November 2015

Chit n Chat

Faculty of Veterinary Science

All the Faculty news you need to know.

Prof Gareth Bath underwent a hip replacement operation early in October in Sandton. The operation was performed by the same surgeon who operated on his hip 21 years ago.

A Farmer’s Day about sheep health was organized by PAS and took place on Saturday, 10 October 2015 from 08:00 to 13:00

Safe travels
Prof Pete Irons, Head of the Department of Production Animal Studies, will soon be on his way to Australia after receiving an offer from the Murdoch University. Dr Mike Kock will also say goodbye to the Faculty at the end of November and will be leaving for the United Kingdom.

Congratulations to Dr Alischa Henning who gave birth to a little boy on 17 September 2015.

Visitor: Prof Michael P. Reichel, Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Hong Kong visited Prof Leon Prozesky from the Pathology Section on 1 October 2015.

Chit n Chat is a one-page newsletter that will be distributed to staff members on a monthly basis. If you have a short news snippet to share with us, please send it to chris.vanblerk@up.ac.za before the 20th of the month.

Dr Quixi Sonntag (CACS) and Ms Linda Poggenpoel (DVTD) attended a workshop entitled ‘Emerging opportunities in post-graduate public health education for health systems development’, which was held by the School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape (UWC) from 18-22 May 2015.

At the recent 16th International Veterinary Radiology Association (IVRA) meeting held in Perth, Australia, Prof Robert Kirberger was elected as President of the organization.

His term of office will run to 2018 when he will preside over the 18th meeting of the IVRA in the USA. The IVRA encourages and promotes all forms of scientific endeavours and research involving veterinary radiology and particularly promotes diagnostic imaging in countries without access to specialist veterinary radiologists.

A project of the Skills Lab with the title Development, validation and implementation of in house manufactured veterinary models for innovative teaching of clinical skills was shortlisted with 19 other international projects for the Reimagine Education Awards 2015 in the ICT Tool Category after the project did very well in the first round of judgment. It will now be judged by another panel of judges for the second and final round of the judging process. Among others, the Reimagine Education Awards is sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania and this year’s award ceremony will take place in Philadelphia.