

1. Full Names (also maiden name where applicable)

Gert Johannes Venter

2. Date and place of birth

28 April 1960, Bloemfontein, South Africa

3.1 Wife/husband: name; marriage date; country of origin; vocation; children

Unmarried

3.2 Parents: names; country of origin; vocation etc.

Father: Christiaan Venter

Born: 7 November 1919, Kuruman, South Africa

Mother: Aletta Magrietha Venter (nee Koekemoer)

Born: 31 December 1927, South Africa.

3.3 Grandparent: names; country of origin; vocation etc.

Grandparents were from South Africa.

4. Schooling

Grade 1- 4: Koot Niemand Highschool, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Grade 4 -6: Sand du Plessis, Primary School, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Grade 7: Grey College Primary School Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Grade 8 – 12: Grey College Secondary School, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

5. Veterinary and/or para-veterinary qualifications

6. Other qualifications

B.Sc.: (1980) University of the Orange Free State (UOFS), Majors: Botany and Zoology.

B.Sc.: (Hons) Zoology: (1981) UOFS.

M.Sc.: (1991) UOFS.

Title: A study of the distribution and seasonal abundance of *Culicoides* spp. (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) and associated viral diseases in the R.S.A.

PhD: (2008) University of the Free State (UFS).

Title: The oral susceptibility of South African livestock-associated *Culicoides* species to selected orbiviruses.

1982 – 1984: National Military Service – School of Engineers, Kroonstad.

7. Curriculum vitae (= comprehensive description of career)

i. Chronology of positions held (provide comprehensive cv if possible)

January 1980: Laboratory Assistant – University of the Free State

December 1981: Assistant Veterinary Researcher - Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Institute

December 1985: Veterinary Researcher - Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Institute

December 1989: Senior Veterinary Researcher - Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Institute

April 1996: Veterinary Researcher - Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Institute

April 1998: Chief Veterinary Researcher - Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Institute

April 2013: Specialist Researcher - ARC-Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute

Was a part time lecturer at the Tshwane University of Technology on insects of veterinary importance.

ii. Highlights of career

Research Highlights

Culicoides biting midges are vectors of a range of orbiviruses that cause important veterinary diseases. The effective monitoring of *Culicoides* species diversity and abundance, both at livestock and near potential wildlife hosts, is essential for risk management. The Onderstepoort 220-V UV light trap is extensively used for this purpose. Reducing its power requirements by fitting low-energy light-emitting diodes can lead to greater flexibility in monitoring. A comparison of the efficiency of the 220-V Onderstepoort trap (8-W fluorescent UV light) with the efficiency of the 220-V or 12-V Onderstepoort traps fitted with red, white, blue or green LEDs or a 12-V fluorescent Onderstepoort trap demonstrated the 220-V Onderstepoort trap to be the most efficient. All the results showed nulliparous *Culicoides imicola* females to be the dominant grouping. Despite the lower numbers collected, 12-V traps can be used in field situations to determine the most abundant species.

Considering the wide distribution of *Culicoides* midges in general, and especially that of *Culicoides imicola*, the most abundant livestock associated *Culicoides* species in southern Africa, the study in the Eastern Cape Province, covering the southernmost limits of its distribution, contributed to the global understanding of *Culicoides* borne diseases. We identify vectors that can potentially transmit African horse sickness virus (AHSV) from the wild reservoirs to a farming situation. Proven vectors *Culicoides bolitinos* and *C. imicola* were widespread, however, lower representation compared to northern-South Africa and continual presence of other orally susceptible species, support additional vectors contributing to AHSV persistence. The data represents the first records of *Culicoides* species that feed on horses, donkeys and zebras, revealing an overlap in host preferences and associated vector potential of these midge species.

Applying artificial feeding methods to indicate a multi vector potential for a number of viruses, e.g., bluetongue-, African horse sickness- and bovine ephemeral fever virus. These observations were substantiated during unexpected outbreaks of bluetongue in northern Europe.

