Programme

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Poultry Group of SAVA Biennial Congress

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Welcome to the 2026 Biennial Poultry Group of SAVA Congress!

Dr Tiaan Cilliers
Chairman of the Poultry Group of SAVA

It is our pleasure to welcome you all to the 2026 Biennial Poultry Group of the South African Veterinary Association (SAVA) Congress.

We are delighted to bring together poultry veterinarians, industry professionals, researchers, academics and other stakeholders for an engaging and informative gathering focused on the latest developments, challenges and opportunities within the poultry industry.

Over the next few days, we look forward to sharing knowledge, exchanging ideas, strengthening professional connections and exploring innovative solutions that will contribute to the continued growth and sustainability of the poultry sector.

Thank you for being part of this important gathering, and we wish you an inspiring, productive and enjoyable congress!

Programme

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2026		
Time	**Title**	**Speaker**
12h30	Registration / Lunch / Industry Networking	
	SESSION 1 *Chairperson: Dr Wilhelm Maré*	
14h00	Welcome and opening by Congress Chairperson	Dr Tiaan Cilliers
14h10	Keynote: Lightning strike in Broiler Breeders	Prof. Ryan Blumenthal
14h55	Poultry Vets' Journey with SG in SA and SSA	Dr Peter Johnston
15h35	Mid-afternoon refreshments & Networking	
	SESSION 2 *Chairperson: Dr Shahn Biscchop*	
16h00	Artificial Intelligence in poultry production and processing: what works today and what comes next	Dr Suresh Raja
16h35	Zn as a nutritional antiviral strategy against RNA viruses in poultry	Dr Chris Ashworth
16h55	Case study: Green hock investigation	Dr Andries Fourie
17h15	Close of Day 1	
18h00	Welcome Reception at the Boma *(sponsored by V-Tech)*	

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2026		
Time	**Title**	**Speaker**
SESSION 3 *Chairperson: Dr Tiaan Cilliers*		
08h00	Keynote: Avian mycoplasmosis - a Systematic Approach to Control	Prof. Naola Ferguson-Noel
08h45	AI update and Salmonella database overview	Prof. Celia Abolnik
09h20	Producing novel vaccines in the tobacco plant expression systems against Avian Encephalomyelitis, and C. perfringens	Ms Christie Smit
09h40	Mid-morning refreshments & Networking	
SESSION 4 *Chairperson: Dr Bibi de Bruyn*		
10h10	South Africa's Evolving Feed Regulatory Landscape - Where We Stand. What's Changing. What Lies Ahead	Ms Bonita Cilliers
10h40	Outgrowth Dynamics probiotics: A Key determinant for probiotic efficacy in poultry	Ms Natasha Davison
11h00	Avian Influenza H7	Dr Shahn Bisschop
11h35	Infectious bursal disease virus epidemiology in Southern Africa and the emergence of reassorting strains in farms under various vaccination programs	Dr Maria Maleta
11h55	Acceptable or Affordable? Rethinking Broiler Welfare in South Africa	Dr Matthys Uys
12h30	Lunch	
SESSION 5 *Dr Jarno Müller-Deibicht*		
13h30	Keynote: Avian Influenza Viruses: Evolution, risks, challenges, and vaccine innovations	Prof. Munir Iqbal
14h15	Abattoir pathology and condemns - feedback value?	Dr DelaRey Ribbens
14h55	Case study: Glycogen Hepatopathy in Broilers	Dr Frank Travers
15h15	Growth under pressure: Nutritional strategies to strengthen the gut-immune axis in high-performance broilers	Prof. Peter Plumstead
15h50	Mid-afternoon refreshments & Networking	
SESSION 6		
16h20	Genomic characterisation of antimicrobial resistant Enterococcus species isolated from live and post-mortem chickens	Ms Nompumelelo Nene
16h40	Molecular epidemiology of *Escherichia coli* in Poultry: A comparative analysis of isolates from healthy and sick chickens	Ms Bongiwe Ngobese
17h00	Close of Day 2 | *Venue turnaround for Gala Dinner*	
19h00	Congress Dinner in main venue *(sponsored by Deltamune)* ***Dress Code:*** *Cocktail / Semi-formal*	

