

Biography of Robin John Bagnall

Full Name: Robin John Bagnall

Family

Date and Place of Birth: Durban 28th May 1947

Parents: Ronald George Bagnall Norah Jean Bagnall (Nee Line)

Married: 4th October 1975 to Patricia Beverley Gerber

Children: Roger Cuan Bagnall born 16th February 1977

Carol Bronwyn Bagnall born 25th September 1979

Education

Northlands Primary Durban North

Northlands High School Durban North

University Pretoria BVSc 1970

BVSc(Hons) 1994

Career

1970 – 1975 State Veterinarian Transkei

General State functions, clinical work large and small animals, control of staff and compulsory dipping programme

1975 -1976 State Veterinarian KwaZulu

General State functions, control of staff and compulsory dipping programme

1976 – 1980 State Veterinarian Cwaka Agricultural College Empangeni

Training of Veterinary Technicians, Lectures to Conservation and Agricultural students. Re writing of curriculum. Practical training and responsible for health of animals on college farm.

Acting Deputy Principal for period of 3 years

1980- 1993 State Veterinarian Hluhluwe Zululand

General SV duties, Rabies control, CA and TB testing, control over Foot and Mouth fence along Mozambique border. Involved in first diagnosis of Trypanomosis in Zululand(See details below) Started the routine TB testing of Buffalo in Hluhluwe Umfolosi Game Reserve

- Chaired task team involved in the amalgamation of Veterinary Services of Kwazulu and Natal post 1994.
- 1993-1995 Deputy Director KwaZulu Veterinary Services
Administrative control of Veterinary Services in Kwazulu
- 1995-2002 Deputy Director North
Post amalgamation in control of the Northern part of KZN.
Administration, budget control, training programmes for Technicians etc
Involved in development of TB testing procedures for buffalo
Involved in the first movement of buffalo out of Hluhluwe Game Reserve to privately owned reserves.
Member of Natal Parks Board Veterinary Committee
Member of Richards Bay Port Health Committee
- 2002-2007 Head Epidemiology Unit Allerton Veterinary Laboratory Pietermaritzburg
Development of epidemiology unit.
Disease reporting
Disease mapping (GIS)
Basic disease modelling
Training of Technicians, State Veterinarians CPD.
Control and administration of Student Animal Health Technicians.
Production of Visual training aids, Posters, Maps, Lecture notes.
- 2007 Early Retirement due to health problems.

Highlights or Organizational

TB in Buffalo

After TB was diagnosed in Buffalo in Hluhluwe Umfolosi game reserve was involved in testing and culling of positive animals. With Parks Board Veterinarian developed a protocol for testing using small groups of buffalo.

This led to the development of dedicating testing units and the movement of TB free buffalo to Private Game Reserves.

Trypanosomosis

With the diagnosis of Trypanosomosis in 1990, became involved in number of International Organizations

Food and Agricultural Organization(FAO)

- 1992 Training Visit to FAO Headquarters in Rome.
- 1992 -1994 Local Coordinator of FAO Project aimed at training of Vets and Technicians in Zululand.
- Provision of Technical support by visiting experts in fields of, Tsetse Control, Laboratory Diagnosis, Field Training, GIS and Mapping etc.

International Atomic Energy Agency(IAEA)

- 1993 Attended Training course : Area Wide Tsetse Control in Zanzibar
- 1995-2000 Local Coordinator of IAEA funded project aimed at establishing tsetse distributions and local control trials. Also further training of staff in more advanced techniques of diagnosis and control.
- 2001 Attended Training course in use of Sterile Insect Technique at IAEA Headquarters Vienna
- 2002 Consultancy to Zanzibar
- Validation of Trypanosomosis surveillance post tsetse eradication
- 2006 Consultancy to IAEA Head Quarters:
- Feasibility study for eradication of tsetse flies from Zululand and Southern Mozambique.

African Union

- 1999 Elected to Executive Committee of the International Scientific Committee for Tsetse and Trypanosomosis Control(ISCTRC)
- 2000 Selected as one of 15 delegates from Africa for workshop to establish Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomosis Eradication Programme (PATTEC)
- 2001-2005 Served as Chairman of ISCTRC Executive Committee
- 2003 Organizing Officer for ISCTRC Congress Pretoria

OIE

2018 Chaired Ad Hoc Group on Trypanosomosis OIE Headquarters Paris

2019 Chaired follow up meeting of Ad Hoc Group