

**Research Ethics Committee: Animal Care and Use Membership**

<p><b>Chair:</b> Chairperson of the AEC shall hold a senior position in the institution.</p>	<p><b>Category A:</b> A person with qualifications in veterinary science, who is registered or authorized as a veterinarian in terms of the relevant national council (see foreword), and with experience relevant to the institution's activities or the ability to acquire relevant knowledge.</p>	<p><b>Category B:</b> A suitably qualified person with substantial and recent experience in the use of animals for scientific purposes relevant to the institution and the business of the AEC. This shall include possession of a higher degree in research or equivalent experience. If the business of the AEC relates to the use of animals for teaching only, therefore, the teacher with substantial and recent experience may be appointed.</p>	<p><b>Category C:</b> A person who demonstrates commitment to, and established experience in, furthering the welfare of animals, not employed by or otherwise associated with the institution, and not currently involved in the care and use of animals for scientific purposes. Veterinarians with specific animal welfare interest and experience may meet the requirements of this category. In the cases where a veterinarian acts as category C member, there shall be an additional category A veterinarian (i.e. one veterinarian cannot act as both categories A and C members). The person should be selected on the basis of active membership of, and endorsement by an animal welfare organization. This member should bring an animal welfare perspective to the AEC deliberations. While all members of the AECs shall consider the welfare of the animals, the category C member brings to the committee a special awareness of current community and broader animal welfare concerns.</p>	<p><b>Category D:</b> An independent person(s) who does not currently and has not previously conducted scientific studies or teaching activities using animals, either in their employment or beyond their undergraduate education, and who is not an employee of the institution, except under defined circumstances (for example, tenured academic staff from non-animal scientific departments). If such an employee is appointed, the individual shall be in a senior position, and shall not be supervised by other committee members or by anyone involved in the animal research at the institution. The institution shall provide clear reasons for the necessity to appoint an employee in this category. <i>Please refer to Special Note on Page 26 of the SANS for further detail on Cat D member.</i></p>	<p><b>Additional Members:</b> Responsible for the routine care of animals within the institution</p>	<p><b>Special Expertise:</b> people with specific expertise to provide advice, as required.</p>	<p><b>Secretariat -</b> Office for Research Integrity and Ethics (ORIE)/ Division for Research Development; Krotoa Building; 2nd Floor, Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch</p>
<p>Prof DU Bellstedt (Emeritus Professor: Biochemistry)</p>	<p>Dr E Spies (D18/11745)</p>	<p>Prof N du Plessis-Burger (Molecular Biology and Human Genetics)</p>	<p>Ms X De Almeida (National SPCA)</p>	<p>Prof S Mouton (Affiliated)</p>	<p>Mr N Markgraaf</p>	<p>Mr WA Beukes (REC Manager and Institutional Official) (wabeukes@sun.ac.za)</p>	<p>Mrs B Thompson Graham</p>
<p>Non-voting</p>	<p>Voting</p>	<p>Voting</p>	<p>Voting</p>	<p>Voting</p>	<p>Non-voting</p>	<p>Non-voting</p>	<p>Non-voting</p>