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2026		
Time	Title	Speaker
SESSION 7 *Chairperson: Dr Susan Dawson*		
09h00	Case study: Effect of water treatment in commercial layers	Dr Heinrich Potgieter
09h30	Poultry pathology and industry feedback: what's cookin'?	Dr Olwam Hamilton Monakali
10h00	Poultry Nutrition: Metabolic related issues	Mr David Brandt
10h35	Mid-morning refreshments & Networking	
SESSION 8 *Chairperson: Dr Mokgadi Seemola*		
11h00	Keynote: Inclusion body hepatitis (IBH): pathogenesis and prevention by vaccination	Prof. Michael Hess
11h45	Restoring intestinal balance in poultry through targeted probiotic intervention	Dr Dawn Reinhoudt
12h05	AGM (Poultry Group Members only)	
13h00	Lunch & Departure	

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†Koerich P, Mueller-Doblies D. IPPE, Atlanta, Jan 2023, Gantois I, Ducatelle R, et al.
*Mechanisms of egg contamination by Salmonella Enteritidis. FEMS Microbiology Reviews. 2009; 33[4]:718-38

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Our Keynote Speakers



Prof. Ryan Blumenthal

MBChB (Pret), MMed (Med Forens) Pret, FC For Path (SA) Dip For Med (SA) PhD (Wits) – is a senior Specialist Forensic Pathologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Forensic Medicine at the University of Pretoria (UP).

He has published widely in the fields of lightning, suicide and other areas involving the pathology of trauma. He published his first article in 2004 and has since published 29 articles. Prof Blumenthal has also been involved in the publication of several textbooks and has helped generate both national and international standard operating procedures and guidelines. His chief mission is to help advance forensic pathology services both nationally and internationally. His life's work has been dedicated to education, critical thinking and puzzle-solving. Forensic pathologists take part in exercises in preventative medicine – in fact, forensic pathology might better be called community and public safety pathology. (Wright RK, Tate LG. Forensic pathology. Last stronghold of the autopsy. Am J Forensic Med Pathol. 1980 Mar;1(1):57-60. doi: 10.1097/00000433-198003000-00009. PMID: 7015831). No other field in medicine offers the intellectual challenge of forensic pathology, as it requires a working knowledge of diagnosis and treatment in almost every speciality of medicine. It also calls for an understanding of non-medical fields such as criminology, criminalistics, engineering, highway design, police science and a deep understanding of a community – its mores, folkways and religion. The professor believes that UP is an enabling institution when it comes to research. His research into lightning contributes to society because lightning medicine forms part of wilderness medicine, which is a field of medicine that provides vital emergency care in remote settings. This forms part of environmental health, which encompasses severe weather threats to life and property. Humans interact with electricity almost every day, yet electropathology and lightning research are still emerging as fields of research. Prof Blumenthal is also involved in collaborative research with several other departments and universities, both locally and internationally. He recently published a book titled Autopsy – Life in the Trenches with a Forensic Pathologist in Africa, which became a non-fiction best-seller in South Africa. He also hosted an eight-part documentary series called Lightning Pathologist, which aired on People's Weather and was viewed by more than 2 million people. Both the book and the series have had a significant public health impact. Going forward, Prof Blumenthal would like to continue with the public communication of science. He says he is inspired by those who have won the Nobel Prize. His academic role model is Alfred Nobel, who, in his will, left most of the proceeds of his large private fortune for the establishment of a prize "for the greatest benefit of humankind". In terms of what Prof Blumenthal hopes to achieve with his academic work and research, he says, "I hope to continue planting little acorns," drawing from a quote by mathematician Richard Hamming: "When you're famous, it is hard to work on small problems. The great scientists often make this error. They fail to continue to plant little acorns from which the mighty oak trees grow. They try to get the big thing right off. And that isn't the way things go." Prof Blumenthal's hobbies include solving puzzles, playing chess, sleight-of-hand magic, birdwatching, mountain biking and writing novels.

