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Dr Eran Dvir  
Department of Companion Animal Clinical Studies  
Junior Researcher of the Year 2008  
Faculty of Veterinary Science

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Dean: Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences





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Dr De Wet Swanepoel  
Department of Communication Pathology

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Prof Yolanda Jordaan  
Department of Marketing and Communication Management  
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences



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Prof Jan H Kroeze  
Departement Informatika  
Fakulteit Ingenieurswese, Bou-omgewing en Inligtingtegnologie





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“Ek ondersteun Oop Toegang want dit is vir my as navorser belangrik om te weet dat die navorsing wat ek doen wel 'n verskil maak en hoe wyer die navorsing beskikbaar is hoe groter is die impak daarvan. Navorsing wat wyd gebruik word en werklik momentum gee aan verdere ontwikkelings en/of verandering motiveer mens om nog verdere navorsing te doen.”



Prof Madeleine Stiglingh  
Hoof: Departement Belasting  
Fakulteit Ekonomiese & Bestuurswetenskappe

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Prof Andries G. van Aarde  
Department New Testament Studies  
Editor: HTS Theological Studies/Teologiese Studies



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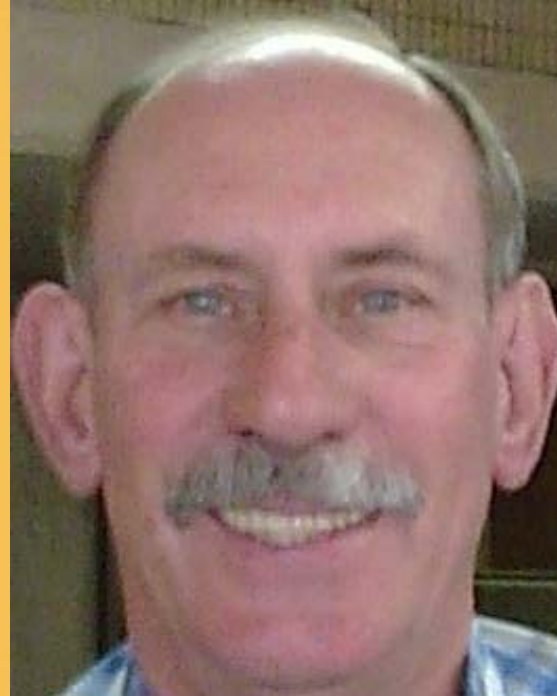
Prof Ronel Rensburg  
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Prof Joop Boomker  
Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases  
Editor: Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research

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Prof James Ker  
Deputy Dean: Faculty of Health Sciences



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Irma Eloff  
Dean: Faculty of Education



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"In our world we need to have access to information to be in control of our lives. Not having such access means other people will take many of your important decisions for you - or you will do so yourself without knowing the full consequences."



Prof Christof Heyns  
Dean: Faculty of Law

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Prof Rangan Gupta  
Department of Economics  
Faculty of Economic & Management Sciences

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## What are the benefits of Open Access for academics?

- It advances research
- It enhances the visibility of research
- It increases the readership of your work
- It provides a one-stop access to your publications
- It stimulates research partnerships
- It leads to easier research reporting

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“I support Open Access because developments in Veterinary Education research should be accessible throughout the world, in particular in Africa, to ensure that training is relevant and meets the needs of the communities.”

Prof Gerry Swan  
Dean: Faculty of Veterinary Science  
Member of the Medicines Control Council



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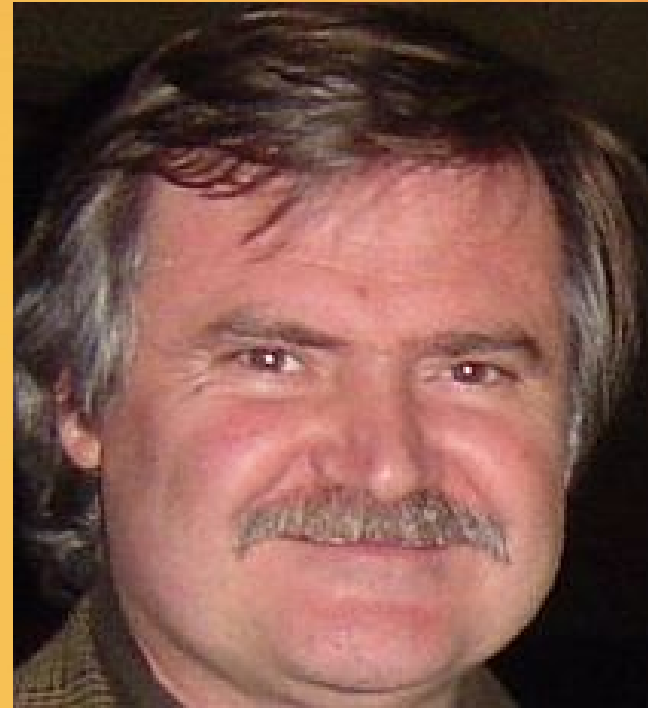
Prof Nick Kriek

Director: Centre for Veterinary Wildlife Studies



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Prof Jan H Meiring  
Head: Department of Anatomy, School of Medicine  
Faculty of Health Sciences



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Robert Moropa  
Director: Department of Library Services

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Prof Roelf Sandenbergh  
Dean: Faculty of Engineering, the Built Environment  
and Information Technology



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Prof Anton Stroh

Dekaan: Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe

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