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The **Red Meat Abattoir Association Conference** and Congress is taking place on the 17–19 May 2017 at the Spier Wine Farm, view the preliminary program and register today

AgriSETA Approved Learnership, abattoirs who have applied for funding have been approved. Background to AST learnerships for you not to miss another opportunity.

It is of vital importance to book your training and support sessions in advance to avoid disappointments. With auditing taking place certification is of importance. The **RMAA Support Services** contract is there to assist you in planning ahead.

Phakisa was launched on the 24th February 2017.

The **Red Meat Industry Workshop** will be taking place on the 16th March 2017

RMAA will be attending the **AgriSETA mandatory grant session** if you require any assistance in submitting your WSP please contact us and we will assist you in our best way possible.

We have received a letter regarding the **Halaal Certification in the UAE**, please contact your Haalal authority and ensure you are registered, as they have only received 1 incomplete application from SANHA.



Red Meat Abattoir Association Conference and Congress Preliminary Program

Theme: Where Science meets Industry

The Red Meat Abattoir Association wishes to invite all industry leaders, abattoir owners, representatives from industry organizations and the trade, government officials, research and educational executives etc. to attend our most prestigious annual event.

The RMAA Conference will be held on the 18th May 2017 at the Spier Wine Farm; the preliminary program includes the following speakers:

Theo Venter from the North West University, *Politics as a risk factor in Agriculture.*

Leon Bekker from the Tshwane University of Technology,

Modernising Meat Safety in South African Meat Industry; New thinking on old practices

Dennis Lissner from Lißner Engineers & Architects in Germany,

Planning method for abattoirs and meat processing plants & Advantages of a master planning
by Lissner

Prof. Moritz van Vuuren of the University of Pretoria

Antibiotic stewardship - Global trends and international expectations; The responsibilities of food animal producers

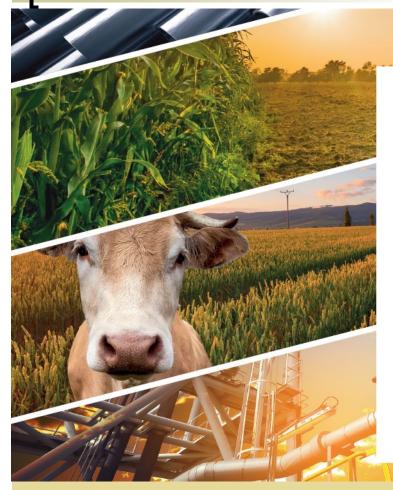
Dr. Phillip Strydom

A review of meat quality aspects in the abattoir industry

For more information or opportunities please contact Michelle on 0123491237/8/9

The RMAA current main sponsors are **AgriSETA**, **Jarvis** and **SCIP Engineering**, event sponsors being **PHT-SA**, **JSE**, **Lissner Engineers & Architects** and **Animate Animal Health** and other sponsors include **Woolworths**, **South African Farm Assured Meat** and **Matrix Software**. The meat sponsors for the 2017 RMAA Conference and Congress is **Williston Abattoir**, **Winelands Pork**, **Cavalier Group of Companies**, **Mosstrich Group**, **Huntersvlei Abattoir**, **Malu Pork**, **Sparta Foods**, **Vencor Hold**ings and **Roelcor George**.

The RMAA has invited researchers in the field of Abattoir technology / Meat science / Value adding / Consumerism to exhibit their research projects at the RMAA Conference . The background to these research projects will serve as the basis for industry to identify and prioritize further research over the next four years.



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Abattoir Skills Training



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RE: THANK YOU TO ABATTOIRS THAT APPLIED FOR FUNDING

Abattoir Skills Training would like to thank Country Meat, Bloemfontein Abattoir, Chalmar Beef, Triple A Meat, Cavalier and Bredarsdorp Abattoir for applying for learnership funding.

The AgriSETA funding period normally opens October till November for abattoirs to apply for learnership opportunities.

