

DAY 1 – Friday, 17 April 2026

12:00 - 13:00 Registration & Arrival refreshments

Opening	13:00 - 13:05	Welcome and introduction Dr Nicolaas Bester, Branch Chairperson
Wildlife	13:05 - 14:05	Cutting edge research on giraffes Prof. Francois Deacon, University of the Free State
Large Animals	14:05 - 14:45	Hemorrhagic tendencies in cattle with emphasis on neonatal calves Dr Vossie Vorster, Vetdiagnostix

14:45 - 15:15 Afternoon refreshments

Small Animals	15:15 - 16:00	Wound Management in Small Animals Dr Ryan Walton, Bryanston Veterinary Hospital
	16:00 - 16:50	The corneal ulcer is not healing, what now? Dr Izak Venter, Digital Veterinary Ophthalmology Services
	16:50 - 17:30	Review on Cruciata Disease Dr Ryan Walton, Bryanston Veterinary Hospital
	17:30	Close of Day 1

18:15 Social Dinner – Partially sponsored by Biofarm



DAY 2 – Saturday, 18 April 2026

08:00 - 08:30 Registration & Arrival refreshments

Opening	08:30 - 08:35	Welcome and introduction Dr Nicolaas Bester, Branch Chairperson
Large Animals	08:35 - 09:30	Rumen hypoplasia in South African feedlot lambs Dr Jarred Morris, Octavoscene
Large Animals	09:30 - 10:15	Profitability takes GUTS Dr Bronwen Martin – <i>sponsored by MSD Animal Health</i>




10:15 – 10:45 Midmorning refreshments

AGM	10:45 - 11:45	Branch AGM
Small Animals	11:45 - 12:30	Ocular ultrasound Dr Izak Venter, Digital Veterinary Ophthalmology Services
Large Animals	12:30 - 13:15	FMD Update Dr Shaun Morris, Octavoscene
Sponsor showcase	13:15 – 13:30	Atop 7 Product lines: A step closer to antibiotic stewardship Dr Rudel Zowitzky, Afrivet



13:15 - 14:15 Lunch

Small Animals	14:15 - 15:00	Canine mast cell tumors – an update on diagnosis, histology and prognosis Dr Vossie Vorster, Vetdiagnostix – <i>sponsored by</i> 
Large Animals	15:00 – 15:45	Bovine respiratory disease with focus on pre-weaning calf immunology, metaphylaxis and therapeutic options Dr Jarred Morris, Octavoscene
	15:45	Close of Congress