The fact that at least 10 *Culicoides* species were shown to feed on equines support a multi vector potential for AHSV. Of special interest may be the fact that it was confirmed that *C. imicola*, will feed on dogs under natural conditions. This information may contribute to the clarification of the role of carnivores in the epidemiology of AHSV. Based on abundance, *C. bolitinos* appears to be largest contributor to vector

epidemiology, with apparent persistence of vectors throughout the winter in absence of annual northern reintroduction enabling established AHSV.

Insight into the factors that regulate the circadian host-seeking flight activity of *Culicoides* vectors will be of importance to assess the risk of transmission of *Culicoides*-borne pathogens. A study was aimed to determine the impact of temperature and humidity on the flight activity of *C. imicola*, and other livestock associated *Culicoides* species, under both laboratory and field conditions. Batches of 500 field-collected *C. imicola* females were acclimatized at a predetermined range of temperatures (10–29 °C) and relative humidity (34–85%). After acclimatization, these females, prompted by a light source, were allowed to escape through a transparent plastic funnel into a paper cup, where they were counted after an hour. Flight activity under field conditions was determined seasonally by hourly light trap collections done overnight at four sites near cattle. Experiments conducted at various test conditions in the laboratory indicated that flight activity started at 13 °C. Peak in activity was observed between 16–18 °C, and temperatures above 20 °C seemingly inhibit flight. Under field conditions, a peak in numbers collected was observed immediately after sunset. With mean nocturnal temperatures below 19 °C, more than 74% of the *Culicoides* were collected within two to three hours after sunset. With mean nocturnal temperature above 19 °C, the peak in numbers at sunset was sustained until after midnight, with somewhat higher numbers collected after midnight once temperatures dropped below 20 °C. No peak in numbers was observed at dawn. Although low numbers were collected during the day, which partly may have been a result of the collecting method, *Culicoides* were present throughout periods of 24 hours. Humidity seemed to play a minor role in the regulation of flight activity.

iii. Memorable incidents: e.g., anecdotes; breakthroughs in research or negotiations conducted (locally & internationally) etc.

iv. Visits to foreign countries, including foreign assignments

International collaboration

International grants and collaboration

1994-1998 United States Department of Agricultural, Foreign Agricultural Service of International Co-operative Development and the United States Department of Agricultural Research Service (Co-operative agreement no 58-5410-6-F108). (Co-worker).

- 1994-1998 European Union: Arboviral Diseases in southern Africa – Identification of the vectors and Development of a Climate-Driven Risk Assessment Model (Contract number (IC18-CT95-0010). (Co-worker).
- 2001-2004 European Union Contract No: QLRT-2000-01722 Development of a safe, efficacious bluetongue virus vaccination strategy for Europe. (Co-worker)
- 2007- European Union Funded Surveillance network of Reoviruses, Bluetongue and African Horse Sickness, in the Mediterranean basin (Co-worker).
- 2008- National Research Foundation. Joint research projects within the executive programme of scientific and technological co-operation between Italy and South Africa for the years 2007-2009.
- 2009- Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright. Saliva proteins of South African *Culicoides* species

Official Overseas visits:

- 1992: United Kingdom. Attending a course in Advanced Methods in Medical & Veterinary Vector Control - London
- 1994: Botswana. OIE Scientific Conference on the control of foot and mouth disease, African horse sickness and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia - Gaborone, 20-23 April 1994.
- 1996: United States of America. Visit USDA-ARS-ABADRIL on a joint research project to determine if the main blue tongue vector in the USA can become infected with South African isolates of bluetongue virus.
- 1997: Italy - Progress report meeting of European Union funded project.
- 1997: United States of America. Visit USDA-ARS-ABADRIL on a joint research project to determine if the main bluetongue vector in the USA can become infected with South African isolates of bluetongue virus.
- 1998: Zimbabwe - Progress report meeting of an European Union funded project.
- 1998: United Emirates - Dubai - "Eighth International Conference on Equine Infectious Diseases" - 23 - 26 March 1998.
- 1999: United Kingdom. Collaborative studies on an European Union Funded Project. 21 July 1999 – 5 August 1999.