Topic: Lightning strike in Broiler Breeders

11 November, 14h10



Prof. Naola Ferguson-Noel

Department of Population Health, Poultry Diagnostic and Research Center

Education

- Ph.D., Medical Microbiology, University of Georgia, 2003
- M.A.M., University of Georgia. 2001
- D.V.M., University of the West Indies, 1996

My area of interest is in avian mycoplasmosis, bacterial infections that come from three different strains. With continuous surveillance and medication, these pathogens can be controlled. I've worked with breeders and farmers to help them understand the best ways to test their flock, writing detailed instructions for obtaining cultures and sending them to our lab for testing. My research has also looked at the types of swabs used to collect samples, looking for the most efficient way to collect samples that will give accurate results in the lab. My students learn the importance of this type of research as they work alongside me. Proper lab procedures, looking for the best methods of diagnosis, and investigating how to most efficiently find and control disease are all things I emphasize through the activities and lectures in my classroom.

Topic: Avian mycoplasmosis - A systematic approach to control

12 November, 08h00



Prof. Munir Iqbal

Head of the Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease group at The Pirbright Institute and a visiting professor at the Royal Veterinary College, London.

Munir obtained Veterinary Medicine and MPhil degrees in Pakistan and a PhD in Biotechnology at Imperial College London in 1991. He worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Liverpool and the University of St Andrews before joining the Institute in 1996. Currently, he is leading several research projects aimed at defining the impact of genetic changes on the ability of avian influenza and Newcastle disease viruses to evade immune responses, cause increased disease severity, and allow cross-species transmission. Along with unravelling the host factors that determine avian-origin influenza virus replication fitness in mammalian species. He is also leading the development of new multivalent vaccines and diagnostics for better control of avian respiratory viruses like avian influenza, Newcastle disease, avian adenovirus, and avian metapneumoviruses. Recently, his group has developed a novel targeted antigen delivery vaccine platform that selectively delivers vaccine antigens to chicken immune cells, inducing faster, stronger, and more durable immunity. The multivalent vectored vaccines he developed include recombinant NDV, recombinant herpesvirus of turkey (rHVT), and recombinant duck enteritis virus (rDEV), providing robust immunity to chickens against multiple avian viral diseases. The multivalent subunit vaccines produced in insect cells also protect chickens from several poultry viruses. He also developed a passive immunization approach to protect poultry from AIV. His recent studies have identified antigenic epitopes on the hemagglutinin antigens of H5, H9, and H7 AIVs that induce protective immune responses, with implications for vaccine strain selection. His group is developing novel easy-to-use aptamer-based diagnostic tests allowing rapid, sensitive, and reliable differential diagnosis of avian respiratory viruses at the pen-side or point-of-care.

Topic: Avian Influenza Viruses: Evolution, risks, challenges, and vaccine innovations

12 November, 13h30



Prof. Michael Hess, DECPVS

University of Lahore, Pakistan

Prof. Michael Hess received his degrees from Free University in Berlin after which he joined R&D at Intervet, UK. In 2001 he joined the University of Veterinary Medicine, in Vienna, where he established a poultry clinic with research, diagnostic services and teaching. From 2008 – 2022 he was also heading the Department for Farm Animals and Veterinary Public Health. He has a strong interest in poultry health, the development of new protection strategies and diagnostic tools. He is a member of different scientific associations and editorial boards. He was a founder diplomate and first president of the European College of Poultry Veterinary Science (ECPVS). He published more than 240 peer-reviewed manuscripts, holds various patents and is a member of several scientific committees and editorial boards. He was awarded with the Robert Fraser Gordon Memorial Medal of the Gordon Memorial Trust in UK, a Doctor Honoris Causa of the Pannonian University in Hungary, the title Bene merito pro Facultate Medicinae Veterinariae in Varsovia, University of Life Sciences, Warsaw, Poland and in 2023 he was inducted into the Hall of Honor of the World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA) and in 2024 he was appointed as Adjunct Faculty Member of The University of Lahore, Pakistan.

Topic: Inclusion body hepatitis (IBH): pathogenesis and prevention by vaccination

13 November, 11h00

Infectious Bursal Disease Virus Epidemiology in Southern Africa and Emergence of Reassorting Strains in Farms Under Various Vaccination Programs

Maria Maleta[1]; Oscar Blanco[1] and Udi Ashash[2]

[1]Phibro Animal Health Corporation -South Africa; [2]Phibro Animal Health Corporation -Global

Introduction and Study Objective

Since the emergence of Infectious Bursal Disease Virus (IBDV) in Southern Africa, surveillance studies have indicated evolving epidemiology of circulating field strains as is seen globally. This study was designed to provide an update on circulating IBDV strains and their characterization based on segment A (VP2) and B (VP1) genome sequencing in Southern African farms under various vaccination programs.

