
CURRICULUM VITAE

for

JEAN-GEORGE GAENSSLER

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Sunninghill

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 May 1938, born in Johannesburg

SPORTS/ HOBBIES: Played Provincial squash at top level, played hockey for Pretoria University, was chosen for SA Universities in rugby, and at school - first team in rugby as well as soccer.

MATRICULATED AT: Highlands North School

FAMILY: Has two sons and one daughter

LANGUAGES: English, Afrikaans, German

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: 1961 – University of Pretoria – BVSc.
1981 – University of Pretoria – MMed. Vet
(Pharmacology & Toxicology)
Promotor for MMed Vet was Prof Theuns Naude.

REGISTRATIONS: South African Veterinary Council - (S83/0015)
MEMBERSHIPS: South African Veterinary Association (SAVA) – (LR0319)
No longer in practice.

BUSINESS CAREER: **12/1961 – 02/1963**
Private Practice – Johannesburg

04/1963 – 12/1973
Practice established in Nigel. Developed to a 5-man partnership with consulting rooms in Heidelberg, Springs and a vet hospital in Nigel.

01/1974 – 07/1988
Joined Hoechst SA as Veterinary Technical Manager.
Progressed to Ag/Vet Divisional Manager and served on the board of Hoechst Pharmaceutical (Pty) Ltd.
During his term as Divisional Manager, he introduced a large number of local products to increase the range of products sold by Hoechst. In addition, research farm located at Malalane was increased substantially to then become part of an international R + D organisation - which still exists today.

1988 – 1992
Transferred with Agricultural Department to FBC in an ill fated agricultural project merger between Hoechst Ag Department,

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Schering Berlin and Roussel Uclaf respective Ag Departments.
Served as Production, Logistical Technical Development
and Registration Director. Retrenched mid-August 1992.

1992 – 1993

Roodeplaat Research Laboratories.
Appointed General Manager, later Managing Director.
Resigned October 1993.

12/1993 - Present

Purchased small operation “Clarke Colours” being sold off as
part of a larger company to be closed. My wife and I remain
shareholders and directors of Clarke Colours (Pty) Ltd.
My wife Margaret has retired and I am semi-retired.

02/1994

Approached by two colleagues from Roodeplaat Research
Laboratories which closed in early 1994. We started a small
research and vaccine producing company at the CSIR. The
company Design Biologix is a thriving business at present and
has grown substantially. I parted with Design Biologix on very
good terms in order to concentrate on Clarke Colours.

AVCASA

While at Hosaf Ag/Vet Division actively engaged in:
Veterinary and Agricultural Liaison Committees.
Member of AVCASA and with two colleagues responsible for
the establishment of AVCASA as a self-standing organisation
(formerly the Northern Transvaal Chamber of Commerce – did
secretarial duty), established an office in Halfway House, a full
time Executive Director, full time staff.

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Active in establishing the Vets in Industry Group to provide
support for vets employed in Industry where common challenges
could be discussed and where problems as a result of
representatives being negative concerning competitive products
could be resolved.

AWARDS:

AVCASA Lifetime Award – 13 June 2012

CURRENTLY:

Serve as Chairman of an Animal Ethics Committee with 4 other
standing members. We are largely committed to one
organisation. We find the work valuable, stimulating and
essential for the advancement of Ethical Research.
Resigned as Chairman in November 2021.