- 1999: Zimbabwe. Conference of the Zimbabwe Veterinary Association. 16-18 September
- 2002: United Kingdom: A co-ordination and study visit to the Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright. Comparing feeding methods and determining the oral susceptibility of European *Culicoides* species with that of *C. imicola* and *C. bolitinos* in South Africa for bluetongue.
- 2002: Greece. A combined meeting of the European Union contracts on the Development of a safe, efficacious bluetongue virus vaccination virus vaccination strategy in Europe and phylogenetic sequence analysis and improved diagnostic assay systems for viruses of the family reoviridae.
- 2003: United Kingdom: A co-ordination and study visit to the Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright.
- 2003 United Kingdom: Progress Report Meeting on European Union funded project
- 2003: Italy: Third International Conference on Bluetongue (Invited speaker)
- 2004: France: A combined meeting of the European Union contracts on the Development of a safe, efficacious bluetongue virus vaccination virus vaccination strategy in Europe and phylogenetic sequence analysis and improved diagnostic assay systems for viruses of the family reoviridae.
- 2005: Belgium: Workshop: European Union funded research in bluetongue (Invited speaker)
- 2007: France: Kick-off meeting of an international project on a “Surveillance network of Reoviruses, Bluetongue and African Horse Sickness, in the Mediterranean Region
- 2007: Spain: Attend a progress report meeting of a project on a “Surveillance network of Reoviruses, Bluetongue and African Horse Sickness, in the Mediterranean basin.”
- 2008: Italy: Attend a progress report meeting of a project on a “Surveillance network of Reoviruses, Bluetongue and African Horse Sickness, in the Mediterranean basin.”
- 2010: Presented a training course on *Culicoides* as vectors of orbiviruses in Italy. This course was presented in cooperation with the Italian National Reference Centre for Exotic Diseases – and University of Pretoria. I am an extra ordinary lecturer in the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases of the University of Pretoria.
- 2011: Co-chairman on a symposium on *Culicoides* midges at the 59th Annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Reno, USA.

v. **Vocation/career-associated extramural activities: eg Veterinary Association a.o. Scientific Associations (locally and overseas)**

Entomological Society of America

Parasitological Society of Southern Africa

A member of an OIE *Culicoides* vector working group. The aim of this group is to provide OIE guidelines for the entomological activities linked to the surveillance of bluetongue in Europe. The working group consists of ten people and includes representatives from Italy, Spain, UK, USA and Australia.

Acted as moderator for the Veterinary Entomology (VTE301T) at the Tshwane University of Technology and an extra ordinary lecturer in the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases of the University of Pretoria.

NRF rating: C1

8. Association with following events

i. **Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort before 1954**

NA

ii. **Construction starts on new site – 1954**

NA

iii. **Full time teaching posts – 1957**

NA

iv. **Complete separation from Institute – 1973**

NA

v. **Medunsa Veterinary Faculty – 1980**

NA

vi. **Separate directorates – Veterinary Services and Institute**

NA

vii. Establishment of Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute (OVI) of the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) – 1 April 1992

NA

viii. Separation of vaccine production from the OVI & creation of OBP

NA

ix. Establishment of Onderstepoort Institute for Epizootic Diseases of the ARC

NA

x. Institution of formal education for veterinary technologists, animal health technicians, veterinary nurses

NA

xi. Creation of SA Association of Veterinary Technologists

NA

xii. Amalgamation of veterinary faculties

NA

xiii. Multi-national organizations for veterinary matters (OIE, FAO, CSA, CCTA, SADC, SARCCUS etc)

NA

xiv. Creation of Theiler Memorial Trust a.o. foundations

NA

xv. Other

NA

9. Post-retirement veterinary/paraveterinary activities

Associated editor of Medical and Veterinary Entomology.

Section editor (Arthropods, excluding ticks) for the Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research.

