

Exciting soccer fun league culminates in one of the Veterinary Faculty's highlights for 2010

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A soccer fun league which was initiated to coincide with the soccer World Cup became so popular at the Faculty of Veterinary Science that it may become an annual institution.

On Wednesday 9 June from 12:30 to 14:00 the fun soccer league for this year will draw to a close on a high note when the semi-finals and final will be played. An invitational challenge between the "Dean's Team" (the Dean will also be playing) and the winner of a playoff between the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute and the Onderstepoort Biological Products, the other two institutions in the so-called Onderstepoort Veterinary Complex, will also be played.

Twelve teams competed in the six-week-long league. With its own special rules such as 8 minute games, no goalkeeper and two women on the field at all times, and teams such as the Anatomy Skeletons, the CACS Kings and the Young Brazilians, the league was destined to be a special fun-filled event. The outcome was beyond expectations. After fierce competition between the teams one student team, one support services team and two academic department teams ensured top spots in two groups.

The finals will be preceded by an opening ceremony and a parade. The 2010 Soccer World Cup is a novel event for our country and the Faculty is seizing this opportunity to lend its voice and enthusiasm to the growing spirit within the country. This opening ceremony is designed so that everybody can contribute their personal energy to the tournament and showcase the close-knit family quality we share at the Faculty of Veterinary Science. A welcoming speech by the Dean, Prof Gerry Swan and the hoisting of the South African flag, accompanied by recital of the South African National Anthem will be part of the opening ceremony. During the soccer matches, Diski-dancing will take place while boerewors and sosaties will be provided on a first come first served basis.

Every African country at the Soccer World Cup will be represented during the parade as follows:

UPBRC will represent **Ghana**
DVTD will represent **South Africa**
DPAS will represent **Nigeria**
DAP will represent **Cote d'Ivoire**
DCACS will represent **Cameroon**
Phytomedicine will represent **Algeria**

The final standings after the last round robin matches were as follows:

Group A				
<u>Team</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Points</u>
BSc III	5	3	2	11
OTAU	5	3	1	10
Hospital Cats	5	3	0	9
BVSc IV	5	1	3	6
DPAS	5	1	1	4
Anatomy Skeletons	5	1	0	3
Group B				
<u>Team</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Points</u>
DVTD	5	3	1	10
CACS Kings	5	2	1	7
Real Landscapes	5	2	1	7
Paraclinical	5	2	1	7
BVSc II	5	2	0	6
Young Brazilians	5	0	2	2

The program for Wednesday's event is as follows:

12.50 pm	Opening ceremony		
1.10 pm	FVS semi 1	OTAU	DVTD
1.20 pm	OVI/OBP playoff	OVI	OBP
1.30 pm	FVS semi 2	BSc III	CACS Kings
1.40 pm	OP invitational final	OVI/OBP winner	Dean's Team
1.50 pm	FVS final	Winner Semi 1	Winner Semi 2
2.00 pm	Prizegiving		