Materials and Methods

Part 1 Surveillance: Year 2013-2024

450+ bursa samples collected from multiple flocks under different vaccination programs. All samples (pooled per FTA card) were analyzed at a South African laboratory by RT-PCR and sequencing of VP2 genome only. Summary findings are indicated in Table 1 below.

Part 2 Surveillance: August 2025-February 2026

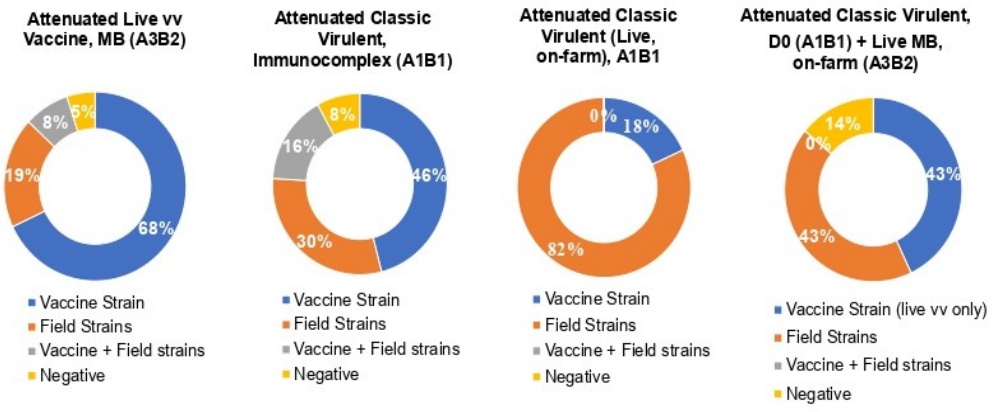
Acknowledging the limitations of sequencing only VP2 genome, 70 pooled bursa samples were collected on FTA cards from South Africa (SA), Botswana and Zambia. VP1 and VP2 genome analysis and sequencing by RT-PCR was conducted according to Islam et al 2012 method at Vetmeduni lab, Austria.

Results

Table 1. Strains identified according to Jackwood et al, 2017.

Genogroup	Type	Strain	Country
Group 1 (Classical)	Vaccine	W2512, 228E, D78, Lukert, GM97	
	Field	Cu1 Wild type	SA, Zambia, Namibia
Group 2 (Antigenic variant)	Field	05 SA08	SA,
		D1054/85 (D5298)	SA, Botswana, Zambia
Group 3 (very virulent IBDV)	Vaccine	M.B	
	Field	SA01 SA1, KZC 104, KZC 110	Botswana, Zambia, Namibia, Malawi

Figure 1. IBDV Strains identified per vaccination group, 2025-2026 (VP1 and VP2 analysis).



Discussion and Conclusions

Analysis of VP1 and VP2 genomes revealed the presence of reassortant field strains in Southern Africa, with A2B1 being the predominant genotype characterized by antigenic variants closely related to those of US origin (SK09, var E and D5298). Reassortant patterns involving virulent strains (A2B2 and A3B1) have also been identified in SA, and very virulent strains (A3B2, KZC 104) remain present in Botswana and Zambia. Results in this study suggest an added value of attenuated live very virulent vaccines in providing better efficacy against circulating field strains as evidenced by a higher percentage of vaccine recovery (68%) and lower field strains (19%) compared to other groups.

In conclusion, this study confirms an ongoing circulation of field IBDV strains and the presence of reassortant strains, indicating overall shift in IBDV epidemiology in Southern Africa. This highlights the importance of continuous and enhanced IBDV surveillance, as well as varying vaccination programs efficacies, with attenuated live very virulent based programs showing superior efficacy against field strains even when administered on farm following hatchery application of classical virulent vaccines (immunocomplex).

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Our Speakers



Dr Peter Johnston

Owner, Midlands Poultry Health Centre

Peter started the Midlands Poultry Health Centre (MPHC) in 2009. Peter has been in the veterinary profession since 1990. He entered the poultry industry in 2009, when he started the Midlands Poultry health Centre in Howick. Peter has travelled to many countries a poultry consultant, including, Isael, Saudi Arabia, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Uganda and Mauritius. In 1019 he presented a scientific paper at the antimicrobial stewardship congress in Brisbane, Australia. Dr Johnston enjoys helping farmers with "anything to do with poultry production" through scientific innovation and good management protocols. Peter finds the poultry veterinary science a great and rewarding challenge. His special interests are food safety especially Salmonella mitigation.