Act as referee for several International Entomological and Virological Journals, research grant applications and the evaluation of PhD and MSc dissertations.

Extra ordinary lecturer at the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Pretoria.

10. Hobbies and sporting interests and achievements

Hobbies include reading and crosswords.

11. Other

Students

2009

Page, P.C., 2009. Duration of repellency of selected agents against *Culicoides* species when applied to polyester mesh. MMedVet (Equine Medicine). Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria.

Promoter: Prof. A. Guthrie, Co-Promoter: Dr. G. Venter

2011

Becker, E., 2011. The occurrence of African horse sickness in Hartmann's mountain zebra and its *Culicoides* vector in the south-western Khomas Region, Namibia. Master of Science. School of Environmental Sciences, North-West University.

Supervisor: Prof. H. van Hamburg, Co-supervisor: Dr. G.J. Venter

Schütte, C., 2012. Seroprevalence of African horse sickness virus and equine encephalosis virus in equids and abundance of *Culicoides* midges in Namaqualand, South Africa. Master of Science in Veterinary Tropical Diseases, Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases, University of Pretoria

Promoter: Dr. J.E. Crafford, Co-Promoter: Dr. G.J. Venter

2013

Renda-Dollman, S., 2013. Evaluation of Substrate Conditions as a Limiting Factor for Tsetse Fly Choice of Larviposition Site and Subsequent Pupal Development. A mini-dissertation submitted in partial fulfilment of the degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Zoology. Department of Zoology and Entomology, University of Free State Qwa-Qwa campus.

Promoter: Dr. Dr O.M.M. Thekisoe, Co-Promoters: Chantel De Beer & Dr. G.J. Venter

Verhoef, F.A. 2013. The Thermal Limits of two biting midges, *Culicoides imicola* Kieffer and *Culicoides bolitinos* Meiswinkel (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) and their effect on distribution and abundance. Honours in Entomology, Department of Entomology and Zoology, University of Pretoria.

Supervisor: Dr C. Weldon, Co-Supervisor: Dr. G.J. Venter

2014

Steyn, J. 2014. Epidemiology of bluetongue virus in South Africa with special reference to the Mnisi area, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. Magister Scientiae (Veterinary Science). Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Pretoria, South Africa.

Promoter: Prof. E.H. Venter, Co-promoters: Dr P. Coetzee and Dr. G. Venter

2015

Page, P.C. 2015. Investigation of methods for protection of horses in jet stalls against *Culicoides* biting midges. PhD (Veterinary Science) in the Department Companion Animal Clinical Studies, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa, Pretoria.

Promoter: Prof A. Guthrie, Co-promoters: Prof J. Schoeman, Dr G. Venter

2016

De Beer, J.C. 2016. Mating behaviour and competitiveness of male *Glossina brevipalpis* and *Glossina austeni* in relation to biological and operational attributes for use in the Sterile Insect Technique. PhD in the Department of Zoology and Entomology, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, University of the Free State, South Africa, Bloemfontein.

Promoter: Dr G.J. Venter, Co-promoters: Dr M.J.B. Vreyen and Dr S.L. Brink

2017

Riddin, M.A. 2017. The epidemiology of African horse sickness in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. PhD in Zoology at Rhodes University.

Supervisor: Prof M.H. Villett, Co-supervisor: Dr G.J. Venter

2019

Sebitsang, S.S. 2019 Assessing the influence of population density on the efficiency of the Onderstepoort and miniature CDC light traps for the collection of livestock-associated *Culicoides* species. BSc honours (entomology), University of the Free State.

Supervisor: Dr V.R. Swart, Co-supervisor: Dr C.J. De Beer and Dr G.J. Venter.

Steyn, J. 2019. *Culicoides* midges (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) as potential vectors for neurological arboviruses and the prevalence of infection at the wildlife/human interface. PhD in Medical Virology, University of Pretoria.

