A TRIBUTE TO DR LUIS SCHWALBACH

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Dr LMJ Schwalbach was born in 1966 in Beira, Mozambique and later qualified (1991) as veterinarian at the University of Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo. In 1996 he was recruited to do his M Sc Agric (Animal Science) at the Department of Animal, Wildlife and Grassland Sciences. In 1997 he was appointed as an Assistant Researcher, in 1998 as a Junior Researcher, in 2003 as Lecturer and 2004 as Senior Lecturer in the Department. During this time he gained the respect of students and lecturers. In a relatively short time he learned to understand and speak Afrikaans. As lecturer he will be remembered as someone who went the extra mile e.g. to give exposure to the students and give practical “hands on” demonstrations. In his short career as lecturer Dr Luis also established himself as a researcher of note, as author/co-author of 52 scientific publications and 82 congress contributions (local and abroad). He was also involved with 14 M Sc and 7 PhD projects.

To illustrate his ability as lecturer he received a Faculty award for his excellent standard of teaching. Further Dr Luis Schwalbach registered with the SA Veterinary Association and served as catalyst to help bring the disciplines of Animal Science and Veterinary Science closer together. He served a term on the Council of the SA Society for Animal Science and was currently Chairperson of the Free State and Northern Cape branch of the SA Veterinary Association.

To summarize, Dr Luis was an enthusiastic lecturer, noted researcher and actively involved in service to the community. He will be sorely missed by all in the Department and in the community. His spontaneous, enthusiastic and caring nature made him a person to be respected and loved by all. When he came to South Africa he had a dream – and he lived that dream. Sole testament of his beliefs is their two disciplined, well-mannered and independent boys (Bruno and Rui) he and his wife Cristina left behind.

‘N HULDEBLYK AAN DR LUIS SCHWALBACH

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Dr LMJ Schwalbach is gebore in 1966 in Beira, Mosambiek en het hom gekwalifiseer (1991) as veearts by die Universiteit Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo. In 1996 is hy gewerf om sy M Sc Agric (Veekunde) by die Departement Vee-, Wild- en Weidingkunde te doen. In 1997 is hy aangestel as Assistent Navorser, in 1998 as ‘n Junior Navorser, in 2003 as Lektor en 2004 as Senior Lektor in die Departement. Gedurende hierdie tyd het hy die respek van studente en dosente afgedwing. In ‘n relatiewe kort tyd het hy Afrikaans leer verstaan en praat. As dosent sal hy onthou word as iemand wat die ekstra myl geloop het om bv. blootstelling aan studente te gee sowel as “hands on” opleiding. In sy kort loopbaan as lektor het Dr Luis himself ook bewys as navorser van formaat, as outeur/mede-outeur van 52 wetenskaplike publikasies en 82 kongres bydraes (plaaslik en oorsee). Hy was ook betrokke by 14 M Sc en 7 PhD projekte.

Om sy vermoë as dosent te demonstreer het hy ‘n toekenning van die Fakulteit ontvang vir sy uitstekende standaard van onderrig. Verder was Dr Luis Schwalbach ook geregistreer by die SA Veeartseny Vereniging en het gedien as katalisator om die Veekunde en Veeartseny dissiplines nader aan mekaar te bring. Hy het ‘n termyn op die raad van die SA Vereniging vir Veekunde gedien en was tans Voorsitter van die Vrystaat en Noord-Kaap tak van die SA Veeartseny Vereniging.

Om op te som: Dr Luis was ‘n entoesiastiese dosent, bekwame navorser en aktief betrokke met gemeenskapsdiens. Sy spontane, entoesiastiese en sorgsame natuur het van hom ‘n eerbare en geliefde persoon gemaak by almal. Hy het Suid-Afrika toe gekom met ‘n droom – en hy het daardie droom gelewe. ‘n Vername bewys van sy oortuigings is die twee gedissiplineerde, goedgemanierde en onafhanklike seuns (Bruno en Rui) wat hy en sy vrou Cristina agterlaat.