
Movers and Shakers

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Since 2014, he has been at the Department of Agronomy and really enjoys working with the future talent of his industry. “Developing the new talent and assisting them with bursaries and even work placements is very satisfying.” says Dr Kotzé. He also focuses on bringing industry, research and academics together in projects to mutual benefit.

**Dr Pieter Swanepoel**

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Dr Pieter Swanepoel has moved from the Western Cape Department of Agriculture where he was employed as a Scientist on the Outeniqua Research Farm from 2011. Here, he undertook advanced research in the field of soil quality for pastures, aimed at improving farming efficiency and promoting sustainability. This research investigated soil quality of cultivated pastures in the southern Cape region of South Africa and he developed an index to monitor and manage soil quality. This technology is beneficial for the agricultural industry and is used by farmers, extension officers, environmentalists, ecologists and policy-makers to monitor sustainable pasture systems for milk production. In 2014, he gained his PhD on this topic. His new role as lecturer at the University of Stellenbosch will involve similar research, postgraduate training and supervision in agronomical crop and pasture production, as well as undergraduate teaching in agronomy, specifically with regard to cultivation of these and future crops and production physiology and technology for annual agronomical crops.

New and Resigned Members

New Members

Abraham Dabengwa - University of Cape Town
David Brown - University of Limpopo
Denisha Anand - ARC - University of the Western Cape
Jamie Paulse - ARC - University of the Western Cape
Megan Simons - ARC - University of the Western Cape
Visto Amputu - Polytechnic of Namibia
Dr Zivanai Tsvuura - University of KwaZulu Natal
Richard Findlay - No Till Club (re-instated)
Jaco Kellerman - Barenbrug SA Institute member
Elise Nghalipo - Polytechnic of Namibia

Resigned Members

Chantel Helm - moved overseas
Dr Johannes Chirima - ARC no longer in same field
Mark Surmon - Palabora Mining
Megan Ellis - environmental services
Mzamose Hadebe - Vaal University of Technology
Dr Twahiri Saidi - SAEON

