

Welcome to the Centre for Veterinary Wildlife Studies

The Centre for Veterinary Wildlife Studies (CVWS) coordinates training, research, and services focussed on wildlife and livestock with emphasis on transboundary animal diseases and zoonoses. It strives to support conservation and game ranching as a land-use ecosystem services.

Great emphasis is placed internationally on the sustainability of biodiversity. Africa contains some of the most unique and still a major portion of ecotourism that is becoming one of the main drivers of development on the continent. To sustain this unique expectations of the wildlife sector pertaining to veterinary science, the Centre, comprising a cluster of human resources with expertise and adequate support staff, has been established within the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria.

Wildlife does not exist in isolation. It is inextricably linked to the health and welfare of society, and domesticated animals at the farm. Veterinarians are an integral part of a team of experts from various disciplines required to achieve the goal of maintaining a strongly emphasises national and international networking, especially with other professions and related disciplines. It functions in centres, and institutes of the University of Pretoria.

By participating in intensive networking, the Centre, within the context of Veterinary Science, will identify the problems, research must contribute to a viable, healthy wildlife industry and conservation in Africa. By addressing these needs it will assist contribute to the long-term sustainable development of the continent.

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New Chair in Department of Mining Engineering to help save lives - 18/06/2013

Research on a safer working environment in the hard-rock mining industry will henceforth be a very specific focus area at the University of Pretoria. This is the result of a donation of R4.7 million over 3 years by Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (Harmony) to UP in order to establish a Chair in Rock Engineering and Numerical Modelling in the mining industry. The Harmony chair will be housed in the Department of Mining Engineering of the University's Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology.



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TuksRugby reigns supreme in 2013 Carlton League - 16/06/2013

TuksRugby has proven its supremacy in Blue Bulls club rugby on Saturday, June 15 by claiming all five championship titles on offer in the 2013 Carlton League. The top prize at stake was the coveted Carlton Cup, the piece of silverware that eluded UP-Tuks 1 last year when they went down 23-27 to Police in the final.



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New Poultry Disease Management Agency (PDMA) and UP Research Poultry Chair launched in the Faculty of Veterinary Science - 13/06/2013

The new PDMA-UP Poultry Research Chair in the Faculty of Veterinary Science was recently launched by the Faculty and the South African Poultry Association (SAPA). This exciting collaborative partnership aims among other things, at conducting research on poultry diseases that have an impact on our economy. The first incumbent of this Chair, Prof Celia Abolnik, who was recently appointed by the Production Animal Studies Department, will be



conducting research projects in conjunction with the Poultry Disease Management Agency (PDMA), the government as well as other relevant stakeholders.
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UP crosses borders with tourism - 13/06/2013

The Faculty of Humanities of the University of Pretoria was recently represented by two academic staff members at the Atlas Africa conference in Kigali, Rwanda. Mr Richard Wyllie (Department of Historical and Heritage Studies) and Professor Chris Boonzaaier (Department of Anthropology and Archaeology) both presented papers. For the first time in its history, the eighth bi-annual event was hosted by the Rwanda Tourism University College (RTUC) from 3 to 5 June 2013.

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Theatre highlights: Chasing and As Night Falls - 11/06/2013

There are performances of the shows Chasing (based on the life of Ingrid Jonker) and As Night Falls (based on the life of Helen Martins) at the Masker Theatre at the University of Pretoria. These shows are collaborations between the Drama Department and Matchbox Theatre Collective and both shows are choreographed by Nicola Haskins. Make sure you don't miss these shows before they head to perform at Smithfield and at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown. As Night falls won a Standard Bank Ovation Award in 2011.

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Marketing honours students impress Newsclip - 10/06/2013

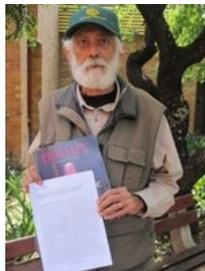
Part of the BComHons (Marketing Management) programme is to equip students with practical skills that they will need as young marketers in the industry. In order to meet this goal, the Department of Marketing Management partnered with Newsclip. The partnership enabled students to conduct media monitoring in the print, broadcast, online and social media environments, by utilising the various Newsclip delivery and media platforms available.



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Faculty of Veterinary Science: Research article about Dinosaurs published in the prestigious journal, Nature - 07/06/2013

The Department of Paraclinical Sciences of the Faculty of Veterinary Science is not only expanding its horizons, it is also digging deeper into the past. Dr Fritz Huchzermeyer, an extraordinary lecturer in the Department, was a co-author of an article that was recently published in the prestigious journal, Nature. The work was done in collaboration with paleontologists in China. This publication reported the preservation of ovarian follicles in Mesozoic birds from China and the early evolution of avian reproductive behaviour. Crocodylians and birds are closely related to dinosaurs and are, therefore, ideal models to explain the reproductive behaviour of these extinct animals.



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