A number of qualifications for the red meat industry were developed. Learnerships are the route to follow in order for a learner to achieve the qualification. A learnership takes 1 year to complete and combines theoretical and practical work experience. A person who successfully completes a learnership will have a qualification that signifies occupational competence and is nationally recognized. The Red Meat Abattoir Association decided to focus on the following learnerships:

National Certificate: General Abattoir Processes

This qualification provides learners with the opportunity to obtain competence in broad abattoir processes and practices. The qualification is registered at NQF Level 2. It includes unit standards mostly on NQF Level 1 & 2 and a few on level 3. A roll out schedule is followed whereby contact sessions include theoretical training followed by approximately 1 month practical experience and the completion of workbooks, research assignments and practical logsheets which is then followed up by an assessment contact session. Only if a learner has been found competent in all aspects of all unit standards will they be found competent and receive an AgriSETA Certificate.

Further Education and Training Certificate: Meat Examination

This qualification provides learners with the opportunity to obtain competence to be registered as a meat examiner at a red meat or game abattoir depending on the unit standards chosen. The qualification is registered at NQF Level 4. It includes unit standards on NQF Level 3 & 4. Learners are stationed at various red meat abattoirs under direct supervision of registered meat inspectors for a period of 1 year in order to cover cattle, sheep and pigs (and if chosen game or ostrich). A roll out schedule is followed whereby contact sessions include theoretical training followed by approximately 1 month practical experience and the completion of workbooks, research assignments and practical logsheets which is then followed up by an assessment contact session. The final examination includes practical primary meat inspection as well as pathology examination which covers all the species. Mentors are outsourced from meat inspection service providers. Competent learners receive an AST Certificate indicating the specie for which the learner was found competent in.



SERVICES

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The RMAA assists abattoirs with increasing profits, safety and quality while reducing losses. This is achieved by evaluation and identification of non-compliances, corrective training and recommendations regarding various aspects. RMAA Services include the following aspects but abattoirs may request support in terms of their <u>own requirements</u>. The custom-made contracts can be prolonged if needed to suit individual requirements.

ASPECTS WHERE SUPPORT MAY BE REQUIRED

Slaughter Technique Training: Slaughter personnel are trained practically at each slaughter station. The training report forms part of the HMP for slaughter and dressing as well as for evidence of training conducted.

Certification of Slaughter Operators: Fifteen slaughter operators per day are evaluated at slaughter stations as indicated by the abattoir. Each learner receives a certificate indicating at which stations they were found competent. (Usually more than 1 day)

Hygiene Awareness Training (Non-Seta): Personal Hygiene Training is a regulatory requirement. Personnel already trained also needs refresher courses in order to consistently comply with requirements.

Practical Abattoir Skills: Includes slaughter technique training, hygiene awareness, cleaning & sanitation and equipment handling

Animal Handling Evaluation & Training: Animal Handling Training is a regulatory requirement. Inhumane animal handling leads to bruises, injuries, carcass weight loss, spread of contamination, short shelf life and a poor quality product. Training is conducted theoretically but mostly practically from lairages to bleeding.

Food Safety Management System (HACCP) Awareness: Workers are equipped with a basic understanding of Food Safety Management Systems and the necessity of correct recordings. Food safety principles, HMS, Monitoring, Control of CCP's and Corrective Action Procedures are covered.

HMS GAP Evaluation: HMS GAP evaluation is conducted to identify shortcomings in Meat Safety Regulations and a detailed report is provided.

HMS (Food Safety Management System) Support: Assistance is provided with compilation of procedures and records and updating of existing systems.

Line layout: It is important to ensure that the workload is spread evenly on the slaughter line and that it runs at an even speed without bottle-neck situations which lead to loss of production time, exhaustion of some workers and ineffective use of others. Re-distribution of functions on the line is suggested to ensure optimal use of each worker.

