of:

- Imperialism?
- Politics and science?
- International scientific networks under pressure?

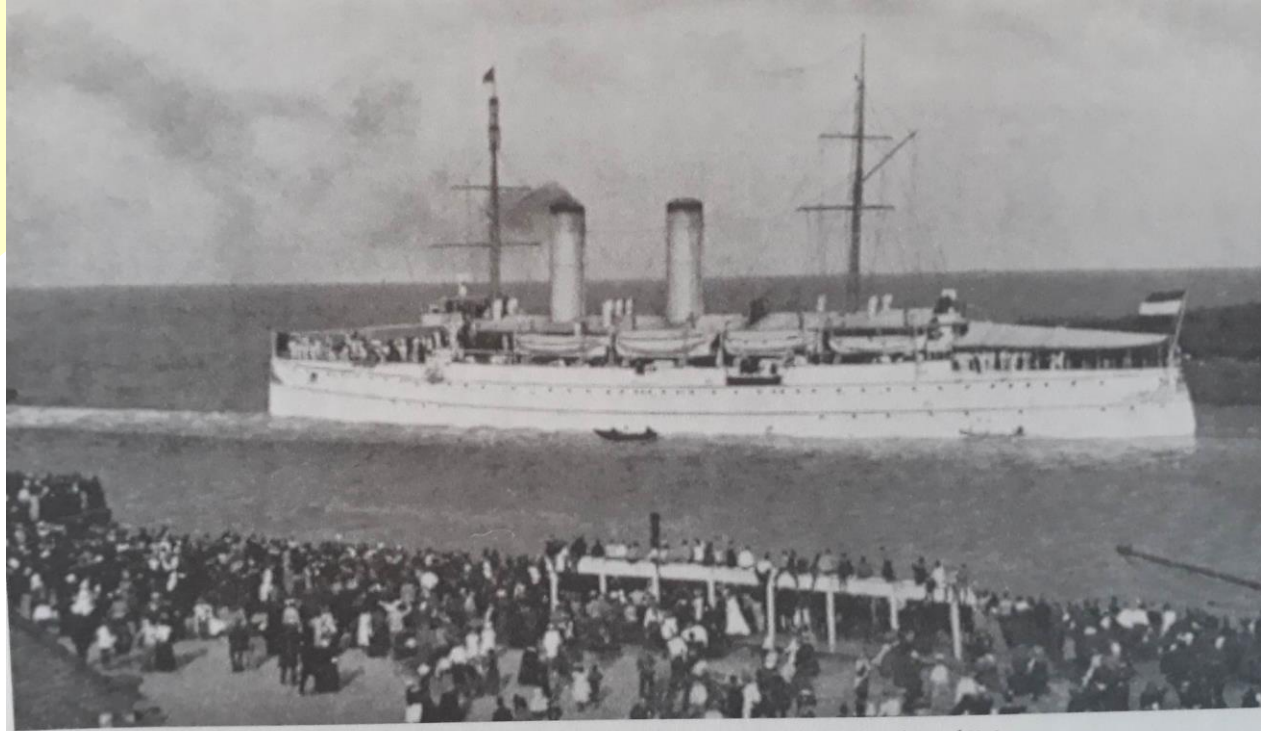


Arrival of Jan van Riebeeck at the Cape in 1652



Paul Kruger (1825-1904)
President of Transvaal
1883-1902

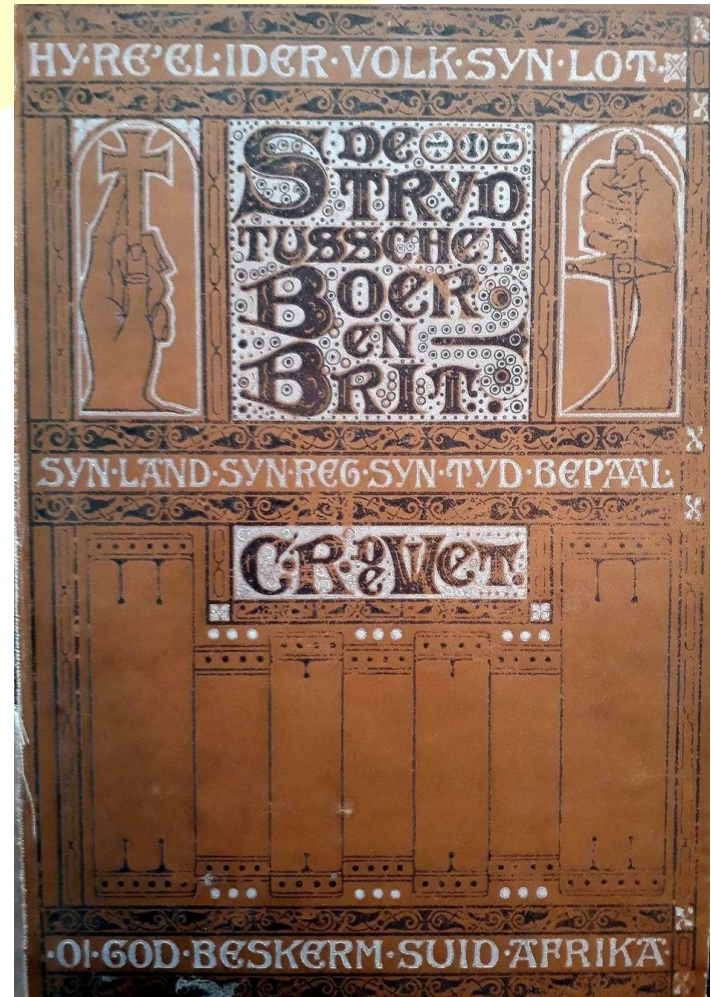
