

CITATIONS 2020

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Any SAVA member who has rendered long and outstanding service to the veterinary profession may be awarded Honorary Life Membership. The nomination must be supported by at least three members of Federal Council. Honorary Life Membership will not be granted to more than three people in one year.

Prof Brough Coubrough



Prof Henk Bertschinger received the award on behalf of Prof Coubrough

Prof Brough Coubrough graduated BVSc at the Onderstepoort Faculty in 1961 and MVSc at the Ontario Veterinary College of the University of Toronto in 1964. He was awarded the President's Award and the Boswell Award by the SAVA in 1998. The President's Award is the most prestigious award that the SAVA can bestow on any of its members for sustained, dedicated service to the organisation by being involved in a wide and impressive leadership capacity in its wide-ranging structures and related activities over a lengthy time period. Prof Coubrough has been involved with the SAVA for 59 years since joining it in 1961 and his service to the SAVA has been outstanding. He has officiated in every SAVA organisational structure of note, mostly in a leadership capacity, as an elected member of its Federal Council in 1973, as Vice-President in 1975 and as President in 1979. In the interim he served on most of its committees, including its Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, WVA Committee and the Constitution Committee that was responsible for the change of name from SAVMA to SAVA and for the constitutional establishment of the SAVA's Branches and Groups. He also served as chairperson of the Reproduction and Production Group of the SAVA and was a member of several other Groups and Branches, as chairperson of the programme committees of 3 conferences and as MC at 2 international conferences held in South Africa. In his capacity as teacher and especially as Dean for 11 years (1987-1998) he indirectly also served the veterinary profession by ensuring that the Faculty continued to supply South Africa with well-qualified veterinarians and veterinary nurses, who register and practice all over the world. Prof Coubrough is an excellent candidate for being awarded Honorary Life Membership of the SAVA.

RESEARCH AWARD OF THE SAVA

Awarded to any veterinarian or veterinarians, for the best scientific article or series of articles, recently published in any scientific journal. Recipients of this award may be eligible for nomination for new original research. Submission to the Awards Committee may be made by candidates themselves.

Dr Peter Buss



Dr Peter Buss, an Australian graduate, is very well known in wildlife circles and his achievements in wildlife research and development are outstanding. His impressive CV gives details of his qualifications, including a PhD in 2017 from the University of the Witwatersrand. His main research thrust has been on the physiological effects of immobilization in a variety of wildlife species and developing protocols that limit adverse responses. In his thesis he focused on determining the cardio-respiratory functions in the etorphine-immobilized white rhinoceros. A significant finding was that butorphanol reduced metabolism and thereby improved hypoxia and hypercapnia. He has also been actively engaged in TB research in the Kruger National Park, where he is currently employed as Veterinary Senior Manager, and in the diagnosis of TB for the first time in white and black rhinos. Since 2000 he has been involved in the publication of 62 peer-reviewed or refereed research papers or chapters in books, being senior author of 11 of these, and as second author in 16 publications. He is also senior author of numerous conference proceedings. Dr Buss is a very worthy candidate for the SAVA's Research Award.

Dr Emma Hooijberg



Dr Emma Hooijberg qualified as a veterinarian at the Onderstepoort Faculty in 2001 and was awarded a PhD degree in 2018. She is currently an associate professor in the Department of Companion Animal Clinical Studies at the Onderstepoort Faculty. Her most recent publications and research leadership are reflected by 22 peer-reviewed publications since 2011, and 13 in the past 5 years. She is senior author of 9 of these and also of 4 posters or abstract presentations. Her publication outputs include many contributions

to the laboratory evaluation of companion animal diseases and conditions, and they have increasingly shifted to supporting the conservation of Africa's endangered mammals, seeking to fill the critical knowledge gap in laboratory support of capture and translocation efforts and the clinical management of compromised wildlife patients. She has made important contributions in our understanding of the normal laboratory parameters and the associated physiological and pathological, haematological and protein chemistry responses in the white and black rhinoceros, African elephant, cheetah and pangolin. Dr Hooiberg's recent research productivity has been high, and she is consequently a worthy recipient of the SAVA's Research Award.

