



# Poultry Group of SAVA Annual Congress 2024

6-8 November 2024  
26 Degrees South, Muldersdrift



## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW


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# Programme

As on 17 October 2024 (please note programme is subject to change)

## Wednesday, 6 November 2024

Time	Theme	Title	Speaker
12h30	Registration opens - arrival coffee and tea / Industry Networking		
<b>Session 1 – Chair: Dr Wilhelm Maré</b>			
14h00	Opening session	Welcome and opening by Congress Chairperson	Dr Wilhelm Maré
14h10	Health	<b>Keynote:</b> Bone mineralization in broilers: Current challenges and new opportunities	Dr Peter Plumstead
15h00	Mid-afternoon refreshments & Networking opportunity		
<b>Session 2 – Chair:</b>			
15h40	Health	<b>Presentation:</b> Insights in bacterial chondronecrosis and osteomyelitis, caused by <i>Enterococcus cecorum</i> 	Prof. Filip von Immerseel
16h15		<b>Presentation:</b> Classic and emerging conditions/diseases of 2024	Prof. Neil Duncan
16h50	Miscellaneous	<b>Case Study:</b> Broiler proventriculitis	Dr Andrew van Wijk
17h00	Questions and Answer Session/Open Discussion		
17h20	End of Day 1		
18h00	WELCOME RECEPTION AT 26 DEGREE, Pool Deck Area (Sponsored by SMT Vet)		


## Thursday, 7 November 2024

Time	Theme	Title	Speaker
07h00	Registration opens - arrival coffee and tea / Industry Networking		
<b>Session 3 – Chair:</b>			
08h00	One Health	<b>Presentation:</b> Human enteric pathogens associated with the poultry industry	Dr Nicola Page
08h35	Soft Skills	<b>Presentation:</b> Healing the Healers: Mindfulness and Self-Care Techniques for Combating Burnout in Veterinary Practice 	Dr Amy Adams
09h35	MMedVet Feedback	<b>Student Presentation:</b> Comparison of prevalence of avian pathogenic <i>Escherichia coli</i> in South African and USA poultry	Dr Jaco Goosen
09h55	Mid-morning refreshments & Networking opportunity		
10h30	Laboratory Diagnostics	<b>Presentation:</b> Evolution of lab diagnostics for <i>Salmonella</i> and the impact on the practitioner	Ms Dionne Rauff
11h05	Avian Influenza	<b>Presentation:</b> Genetic and <i>in vivo</i> characterization of the H7N6 high pathogenicity avian influenza virus that emerged in South Africa in 2023	Prof. Celia Abolnik
11h35	Miscellaneous	<b>Presentation:</b> AAAP Feedback	Dr Shahn Bisschop
11h55	Avian Influenza	<b>Student presentation:</b> High pathogenicity avian influenza in South African seabirds	Dr Laura Roberts
12h15	Lunch & Networking		

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Time	Theme	Title	Speaker
<b>Session 5 – Chair:</b>			
13h15	Laboratory Diagnostics	<b>Presentation:</b> Analysis of veterinary drug residues in animal-derived food products	Ms Azel Swemmer
13h50	Industry	<b>Presentation:</b> SA industry update	Mr Izaak Breitenbach
14h25	Practical Experience Sharing	<b>Case Study:</b> Insights and challenges in managing Reticuloendothelial Virus in broiler breeder birds	Dr Rosaly Steyn
14h45	Mid-afternoon refreshments & Networking opportunity		
<b>Session 6 – Chair:</b>			
15h15	MMedVet Feedback	<b>Student Presentation:</b> Effect of different dietary fibre raw material sources on production and gut development in fast-growing broilers	Dr Andries Fourie
15h35	Laboratory Diagnostics	<b>Case Study:</b> Contribution of MIC profiling in commercial poultry operations to prudent use of antimicrobials	Dr David Gerber
16h05	Miscellaneous	<b>Presentation:</b> Immunity to vaccines	Prof. Jannie Crafford
16h45	Questions and Answer Session/Open Discussion		
17h00	End of Day 2		
19h00	CONGRESS DINNER AT 26 DEGREE, LOBOLO VENUE ( <i>sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim</i> )		

## Friday, 8 November 2024

Time	Theme	Title	Speaker
07h00	Registration opens - arrival coffee and tea / Industry Networking		
<b>Session 7 – Chair:</b>			
08h30	Practical Experience Sharing	<b>Case Study:</b> White-shelled eggs – what causes them and how does one make a diagnosis	Dr Shahn Bisschop
08h50	MSc Feedback	<b>Student Presentation:</b> Zn, Cu & Mn effect on production & egg quality	Dr Petrus Engelbrecht
09h10	Infectious Bronchitis Virus	<b>Student Presentation:</b> IBV lineages in Southern Africa over 2011-2020	Ms Christine Strydom
09h30	Questions and Answer Session/Open Discussion		
09h40	Mid-morning refreshments & Networking opportunity		
<b>Session 8 – Chair: Dr Wilhelm Maré</b>			
10h00	Avian Influenza Discussion (Poultry Members only)		
10h45	AGM (Poultry Members only) - a Zoom link will be sent to join the AGM for online participants		
11h30	Update from SAVA President	<b>Presentation:</b> Vets in Crisis	Dr Paul van der Merwe
12h20	Avian Influenza	<b>Keynote:</b> One year of HPAI vaccination in ducks in France; feedback from a poultry veterinary practitioner 	Dr Léni Corrand
13h00	Close of Congress		
13h10	Lunch & Networking - Delegates depart at leisure		

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