



Confederation of Hunters Associations of SA

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CHASA ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Dr Gary Bauer, a former Vice-Chairman of CHASA was unanimously elected as President of CHASA at a Board Meeting of the Confederation of Hunters Associations of South Africa held on 5 September 2009 in Mosselbay. He replaced Fred Mulders from Bushveld Hunters Association in Pretoria who decided not to make himself available for re-election, after 8 years of dedicated service in that capacity.

Dr Bauer is a Veterinary Ophthalmologist and is the owner of the Animal Eye Clinic Inc. and Cape Animal Medical Centre in Kenilworth, Cape Town. He conducted his studies at the University of Pretoria, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in London and the University of Zurich in Switzerland. In 2002 he was elected as President of the South African Veterinary Association and excelled in various fields of his profession over the years. In 2009 he was appointed as writer of "Animal Eye Column" in the VetNews Magazine and was invited as guest speaker on various occasions.

Dr Bauer is a keen rifle and bow hunter and joined Cape Hunt and Game Conservation Association where he soon was elected as Chairman in 2005. He was subsequently elected as Vice-Chairman of CHASA in 2006 and represented CHASA on the Hunters Forum, and the Hunters Wildlife Alliance of South Africa. He was also a main role player in presenting a submission to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Safety and Security regarding the hunters inputs to the Amendments to the Firearm Control Act.

Dr Bauer also successfully completed a Professional Hunter course in 2007 at the Eastern Cape Academy of Professional Hunting and is a member of the Professional Hunters Association of South Africa. He is furthermore registered as a free lance Professional Hunter for Cape Town Hunting Safaris in the Eastern and Western Cape and is the designer of a new Calibre – the .460 Bauer.

For Gary it is very important that the tradition and culture of CHASA be continued and strengthened.

He sees it as his role in his term of office to fight for the acceptance of hunting by the broader community but especially by SA politicians as an essential part of wildlife management, utilization and conservation in SA.

It goes without saying that, for this to be continued into the future, it's very important that juniors be integrated into the field of hunting and the sustainable use of wildlife; thereby ensuring the continued existence of environmental and areas dedicated to wildlife because of the demand by hunters.