Supervisor: Prof. M. Venter, Co-supervisor: Dr A. Conan and Dr G. Venter

2020

Penzhorn, L. 2020. Temporal population dynamics and host-specific blood meals of *Culicoides* midges at Onderstepoort, South Africa. Magister Scientiae (Veterinary Science), Faculty of Veterinary Science, Pretoria, South Africa.

Supervisor: Prof. A. Guthrie, Co-supervisor: Dr. G. Venter and Dr. J. Crafford.

2022

Moyaba, M.P. 2022. Irradiated male mating proficiency and symbionts of colonised and wild type *Glossina brevipalpis* in South Africa. Magister Scientiae in Environmental Sciences at the North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa.

Supervisor: Prof O.M.M Thekisoe, Co-supervisor: Dr. C. de Beer and Dr. G.J. Venter

I acted as a moderator for the Veterinary Entomology (VTE301T) at the Tshwane University of Technology and an extra ordinary lecturer in the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases of the University of Pretoria.

Publications and Congress contributions:

1987

Abstracts - 1987

1. Venter, G.J., Nevill, E.M. & Meiswinkel, R. 1987. Stock-associated *Culicoides* species in South Africa. In: Proceedings of the sixth Entomological Congress of the Entomological Society of Southern Africa. Stellenbosch, South Africa, 6-9 July 1987, p 84.

1988

2. Nevill, E.M., Venter, G.J., Edwardes, M., Pajor, I.T.P., Meiswinkel, R. & van Gas, J.H. 1988. *Culicoides* species associated with livestock in the Stellenbosch area of the western Cape province, Republic of South Africa (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae). *Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research*, 55(2), 101–106.

1989

3. Venter, G.J. & Sweatman, G.K. 1989. Seasonal abundance and parity of *Culicoides* biting midges associated with livestock at Roma, Lesotho (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae). *Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research*, 56(3), 173–177.

1991

4. Venter, G.J. 1991 ‘n Studie van die verspreiding en seisoenale voorkoms van *Culicoides* spesies (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) en gekoppelde virussiektes in die R.S.A. MSc thesis University of the Orange Free State.
5. Venter, G.J., Hill, E., Pajor, I.T.P. & Nevill, E.M. 1991. The use of a membrane feeding technique to determine the infection rate of *Culicoides imicola* (Diptera, Ceratopogonidae) for 2 bluetongue virus serotypes in South Africa. *Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research*, 58, 5-9.

1992

6. Nevill, E.M., Erasmus, B.J. & Venter, G.J. 1992. A six-year survey of viruses associated with *Culicoides* biting midges throughout South Africa (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae). In: Bluetongue, African horse sickness and related orbiviruses Proceedings of the 2nd International Symposium (ed. by T.E. Walton and B.I. Osburn), pp. 314-319. CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida.
7. Nevill, E.M., Venter, G.J. & Edwardes, M. 1992. Potential *Culicoides* vectors of livestock orbiviruses in South Africa. In: Bluetongue, African horse sickness and related orbiviruses Proceedings of the 2nd International Symposium (ed. by T.E. Walton and B.I. Osburn), pp. 306-313. CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida.
8. Venter, G.J., Williams, R. & Nevill, E.M. 1992. The value of donkeys as sentinels for African horse sickness. In: Bluetongue, African horse sickness and related orbiviruses Proceedings of the 2nd International Symposium (ed. by T.E. Walton and B.I. Osburn), pp. 825-831. CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida.

1993

Abstracts - 1993

9. Nevill, E.M., Kappmeier, K. & Venter, G.J. 1993. Tsetse fly research in Zululand. *In: Proceedings of the 9th Entomological Congress organized by the Entomological Society of Southern Africa. Johannesburg, South Africa, 28 June-1 July 1993*, p. 81.

1994

10. Meiswinkel, R., Nevill, E.M. & Venter, G.J. 1994. Vectors: *Culicoides* spp. *In: Infectious Diseases of Livestock with Special Reference to Southern Africa* (ed. by J.A.W. Coetzer and R.C. Tustin), Oxford University Press, Cape Town. pp. 68–89.
11. Venter, G.J. & Meiswinkel R. 1994. The virtual absence of *Culicoides imicola* (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) in a light-trap survey of the colder, high-lying area of the eastern Orange Free State, South Africa, and implications for the transmission of arboviruses. *Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research*, 61(4), 327–340.

