



Mr David Swanepoel served as librarian of the Onderstepoort Veterinary Research (OVR) Institute from his appointment in 1985 until retiring in 2020 but passed away shortly afterwards. He had a unique combination of appropriate educational background (graduate and postgraduate degrees in librarianship and a diploma in information management), great technical ability, professional dedication to his work and unwavering loyalty to

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veterinary science and to the OVR to trace scientific information for OVR staff and other researchers. It proved particularly valuable during the difficult years after the OVR and Library were transferred to Agricultural Research Council (ARC) in 1992. Progressively onerous budget constraints resulted in few new purchases of textbooks and journals; however, he sourced these by exploiting appropriate internet platforms.

David was a co-opted founder member of the SAVA's Veterinary History Committee (VHC) in 1995 and enthusiastically participated in all its activities and projects, including authoring a chapter on the OVR Library in the Onderstepoort 1908-2008 book and presenting addresses at WVA in 2011 and the 2020 WAHVM Congress. He delighted in tracing obscure publications, and no request was ignored. His sustained, highly productive contribution to veterinary science makes David Swanepoel a worthy recipient of a posthumous conferral of this honour. Unfortunately, there was nobody available to receive Mr Swanepoel's award.