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

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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

Vryheidsvlag (fourcolour)
‘President Paul Kruger op Hr. Ms Oorlogsboot “Gelderland”.’
Villa Orangelust, Utrecht. Krüger Plaquette unveiled in 1952 (300 years after Van Riebeeck's landing in SA)
Chistiaan de Wet (1854-1922), general of the Boers
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

Plaquette 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”