Abstracts - 1994

12. Neville^(sic), E.M., Venter, G.J., Le Roux, V. & Barnard, B.J.H. 1994. The vector potential for African horse sickness of *Culicoides* species on Robben Island and nearby S.W. Cape mainland. *In: Working document of: OIE scientific conference on the control of Foot and Mouth Disease, African Horse Sickness and Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia. Gaborone, Botswana, 20-23 April 1994*, p. 52–53.

1996

13. Venter, G.J., Meiswinkel, R., Nevill, E.M. & Edwardes, M. 1996. *Culicoides* (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) associated with livestock in the Onderstepoort area, Gauteng, South Africa as determined by light-trap collections. *Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research*, 63, 315–325.
14. Venter, G.J., Nevill, E.M. & Van der Linde, T.C. de K. 1996. Geographical distribution and relative abundance of stock-associated *Culicoides* species (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) in southern Africa, in relation to their potential as viral vectors. *Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research*, 63, 25–38.

1997

15. Venter, G.J., Nevill, E.M. & Van der Linde, T.C. de K. 1997. Seasonal abundance and parity of stock-associated *Culicoides* species (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) in different climatic regions in southern Africa in relation to their vector potential. *Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research*, 64(4), 259–271.

1998

16. Lindholm, A.K., Venter, G.J. & Ueckermann, A. 1998. Persistence of passerine ectoparasites on the diederik cuckoo *Chrysoccys caprius*. *Journal of Zoology (London)*, 244, 145–153. doi: 10.1111/j.1469-7998.1998.tb00016.x
17. Venter, G.J., Paweska, J.T., Van Dijk, A.A., Mellor, P.S. & Tabachnick, W.J. 1998. Vector competence of *Culicoides bolitinos* and *C. imicola* for South African bluetongue virus serotypes 1, 3 and 4. *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, 12, 378–385. doi 10.1046/j.1365-2915.1998.00116.x

1999

18. Baylis, M., Meiswinkel, R. & Venter, G.J. 1999. A preliminary attempt to use climate data and satellite imagery to model the abundance and distribution of *Culicoides imicola* (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) in southern Africa. *Journal of the South African Veterinary Association*, 70(2), 80–89. doi: 10.4102/jsava.v70i2.759
19. Venter, G.J., Groenewald, D.M., Paweska, J.T., Venter, E.H. & Howell, P.G. 1999. Vector competence of selected South African *Culicoides* species for the Bryanston serotype of equine encephalosis virus. *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, 13(4), 393–400. doi 10.1046/j.1365-2915.1999.00188.x

Abstracts - 1999

20. Paweska, J.T. & Venter, G.J. 1999. Replication of bluetongue virus in South African *Culicoides* collected near livestock. In: Proceedings of the IX International Symposium of the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians and OIE Biotechnology Seminar. College Station, Texas, 2-5 June 1999. p 124.
21. Paweska, J.T. & Venter, G.J. 1999. The effect of temperature and incubation period on the replication of bluetongue virus in *Culicoides imicola* and *C. bolitinos* (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae). In: Proceedings of the 12th congress of the Entomological Society of Southern Africa. Potchefstroom, South Africa, 12-15 July 1999. p 91.
22. Venter, G.J. & Paweska, J.T. 1999. Bluetongue, a multi-vector disease in South Africa. In: Proceedings of the 12th congress of the Entomological Society of Southern Africa. Potchefstroom, South Africa, 12-15 July 1999. p 130.
23. Venter, G.J., Paweska, J.T., Williams, R. & Nevill, E.M. 1999. Prevalence of antibodies against African horse sickness and equine encephalosis viruses in donkeys in southern Africa. In: Equine

infectious diseases VIII: Proceedings of the 8th International Conference, Dubai, 23rd-26th March 1998. P 299–302.

