

## Welcome to the Department of Production Animal Studies

The Department of Production Animal Studies is subdivided according to activities. These divisions are:

- The **Animal Production and Ethology** Section is responsible for the presentation of courses in basic animal production, welfare and an
- The **Epidemiology** Section deals with all aspects of veterinary epidemiology
- The **Herd Health** Section visits various production animal farms and empowers students to practice preventive medicine
- The **Production Animal Clinical** Section takes care of the medical and surgical production animal cases in the Onderstepoort Veterinary communities
- The **Reproduction** section teaches students about reproductive disorders and biotechnology in all species. Specialists in the section sup
- The **Poultry Reference Centre** deals with all aspects of poultry health and production in close association with the poultry industry

The Department has a close working relationship with the **Centre for Veterinary Wildlife Studies** which coordinates all research and teaching of indigenous wildlife with the emphasis on conservation and game ranching.

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### News

#### **New Chair in Department of Mining Engineering to help save lives - 14/06/2013**

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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#### **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 Boonzaier (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**

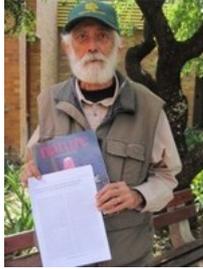
Part of the BComHons (Marketing Management) programme is to equip students with practical skills that they will need as young marketers in the industry. In order to meet this goal, the Department of Marketing Management partnered with Newsclip. The partnership enabled students to conduct media monitoring 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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### **Future talent meets research industry - 07/06/2013**

The Future Talent Meets the Industry initiative allows students from around the world the opportunity to participate in one of the European Society for Opinion and Market Research (ESOMAR) global events. Two BComHons (Marketing Management) students from the University of Pretoria were selected to partake in this initiative. ESOMAR is a world association for market, social and opinion researchers who aim to encourage, advance and elevate market research worldwide.



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