Topic: Poultry Vets' Journey with SG in SA and SSA

11 November, 14h55



Dr Suresh Raja

Associate Professor & Dalhousie University Research Chair

Dr Suresh Raja is a Professor and Research Chair in Digital Livestock Farming at Dalhousie University, Canada, with joint appointments in the Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Computer Science. He leads the MooAnalytica Research Group, developing and evaluating artificial intelligence, computer vision, bioacoustics and digital twin approaches for livestock production. His research focuses on supporting animal health, welfare and sustainable production through reliable sensing and practical decision support for producers and veterinarians.

Topic: Artificial Intelligence in poultry production and processing: what works today and what comes next

11 November, 16h00



Dr Chris Ashworth

Beef Discovery Researcher, Zinpro Corporation

Dr Ashworth earned his doctoral degree in veterinary medicine from Louisiana State University. He directs research and technical nutritional services for the Zinpro beef team worldwide.

Topic: Zn as a nutritional antiviral strategy against RNA viruses in poultry

11 November, 16h35



Dr Andries Fourie

Supreme (CBH)

Dr Andries Fourie is a registered specialist poultry veterinarian and Senior Veterinarian at Supreme Poultry (CBH). He coordinates veterinary and technical functions across integrated poultry operations, including breeders, hatcheries, broiler production and processing. He holds an MBA from the University of Cape Town, complementing his veterinary training with a strong commercial perspective.

Topic: Case study: Green hock investigation

11 November, 16h55



Prof. Celia Abolnik

Research Chair: Poultry Health and Production, University of Pretoria

Prof. Celia Abolnik holds the South African National Research Foundation's Research Chair in Poultry Health and Production, at the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Veterinary Science. Her doctoral degree, awarded in 2007, focused on the molecular epidemiology of avian influenza and Newcastle disease. She is an internationally recognised expert in poultry diseases with more than 100 papers published in scientific journals. Her research expertise encompasses genomics, molecular epidemiology, clinical infection studies, serological and molecular diagnostic test development, and novel tobacco plant-expressed vaccine development.

Topic: AI update and Salmonella database overview

12 November, 08h45



Ms Christie Smith

Doctoral Student, University of Pretoria

Christie Smit is a PhD candidate in Veterinary Science in the Department of Production Animal Studies at the University of Pretoria. She holds a BSc in Biochemistry and Microbiology, a BSc Honours in Biochemistry, and an MSc in Biochemistry from Rhodes University, all obtained with distinction. Her research at Rhodes focused on drug development for triple-negative breast cancer. Her current doctoral research focuses on developing plant-produced virus-like particle vaccine candidates against avian encephalomyelitis and necrotic enteritis in poultry, bringing together her background in biochemistry and her interest in vaccine development and animal health.

Topic: Producing novel vaccines in the tobacco plant expression systems against Avian Encephalomyelitis, and C. perfringens

12 November, 09h20



Ms Bonita Cilliers

Technical and Regulatory Advisor | Animal Feed Manufacturers Association (AFMA)

Bonita Cilliers is the Technical and Regulatory Advisor at the Animal Feed Manufacturers Association (AFMA), with expertise in feed legislation, regulatory compliance, feed safety and industry standards. She holds an MSc (Agric) in Animal Science from the University of Pretoria, with a focus on Animal Nutrition. Bonita began her career at the University of Pretoria in 2011, where she was involved in poultry research and the management of the university's poultry unit until 2014. She subsequently joined ADM (formerly Wisium SA) as a Junior Animal Nutritionist before transitioning into quality assurance and progressing to Quality/ISO Manager. Her experience spans animal nutrition, feed formulation, feed registration, quality and feed safety management systems, HACCP and premix manufacturing. Since 2025, Bonita has served on the Regulatory Committee of the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) and the Advisory Panel of Experts (APE) of the Strategic Agricultural Inputs Forum (SAIF), contributing to discussions on feed legislation, regulatory frameworks and industry standards. In 2026, she was appointed to the Council of the South African Society for Animal Science (SASAS), serving on its Public Relations and Marketing and Professional Development Committees. Passionate about feed safety, continuous learning and innovation, Bonita has a keen interest in process digitalisation, systems integration to improve efficiency, and the practical application of artificial intelligence. She recently completed the FutureFit Leaders Programme in Industrial Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Topic: South Africa's evolving feed regulatory landscape - Where We Stand. What's Changing. What Lies Ahead