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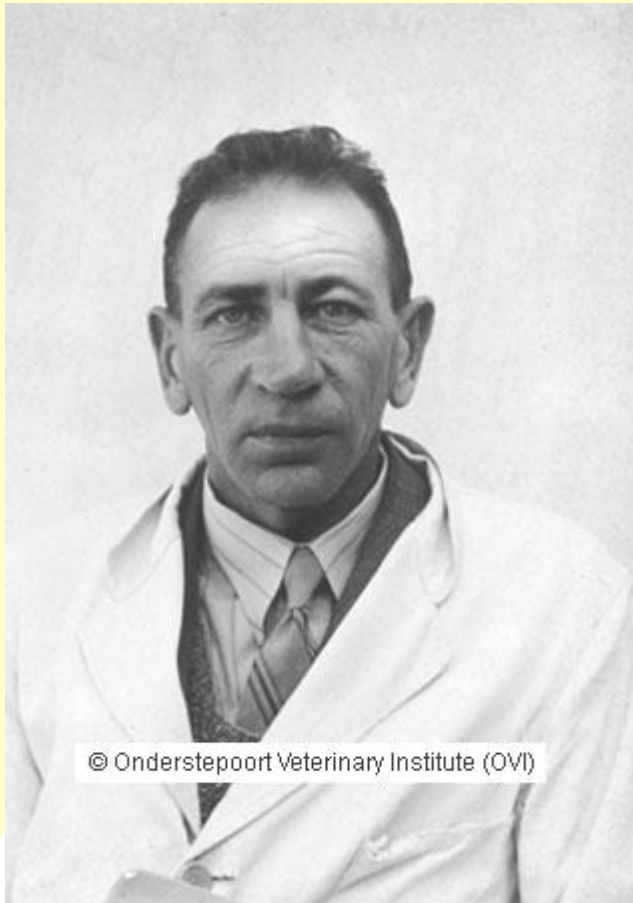
‘President Paul Kruger op Hr. Ms Oorlogsboot “Gelderland”.’



Villa Orangelust, Utrecht. Krüger Plaque unveiled in 1952 (300 years after Van Riebeeck's landing in SA)

