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# Course Brochure

## Course in High Impact Diseases of Livestock: Advanced level

Presented by a consortium consisting of the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria (South Africa), the Sokoine University of Agriculture (Tanzania), the Centre for Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases (Malawi) and the Animal Health Department of the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp (Belgium) in collaboration with the Eduardo Modlane University (Mozambique).

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### PURPOSE

To enhance and strengthen veterinary professionals in the epidemiology, clinical signs, diagnosis and control/eradication of economically important (high impact) infections and parasitic diseases of livestock with special reference to transboundary and emerging diseases in the SADC Region to support rational decision making in the design and implementation of control strategies. Emphasis will also be given to the relevance of those diseases at the wildlife/domestic animals/human interface.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completion of the course, participants will:

- Have a better updated knowledge and understanding of the epidemiology, clinical signs, diagnosis and control/eradication of economically important (high impact) infections and parasitic diseases of livestock of the SADC Region;
- Be able to contribute to the development and implementation of appropriate control strategies for the control or eradication of specific high impact diseases of the SADC Region.

### WHO SHOULD ENROL?

Veterinary Professionals working at provincial and district level that are involved in the implementation of disease control/eradication programmes.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

This module consists of two parts, a generic introduction and a specific part dealing with high impact diseases. The module will be presented as a contact or practical session of ten consecutive days (June 2008) preceded by a preparatory distance learning part (April-May 2008) during which learners will be supplied with study material to prepare themselves for the contact session and will be asked to complete an assignment. During the contact session learners will be exposed to case studies, will participate in discussion groups and will be given relevant assignments.

### ACCREDITATION/CERTIFICATION

A certificate from the University of Pretoria will be awarded to all candidates who successfully complete the assessments. A limited number of sponsorships to attend an international Animal Health Conference will be available to Certificate holders.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Veterinarians working at district or provincial level responsible for local planning and implementation of Animal Health programmes.

Applicants should be proficient in English.

Applicants should be contactable (e-mail, telephone, fax)

**Participants will have to pass the minimum requirements of the distance learning course before being admitted to the contact session.**

### SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a limited number of scholarships available for SADC nationals (except South Africans) that meet the admission requirements. Non-SADC nationals as well as candidates from South Africa can also register for the course provided they organise their own funding.

### COURSE FEE

For information regarding the course fee, please contact the PRINT-training Coordination Unit.

### WHEN

25 March 2009 (two month distance learning).

Contact session: 25 May – 3 June 2009

### REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRIES

- Prospective candidates must complete the application form
- The forms must be completed, signed by the candidate's supervisor and sent to PRINT-training Coordination Unit

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- Candidates will be informed if their application was successful or not.

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