2000

24. Venter, G.J., Graham, S.D. & Hamblin, C. 2000. African horse sickness epidemiology: vector competence of South African *Culicoides* species for African horse sickness virus serotypes 3, 5 and 8. *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, 14(3), 245–250. doi: 10.1046/j.1365-2915.2000.00245.x

Abstracts - 2000

25. Riegler, L., Venter, G.J., O'Hara, R., Mellor, P.S. & Mertens, P.P.C. 2000. Variation in NS3 of African horse sickness can influence transmission by *Culicoides* vector species. In: Seventh International Symposium on Double-Stranded RNA Viruses, December 2-7, 2000. Palm Beach, Aruba.

2002

26. Lord, C.C., Venter, G.J., Mellor, P.S., Paweska, J.T. & Woolhouse, M.E.J. 2002. Transmission patterns of African horse sickness and equine encephalosis viruses in South African donkeys. *Epidemiology and Infection*, 128(2), 265-275. doi: 10.1017/S0950268801006471
27. Paweska, J.T., Venter, G.J. & Mellor, P.S. 2002. Vector competence of South African *Culicoides* species for bluetongue virus serotype 1 (BTV-1) with special reference to the effect of temperature on the rate of virus replication in *C. imicola* and *C. bolitinos*. *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, 16(1), 10-21. doi: 10.1046/j.1365-2915.2002.00334.x
28. Venter, G.J., Groenewald, D., Venter, E., Hermanides, K.G. & Howell, P.G. 2002. A comparison of the vector competence of the biting midges, *Culicoides (Avaritia) bolitinos* and *C. (A.) imicola*, for the Bryanston serotype of equine encephalosis virus. *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, 16(4), 372–377. doi:10.1046/j.1365-2915.2002.00385.x/pdf

2003

29. Paweska, J.T., Prinsloo, S. & Venter, G.J. 2003. Oral susceptibility of South African *Culicoides* species to live-attenuated serotype-specific vaccine strains of African horse sickness virus (AHSV). *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, 17(4), 436–447. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2915.2003.00467.x
30. Venter, G.J., Hamblin, C. & Paweska, J.T. 2003. Determination of the oral susceptibility of South African live-stock-associated biting midges, *Culicoides* species, to bovine ephemeral fever virus. *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, 17(2), 133–137. doi: 10.1046/j.1365-2915.2003.00414.x

2004

31. Meiswinkel, R., Venter, G.J. & Nevill, E.M. 2004. Vectors: *Culicoides* spp. In: Infectious Diseases of Livestock (ed. by J.A.W. Coetzer and R.C. Tustin), Oxford University Press, Cape Town, p. 93–136.
32. Mellor, P., Tabachnick, W., Baldet, T., Baylis, M., Bellis, G., Calistri, P., Delécolle, J-C., Goffredo, M., Meiswinkel, R., Mullens, B., Scaramozzino, Torina, A., Venter, G.J. & White, D. 2004. Working Group 2 –Vectors. *Veterinaria Italiana*, 40(3), 715–717.
33. Paweska, J.T. & Venter, G.J. 2004. Vector competence of *Culicoides* species and the seroprevalence of homologous neutralizing antibody in horses for six serotypes of equine encephalitis virus (EEV) in South Africa. *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, 18(4), 398–407. doi: 10.1111/j.0269-283X.2004.00524.x
34. Venter, G.J., Gerdes, G.H., Mellor, P.S. & Paweska, J.T. 2004. Transmission potential of South African *Culicoides* species for live-attenuated bluetongue virus. *Veterinaria Italiana*, 40(3), 198–203.

Abstracts - 2004

35. Page, P.C., Guthrie, A.J., Venter, G.J., Labuschagne, K. & Nurton, J. 2004. Duration of repellency against *Culicoides* spp. when applied to polyester mesh. In: Faculty of Veterinary Science, Faculty Day, 16 September 2004, p 33.

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