Carcass Yield: Reasons for loss of carcass weight is investigated. Training or other corrective actions are then implemented.

Hide & Skin Damage: Hide and skin damage is investigated and corrective training or other corrective actions implemented to prevent these.

Offal Handling: Often the operators in these areas are neglected in terms of training. The training is aimed at improving the offal handling environment.

Equipment Evaluation: Improperly maintained equipment may lead to contamination, damage, wastage, unsafe situations, inhumane animal handling, losses, additional expenditure, regulatory non-compliance, poor audit results, pest infestations, difficulty in cleaning and sanitation etc. Training is conducted in the correct handling of the equipment and defects pointed out in a detailed report.

Management Tools for Better Control: (*Stock control, Deepbone temperature control, Dispatch control, Incidences, Personnel attendance, Down time*). Documentation which may enhance better management is discussed and provided to the supervisor/ manager.



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YEAR CONTRACT - INDICATION OF INTEREST I, ______, would hereby like to enter into a Year Contract with the Red Meat Abattoir Association on behalf of _____ and agree to pay the invoices after each visit. Costs: RMAA Members - R3 630* (VAT excl) per day Non-Members – R5 830* (VAT excl) per day Each days services will be arranged before hand as per discussion and mutual agreement between the abattoir and RMAA. My contact number is______; and my e mail: Proposed Dates: (ie: this contract requires a minimum of 18 days in a year) 7. _____ 10. _____ 5. _____ 11. _____ For abattoir: Date: Date: ____ For RMAA:

Thank you for your on going support

 $^{^{\}star}$ The abattoir will be responsible for travel (R4.50 per km) and accommodation (R650 per person per night) costs



OPERATION PHAKISA

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RE: LAUNCH OF OPERATION PHAKISA

President Jacob Zuma launched the Operation Phakisa segment focusing on Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development in Roodeplaat, Pretoria on Friday, 24 February 2017

The Operation Phakisa programme, modelled around the Malaysian *Big Fast Results* methodology, is used by government to intensively focus on a particular sector, bringing together government, business, labour and academia to dissect and find solutions to delivery problems. The programme has successfully been implemented in education, health and the ocean economy.

Operation Phakisa: Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development aims to enhance and transform the agricultural sector as well as accelerate land reform to ensure an inclusive rural economy.

The programme was launched under the theme "Transforming the Agricultural Sector towards an Inclusive Rural Economy". Among other interventions, the programme reviews existing producer support models as well as development finance models aimed at fast tracking Land Reform to find workable solutions given the urgent need for government to make progress in land reform and food security.

The Operation Phakisa on Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development addressed constraints in ensuring the equitable access to land, both towards economic development and agrarian transformation.

The Executive Summary is available on our website http://rvav.co.za/operation-phakisa/. For further information please contact

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Red Meat Industry Workshop 16th March 2017

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Please find attached the following information regarding a producer workshop. Further information is available on the website of the facilitator.

http://www.syntagm.co.za/rmi/

Gerhard Neethling -RMAA

Red Meat Industry Workshop 16th March 2017 ARC 1134 Parkstreet, Hatfield Pretoria

Where it Started: A Red Meat Industry Workshop held during the 2016 Aldam (The Stockman School) established broad consensus amongst the participants present that the red meat industry and the consumer could benefit from a systemic strategic industry upgrade. It further concluded that strategic interventions will be vital to differentiate the core product and move away from meat being a commodity.

Establishing a sustainable and profitable strategy will unlock future value for the whole value chain; the introduction of new initiatives will become essential to improve the competitiveness of the SA red meat industry in the world market.

Where we are: Going Subsequent to the Stockman School, the Federation of Primary Red Meat Producers (RPO and NERPO) as well as the RMIF (Red Meat Industry Forum) supported the BGP PC objective to conduct a Red Meat Industry workshop during the first quarter of 2017 with the aim to establish a strategic roadmap for the SA Red Meat Industry to become a world-class competitor.