12 November, 10h10



Ms Natasha Davison

Business Manager- Evonik

Natasha completed her BSc (Hons) Animal Science degree from the University of Pretoria in 2012, after which she joined Evonik Africa in 2013. Her current position at Evonik is Business Manager, responsible for the Specialty Nutrition portfolio for South Africa, but also supporting colleagues in Southern African countries. Natasha completed her MSc (Agric) Animal Nutrition degree in 2020 with her research focusing on the interaction between crude protein, amino acid levels, and probiotics in weaner pigs. Since then, she has developed a keen interest in gut health and the interplay between the gut, environment, and nutrition.

Topic: Outgrowth Dynamics probiotics: A Key determinant for probiotic efficacy in poultry

12 November, 10h40



Dr Shahn Bisschop

CEO, Avimune

Dr. Shahn Bisschop is a specialist Poultry Veterinarian and has worked in the poultry industry since 1998. He is the managing partner at Avimune, a specialist veterinary practice that serves the Southern African poultry industry. And is also a part-time Senior Lecturer and Head of the Section of Poultry Health at the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Pretoria at Onderstepoort. He has 28 academic publications but does not consider himself a real academic, although still hopes to complete a PhD before he retires. He serves as advisor to the South African Poultry Association on disease control issue.

Topic: Avian Influenza H7

12 November, 11h00



Dr Maria Maleta

Poultry Technical Manager, Phibro Animal Health Corporation, South Africa

Graduated in 2014 with a Degree of Veterinary Medicine (BVSc) at the University of Pretoria, Onderstepoort. She joined the Poultry industry as a Regional Production Vet at Rainbow Chickens, 2015 – 2018. In May 2018, she joined the pharmaceutical industry as Poultry Technical Consultant at Immunovet Services. May 2019, she joined Ceva Animal Health RSA as Poultry Veterinarian, offering Technical Support & product Leadership. August 2022 – Current: Works at Phibro Animal Health RSA as Poultry Technical Manager (Vaccines & In-Feed Medication). She presented IBDV-related topics at WVPAC in 2023 (Verona, Italy) and AAAP Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, USA in 2026.

Topic: Infectious bursal disease virus epidemiology in Southern Africa and the emergence of reassorting strains in farms under various vaccination programs

12 November, 11h35



Dr Matthys Uys

Woolworths

Dr Matthys Uys is the veterinarian at Woolworths Foods South Africa, where his work spans animal welfare, food safety, and responsible sourcing across livestock and poultry supply chains. He holds a BVSc from the University of Pretoria, an MSc from the University of Edinburgh, and is a Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Public Health. His focus is on translating scientific evidence into practical, measurable improvements in animal welfare, and strengthening the role of retailers in driving responsible production.

Topic: Acceptable or Affordable? Rethinking Broiler Welfare in South Africa

12 November, 11h55



Dr DelaRey Ribbens

Dr. DelaRey Ribbens graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort in 2012. He then spent several years in mixed rural practice, where he first worked in abattoirs and found his interest in meat hygiene and veterinary public health.
In 2020 he joined the Food Safety Agency, a government assignee, as a full-time poultry abattoir veterinarian in the Eastern Cape. He was also responsible for export preparation for certification and control. In that role he worked to understand the poultry industry and the part veterinarians play in abattoirs. His interests include veterinary public health, abattoir pathology and animal welfare, and how abattoir data feeds into commercial and corporate systems. Earlier this year he left the Food Safety Agency and joined private practice in Port Elizabeth. He's taking a short break there while he rethinks the role he wants to play in public health. Outside work, he has a passion for endurance riding with horses. He calls himself a student of life, and he cherishes his family and time outdoors.

Topic: Abattoir pathology and condemns - feedback value?

