

Herbert Schneider
Namibia



Herbert Schneider was born in 1942 in Wiesbaden/Germany, emigrated with his parents to South-West-Africa (today Namibia) in 1950 and grew up on a farm in the Karibib district of Namibia, where he is part-time farming with Sanga cattle, Damara sheep and wildlife. He studied veterinary medicine at the University of Pretoria (Onderstepoort), obtaining the degree BVSc degree in 1965. Post-graduate qualifications are: DVSM (Dip. State Vet. Med) University of Edinburgh (Scotland) 1973; Dr.med.vet, University of Giessen (Germany) 1977; and Specialist veterinarian in Tropical Veterinary Medicine, State of Hessen (Germany) 1981 (FTA-TVM)..

He joined the Division of Veterinary Services (SWA Administration) of Namibia in 1965 and served as State Veterinarian and in 1978 he became the Director of Veterinary Services and in 1984 Principal Secretary for Agriculture, Nature Conservation, Veterinary Services and Sea Fisheries. In 1990 he established a veterinary consultancy in Windhoek and is the Principal Consultant of AGRIVET International Consultants, which is a consultancy in the field of veterinary medicine, with special expertise in the field of tropical animal health, veterinary epidemiology, veterinary legislation, food hygiene & safety and veterinary public health.

In September 2002 he was elected President of the World Veterinary Association (WVA) for three years and during July 2005 he was elected Immediate Past President and Member of the Executive Committee of the WVA until 2008. Recent activities include being chairman of the OIE *ad hoc* Group on Veterinary Services (since 2003) and being member of the OIE *ad hoc* Group on CBPP (since 2008).

He is a senior OIE accredited OIEPVS evaluator, having been the Team Leader to a number of OIE member countries around the world.

He is the author of numerous scientific publications and has given papers at various international veterinary congresses, including recent OIE Global Conferences on FMD (June 2009) and Veterinary Education (Oct. 2009). He is the author of the handbook "*Animal Health and Veterinary Medicine in Namibia*" (1994).