Theme:

"Unlocking value for every actor in the SA red meat industry and becoming a world class competitor"



There remains a vast opportunity through improved genetic material and better management systems to increase the production among especially small, emerging and subsistence farmers. [RPO Industry Report 2016]

This is WHERE we will be

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MANDATORY GRANT NATIONAL SUPPORT SESSIONS

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RE: MANDATORY GRANT NATIONAL SUPPORT SESSIONS

Please find attached an invitation to the National Support Sessions for 2017, the support sessions will provide background to levy paying employees on the submission of WSP/ATR and changes to the system.

Please note that we rely on abattoir owners to submit their WSP/ATR in order to be eligible for discretionary grants.

For assistance please do not hesitate to contact the RMAA



MANDATORY GRANT PROVINCIAL SUPPORT SESSIONS: INVITE

Herewith the invite and booking form for the support sessions, in case you have not received it via info@agriseta.co.za on 17 February 2017....

What to expect at our support sessions:

- Feedback on WSP/ATR Data
- Important changes and new improvements on the system (Indicium)
- Launch of our first tutorial DVD (Step-by-step completion of WSP/ATR)
- Interactive training session
- One-on-one sessions
- Event Packs (Documents & DVDs)

We hope to see ALL our SDFs and many employer representatives at one of these support sessions in 2017 especially newly registered employers.

Yours in Skills Development

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HALAAL CERTIFICATION IN THE UAE

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Please find attached communication received with regard to Halaal export certification of exported meat to UAE.

Please ensure that the approved certification is applicable for exported products. We will also communicate with the South African National Halaal Authority (SANHA) regarding the incomplete application.

For any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact Gerhard Neethling

(Office Translation)

Emirates Authority for Standardization & Metrology

Date: 03 November 2016

Embassy of the Republic of South Africa

Subject: Emirati System for the Control of Halal Products

The Emirates Authority for Standardization & Metrology presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa and has honour to refer to the Embassy's letter no 5565 dated 23 December 2015, regarding halal certification and wish to request the relevant authorities responsible for halal certification to start with the registration process, according to the requirements for halal products in the UAE. It should be noted that the deadline for registration is January 2017 and to date only one application, the processing of which is incomplete, has been received from the South African National Halal Authority (SANHA).

The Emirates Authority for Standardization & Metrology would appreciate it if you could convey the message to the relevant organisations responsible for registering halal certification to prevent a delay in future and to ensure the smooth passage of products between the two countries. It should further be noted that the UAE will mandatory implement this system as from July 2017.

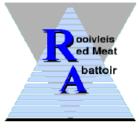
For more information and requirements, kindly contact Ms Uhood Al Banaie Tel: 0097142084334, email address: halal@esma.gov.ae

Further information is available on our website: us-http://halal.ae/en

Thank you for your co-operation

Abdullah Abdul Kader Al Mouini General Director

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The RMAA is an independent membership-based organisation, which was established in February 1991 with its primary aim being training at all abattoirs in South Africa. The Association is a representative forum for red meat abattoir owners in South Africa and aims to establish communication and co-operation between the members of the Association in order to determine a coordinated opinion on matters of general, as well as specific, importance. The Association provides members with specific and general information and technology regarding all aspects of the industry and related activities and renders services to advance and promote the industry.

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ABATTOIR SKILLS TRAINING (AST)

AST was established by the Association to adhere to the legislation and regulations of the Department of Higher Education and Training as a registered Further Education and Training College. AST conducts generic and specific food safety and quality training in the meat industry and other related industries.

Abattoir Skills Training is responsible for the formal training with the industry on behalf of the RMAA and is an accredited training provider registered with:

AgriSETA as a training provider (ETQA) – AGRI/c prov/027710

Department of Education as a Further Education and Training College – 2011/FE07/010

SAATCA accreditation for Lead auditors training

AST has a Level 4 BBBEE rating with a B-BBEE Procurement Recognition level of 100%