12 November, 14h15



Dr Frank Travers

Avimune

Dr Frank Travers joined Avimune as co-owner in 1995 and served as CEO of Avimune between 2005 and 2010. He is still a director of the company. Immediately prior to joining Avimune, Dr Travers worked as a Senior Lecturer in Poultry Health at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Onderstepoort. Before that he was a partner in a mixed rural practice in Potchefstroom for 9 years, after serving for two years in the military as a veterinarian at the Equestrian Centre. Dr Travers obtained his BVSc in 1983 and his MMedVet (cum laude) in poultry health in 1995. He completed a senior management course at the University of Pretoria in 1996. He is registered as a Specialist Practitioner in Poultry Health. Since 2011, Dr Travers has been based in the Western Cape. He serves clients in the broiler industry in the Western Cape and across Southern Africa.

Topic: Case study: Glycogen Hepatopathy in Broilers

12 November, 14h55



Prof. Peter Plumstead

Innovation Director, Chemuniqué (Pty) Ltd

Dr Peter Plumstead is the innovation director at Chemuniqué, bringing more than two decades of research and industry experience in poultry nutrition to the role. He holds a BSc(Agric) Hons from the University of Pretoria, and an MSc and PhD in nutrition and poultry science from North Carolina State University (NCSU) in the United States, where he was twice awarded the M.B. Dutch Garner Award – for the best PhD dissertation (2007/2008) and the best MSc thesis (2005/2006) in the Poultry Science Department. He began his career as a commercial nutritionist with the Meadow Feeds Group, South Africa's largest feed producer, and then working as a senior scientist in the global enzyme research and development department at DuPont (now IFF), leading enzyme development and application research on several commercially available products. On returning to South Africa in 2014, he spent two years as an associate professor at the University of Pretoria before moving into his current role at Chemuniqué. He also serves as an adjunct associate professor at the University of New England, and continues to work internationally as a global nutrition consultant. Dr Plumstead's current research centres on calcium and phosphorus digestibility, phytase efficacy and phosphorus excretion, the effects of limestone on nutrient digestibility, and variation in the nutritional value of corn for poultry – work that underpins Chemuniqué's focus on sustainable, efficient poultry production. He is well known across the industry for mentoring young scientists and for his ability to translate complex nutrition research into practical, commercially relevant guidance for producers around the world.

Topic: Growth under pressure: Nutritional strategies to strengthen the gut-immune axis in high-performance broilers

12 November, 15h15



Ms Nompumelelo Nene

Nompumelelo is an MSc candidate in Medical Microbiology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), within the School of Laboratory Medicine and Medical Sciences. Her current research focuses on the genomic characterisation of antimicrobial-resistant *Enterococcus* species isolated from live and post-mortem chickens using whole-genome sequencing and bioinformatics tools. The study investigates the resistome, mobilome, clonal relationships and phylogenetic relatedness of isolates obtained from routine poultry surveillance submissions to private and public veterinary laboratories. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Microbiology and an Honours degree in Microbiology. Her Honours research investigated the antimicrobial resistance characteristics of coagulase-negative staphylococci recovered from beef. Nompumelelo gained laboratory experience as an intern at the University of Zululand, where she developed skills in Bacteriological techniques, gel electrophoresis, polymerase chain reaction (PCR), good laboratory practice (GLP) and scientific report writing. She currently works as a demonstrator at UKZN, supporting undergraduate students from first to third year in the School of Life Sciences. In 2024, she delivered an oral presentation at the 37th Annual Symposium of the South African Society for Microbiology. Her research interests include antimicrobial resistance, food-associated bacteria, molecular microbiology and bacterial genomics.

Topic: Genomic characterisation of antimicrobial resistant Enterococcus species isolated from live and post-mortem chickens