CITATION OF THE SAVA

The SAVA may bestow a citation upon one or more individuals, including non-veterinarians, in recognition of specific achievements and / or meritorious contributions to the veterinary profession or the SAVA. Justification for this citation must be supported by at least three members of Federal Council.

Dr Glynn Catton



Dr Glynn Catton has served the South African veterinary profession long and well. A few highlights can summarise his involvement with the SAVA: Member of the SAVA since 1971, elected member of SAVA and member of FEDCO for 6 years, member of the Financial Committee (Chair: Dr Rob Sykes) and later its Chairperson for many years, as Chairperson of the Medicines Committee of the SAVA, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee of the SAVA, Chairperson of the Vets In Industry Group for 5 years, a member of SA Equine Veterinary Association, and as a member of the Livestock Health and Production Group. His involvement with other bodies serving the veterinary profession includes, among others, AVCASA and SAAHA of SA, as a member of its Exco and Chair of the AVCASA / Act 101 Liaison Committee, Chair of Sanitation Stock Remedies Subcommittee of Act 36 of 1947, Liaison Committee, member of the VPP Committee of Medicines Control Council of the Department of Health, and an Honorary Lecturer in the Animal Science course at the Onderstepoort Faculty. He has also been very actively involved in the endurance riding community at Fauresmith since 2002, receiving an award from the Endurance Veterinary Interest Group (EVIG) of the SAEVA. In 2007, ERASA (the Endurance Riding

Association of South Africa) gave him Springbok colours. Dr Catton's main contributions to the veterinary profession have been in the organisational structures of the SAVA and pharmaceutical industry and his dedicated promotion of the ethical and health aspects of endurance riding over a long period. He has undoubtedly made 'meritorious contributions to the veterinary profession, and he is an excellent candidate to be awarded a Citation of the SAVA.

Dr Hendrik Hansen




Dr Hendrik Hansen, son of Dr Lente van der Merwe, the 8th woman graduate of the Onderstepoort Faculty, is one of the most capable and respected of the many excellent South African wildlife veterinarians. He qualified in 1994 and took ownership of his mother's farm practice in 1996 which he then developed into a 5-person practice in Bela-Bela. He has concentrated on and specialised in immobilisation and fertility work. The wildlife industry boomed in the early 2000s and he immobilized thousands of animals for intensive game breeders. His fertility work included semen collection and recording normal semen values for most wildlife species. He also worked closely with Dr Morne de la Rey in Brits on developing techniques for synchronising and carrying out timed artificial insemination, ultrasound-assisted oocyte collection and in vitro fertilisation of sable antelope, blue wildebeest, buffalo and finally white rhinos. A severe shortage of opioid immobilisation drugs in 2013/14 prompted Dr Hansen to undertake field trials utilising alternative combinations in the darting and immobilisation drug cocktail. These involved the use of very low doses of opioids together with alpha-2 antagonists in buffaloes and he then extended these studies to other large ungulates. Since 2014 he has immobilised at least 11 000 animals using this combination of drugs which revolutionised the immobilisation of large ungulates in the wildlife industry. He presented the technique at several workshops in South Africa and in Namibia. The courses were attended by about 120 veterinarians, and he thus empowered many members of the local profession and some members of the international profession. More than 80% of wildlife veterinarians currently use this lower-cost method (named the HH Regime after him) or slight variations of it to immobilise game animals. Dr Hansen is very highly rated amongst his wildlife colleagues as an expert in the discipline. As an excellent example of the extent of the value of empirical clinical research and development by a private practitioner, Dr Hendrik Hansen is a worthy recipient of a Citation of the South African Veterinary Association.