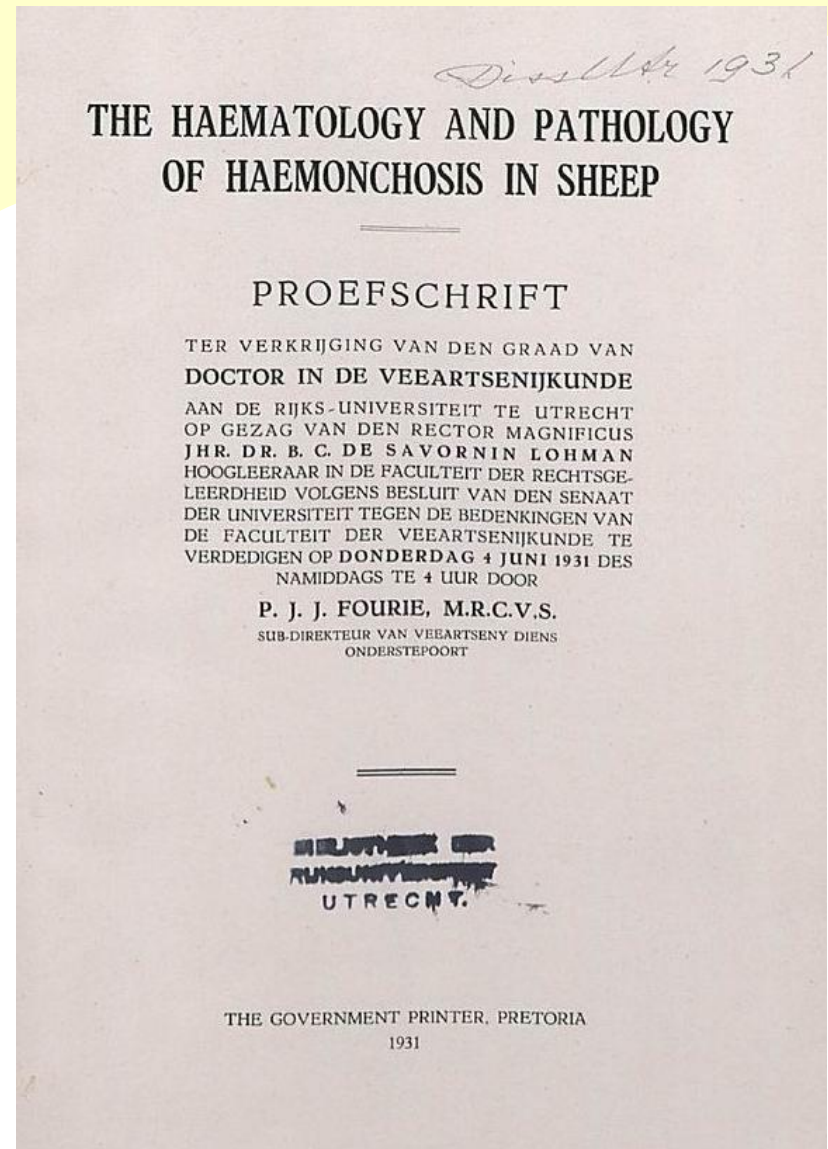


Chistiaan de Wet (1854-1922), general of the Boers



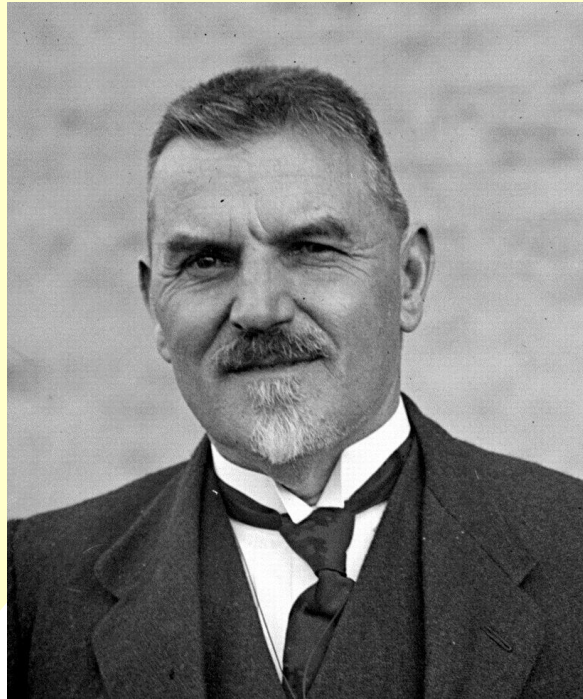
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Philip Fourie (1894-1982)
Thesis defended at
Utrecht Univ. in 1931