12 November, 16h20



Ms Bongiwe Ngobese

Bongiwe Ngobese is a Master's student in Medical Science, specialising in Medical Microbiology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), South Africa. She holds a BSc in Biochemistry and Microbiology and a BSc Honours degree in Microbiology. Her undergraduate research focused on investigating the antimicrobial properties of fermented kombucha tea, while her Honours research explored the genome mining, annotation, and evolutionary analysis of *carbapenem-hydrolysing oxacillinases* (*OXAs*) in bacteria. She presented her Honours research at the 37th Annual Symposium of the South African Society for Microbiology (KwaZulu-Natal branch) in November 2024. Her current MSc research focuses on the molecular epidemiology of *Escherichia coli* in poultry, with an emphasis on antimicrobial resistance, whole genome sequencing, and bacterial genetic diversity. She has University-experience in microbiology teaching and laboratory training, with skills in molecular biology, microbiological techniques, bioinformatics, data analysis, and scientific writing. She has completed short courses in demonstration and bilingual training at UKZN and *Antimicrobial Databases and Genotype Prediction* through Wellcome Connecting Science. Her research interests include antimicrobial resistance, genomics, and public health, with a commitment to strengthening AMR surveillance and promoting responsible antimicrobial stewardship to achieve improved health outcomes.

Topic: Molecular epidemiology of Escherichia coli in Poultry: A comparative analysis of isolates from healthy and sick chickens

12 November, 16h40



Dr Heinrich Potgieter

Kuipers Group

Dr Heinrich holds a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) degree from the University of Pretoria. Following graduation, he completed his Community Service (CCS) year at the Thaba Nchu Primary Animal Health Care Clinic in 2025, where he provided essential veterinary services to surrounding communities. In January 2026, he joined Kuipers Group, where he is responsible for the health and production management of commercial and free-range laying hens. His role involves the practical application of veterinary knowledge in layer health management and production, with a focus on optimising production performance. His professional interests include production management and the impact of water quality on poultry health. His current work provides practical industry insight into the importance of water quality in commercial layer production.

Topic: Case study: Effect of water treatment in commercial layers

13 November, 09h00



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Dr Olwam Hamilton Monakali

Poultry consultant and pathologist, C4 Africa

Dr Olwam Monakali is a veterinary pathologist with expertise in poultry pathology, disease investigation, and veterinary education. He earned his Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Master of Veterinary Medicine in Pathology from the University of Pretoria and has taught and trained in veterinary medicine since 2023. His professional experience includes diagnostic pathology, poultry histopathology, state veterinary services, and laboratory quality systems. He is particularly interested in understanding poultry disease by integrating pathological findings with flock history, production performance, management, other farm-level factors and literature. As a Poultry Veterinary Consultant, Dr Monakali aims to combine specialist pathology knowledge with practical field investigation to identify the underlying causes of disease and develop evidence-based solutions. With the main focusing on translating diagnostic findings into practical recommendations that support flock health, disease prevention, animal welfare, and sustainable poultry production.

Topic: Poultry pathology and industry feedback: what's cookin'?

13 November, 09h30



Mr David Brandt

Managing Director / Consultant, Feed Hub

David Brandt is a South African animal nutritionist and Managing Director of Feed Hub with more than 25 years of experience in poultry nutrition, feed manufacturing, applied research and commercial modelling. He holds an MSc in Animal Science from Stellenbosch University and is a registered Professional Natural Scientist. David has held senior technical and executive positions in the feed industry and has led extensive commercial research programmes, including more than 80 broiler studies. His particular interests include translating biological and commercial data into practical nutrition strategies and simulation models that improve poultry performance and profitability. He received AFMA's Technical Person of the Year Award in 2018 and the Silver Medal at the South African Society of Animal Scientist on 2025 and regularly presents at scientific and industry conferences internationally.

Topic: Poultry Nutrition: Metabolic related issues

13 November, 10h00



Dr Dawn Reinhoudt

Regional technical manager animal health EMEA (DVM) at IFF Danisco Animal Nutrition & Health

Dr Dawn Reinhoudt is the animal health regional technical manager for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) at Danisco Animal Nutrition & Health, a division of IFF. In her role, she provides technical support to distributors, integrations, and producers on IFF's animal nutrition and health product portfolios. Dr Reinhoudt has a veterinary degree from Utrecht University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in the Netherlands, with a particular focus on production animal health. Following her graduation, Dr Reinhoudt joined a Dutch veterinary practice and gained field experience working with commercial poultry and meat rabbits. She then moved to a technical role with Elanco in the Benelux region before starting her current role with IFF in 2022. Dr Reinhoudt has specific practical experience on poultry production and gut health, and, over time, her specialty has developed further into understanding feed additives and gut health in all monogastric animals.

Topic: Restoring intestinal balance in poultry through targeted probiotic intervention

13 November, 11h45

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