



MSD Animal Health Pig CPD Event May 2015

MSD Animal Health hosted a Pig CPD Event at the Protea Hotel Kruger Gate from 29 – 30 May 2015. The event was well attended by vets in porcine practice. The focus of the CPD event was global swine production trends, reproduction, respiratory diseases and improving the finishing pig with lectures being conducted over 2 days. We were privileged to host 2 international speakers, Miquel Collel and John Carr, who both jumped at the opportunity to visit South Africa.

John Carr qualified as a veterinarian in 1982 and went on to complete a Leverhulme residency in pigs and a PhD in urinary tract problems of pigs at Liverpool, specialising in microbiology and pathology. He is recognised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as a pig specialist. He has taught production medicine at several universities in the UK, US and in Western Australia. John runs a consultancy practice with clients in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa. John specialises in maintaining the health of pigs through promoting excellence in stockmanship and production practices.



Figure 1: The group that attended the Pig CPD Event at Protea Hotel Kruger Gate

Miquel graduated from veterinary school at the “Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona” (UAB). He began his professional life at the Centre Veterinari Manlleu (CVM) in 1988. From 1991 to 1994, he began professionally training farmers (ZOE Institute). In 1996 he joined B&M as a partner to Jose Barceló Bonada and Enric Marco Granell. In 2006 he and Enric founded Marco i Collell where he worked until 2012. He was an associate professor in the Pathology and Production Department in the Veterinary faculty at the UAB, and a member of several different organisational commissions. He

obtained his Master of Swine Health and Production in 2010. He has been a speaker at more than 100 congresses, courses and conferences, and has published several books and articles.

Lectures were conducted over 2 days and the speakers conveyed their knowledge in an enlightening and entertaining way, with the attending vets having to complete practical exercises in small groups. The candidates were rewarded for their hard work with a relaxing evening drive through the Kruger National Park during which 4 of the big 5 were spotted, much to the delight of our international guests. This was followed by dinner in the boma at the world class Protea Hotel Kruger Gate, our accommodation for the night. Lectures continued the following day until lunch time after which candidates made their way home. The feedback from the event has been excellent and we look forward to hosting the porcine vets at future CPD events.