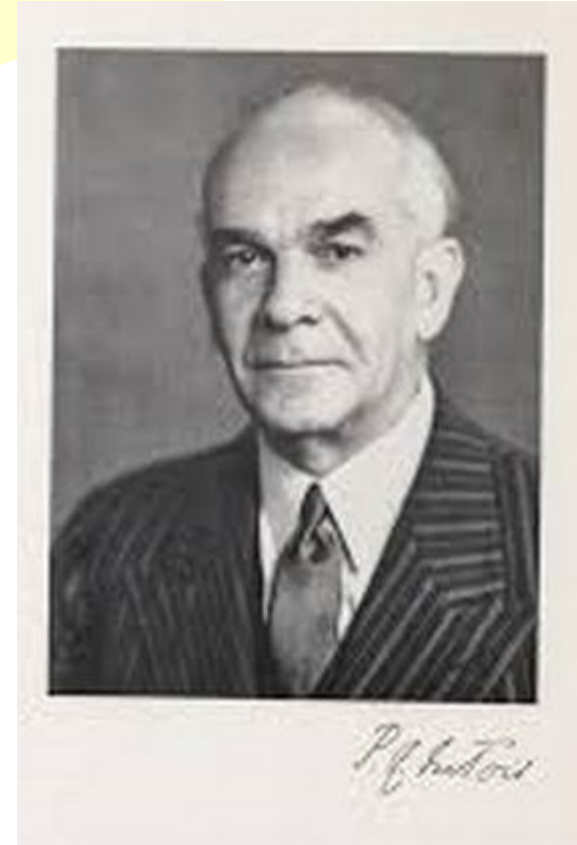




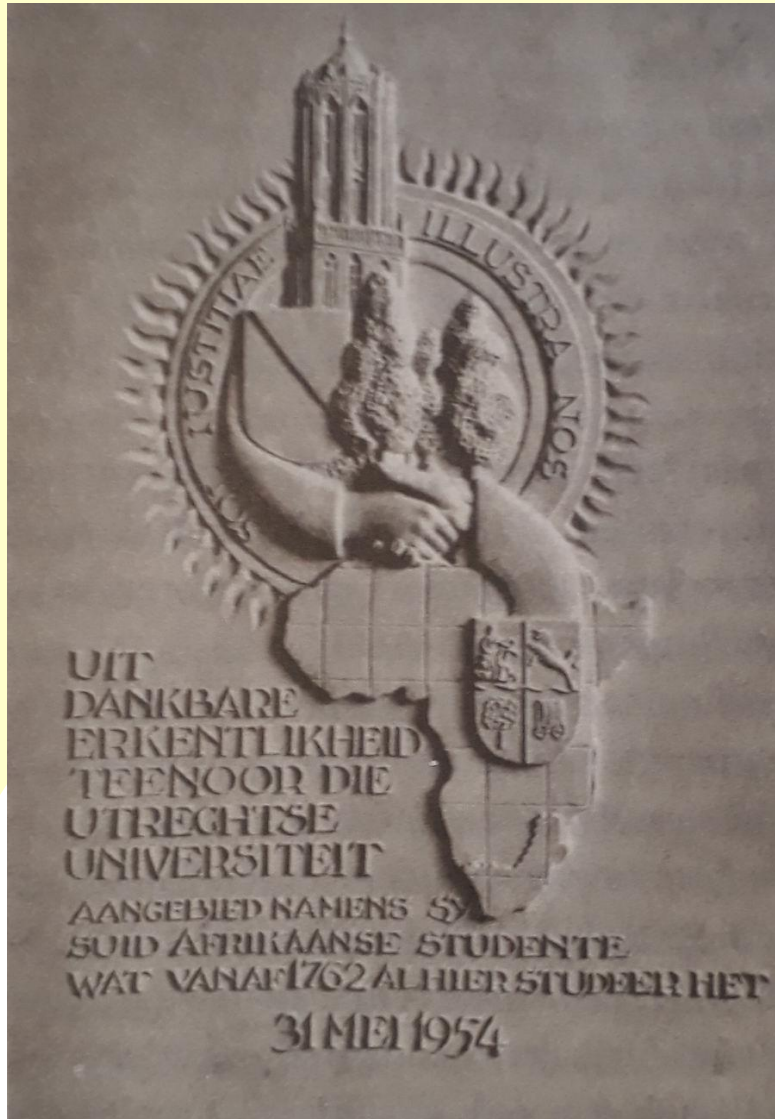
Wooden sculpture of Kruger presented by Pretoria University on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of Utrecht University in 1936