CITATIONS 2021

CLINICAL AWARD OF THE SAVA

Awarded to any veterinarian or group of veterinarians who are registered with the SAVC and have excelled in applied veterinary practice. Recipients will not be eligible for re-nomination within a period of five years.

Dr Izak Venter

Dr Izak Venter was an early pioneer in the new discipline of Veterinary Ophthalmology. He obtained the degree MMedVet (Ophth) cum laude in 1994 under the tutelage of Prof Petrick, and after some locum work as a veterinary ophthalmologist in the UK and South Africa he founded the Johannesburg Animal Eye Hospital in 1996. He has consistently rendered an excellent service in his speciality and his colleagues refer challenging cases to him with confidence and success. As a result of this high regard he is asked to present. Continuing Education courses and lectures to general practitioners in South Africa, and also overseas in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Dubai. He has also contributed to scientific literature on the subject and has acted as Co-promotor to numerous Honours and several Master's students over the past decades, as evidence of the regard that the Academic fraternity has for his expertise. He has undoubtedly been a major contributor to the growing expertise of the Profession in veterinary ophthalmology. With his colleague he has extended this specialist service to the Western Cape, with the Cape Animal Eye Hospital starting in 2011. Dr Venter attends many overseas conferences in his speciality to ensure that he stays abreast of current developments. His clinical expertise in surgically correcting or treating a wide range of eye conditions in many species has made him a source of knowledge and inspiration to the Profession. This makes him a very worthy recipient of the SAVA Clinical Award for 2021. 



Dr Antony Goodhead

Dr Antony Goodhead, after a short time in general practice in the UK, qualified MMedVet (Ophth) in 1997 and then acted as a locum in the Faculty at Onderstepoort, where he subsequently became Senior Lecturer in the Section Ophthalmology, and was thus involved in all undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in his discipline. He has managed numerous Honours students and several Master's students over the past 20 years. The OP Eye Clinic is part of his responsibilities and receives many referrals countrywide. Dr Goodhead has ensured that he improves his expertise and stays up to date by attending CPD courses in the UK, EU and USA. He regularly consults by appointment in many

parts of South Africa and also other African countries, UAE, Malaysia and Hong Kong. As an acknowledged expert he is frequently invited to give CE presentations country-wide, and information to non-veterinary animal organisations. He joined Dr Venter at the Johannesburg Animal Eye Hospital and they share all responsibilities as partners, including the Cape Animal Eye Hospital. Together they have ensured that veterinary ophthalmology continues to grow and thrive as a specialised branch of Veterinary Service both in South Africa and elsewhere. Dr Goodhead is a great credit and asset to his profession and thoroughly deserves the SAVA Clinical Award for 2021.

HONORARY ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Any person who is not a veterinarian and who has rendered outstanding service to veterinary science, or the veterinary profession may be awarded honorary associate life membership.

Ms Lynette Havinga



Ms Lynette Havinga is well known to all who are registered with the South African Veterinary Council. Through her services to the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions arising from her positions as Vice-Registrar (1993-2011), Acting Registrar (2011-2012) and Registrar (2012-2020) all those who have worked most closely with her in various capacities, including President, attest to her efficiency, attention to detail, interpersonal skills, considerateness and application to the benefit of all registrees. Her administration ensured that the Finances were always in order and completely satisfactorily audited. She oversaw the growth of staff from 2 to 8 and eventually 17 who have to ensure that all the functions of the SAVC run smoothly. These include Education, Standards, Visitations, Specialisation, Special Projects, Investigations, Registrations, Inspections, Liaison, Promotions of Professions, Office Management, Finances, and the Newsletter and Website management amongst others. In addition Ms Havinga organised and managed two potentially disruptive relocations with a minimum of problems. By assisting with promoting and enhancing the image of our Veterinary Professions, Ms Havinga has rendered great and outstanding service for over 25 years. The SAVA has previously awarded her a Citation in 2008 and should now recognise her extended, wide-ranging and considerable services to our Profession by conferring Honorary Associate Life Membership of the SAVA upon her.