Arnold Theiler
1867-1936
Dr. h.c. 1936



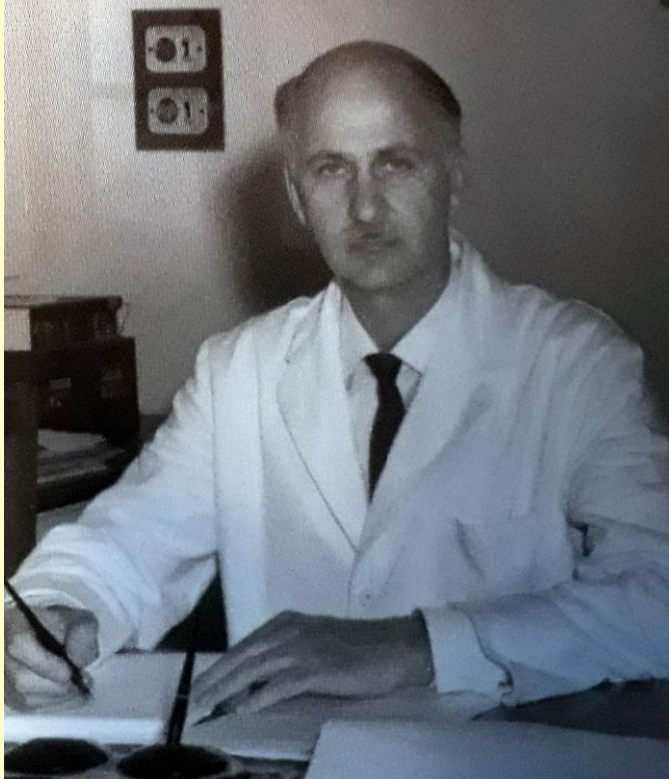
Petrus du Toit
1888-1967
Dr. h.c. 1948



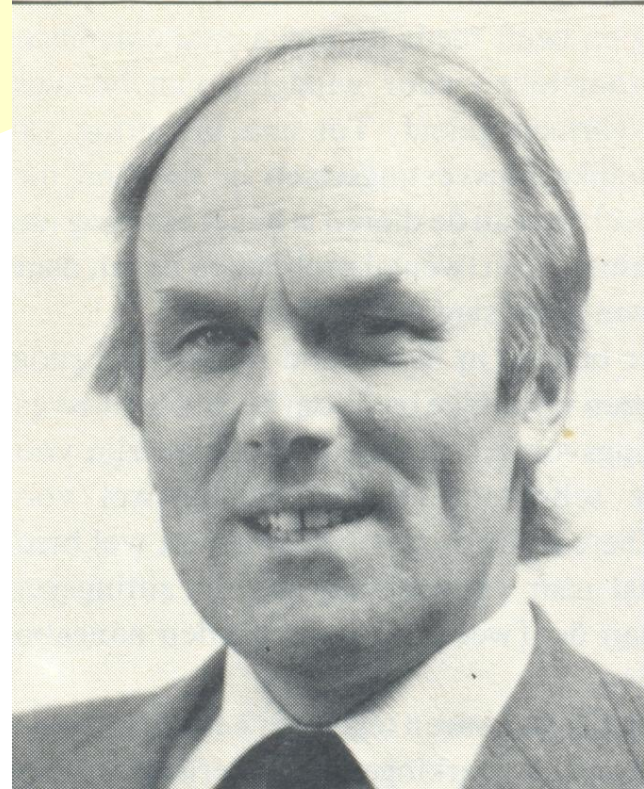
Out of grateful recognition
to Utrecht University

Plaque presented on
behalf of all South African
students who have studied
here from 1762 onwards

31st May 1954



Louwrens van den Heever
1923-1995
Pretoria



Jan van Logtestijn
1931-
Utrecht





Conclusions

Political and cultural developments were important determining factors in the relation between the Utrecht and Onderstepoort veterinary faculties

- The Anglo-Boer War
- Colonial triangle Netherlands-South Africa- Dutch East Indies
- Rise and fall of the Apartheid regime
- The ideology of the “Greater Netherlands”

