

You and your friends are cordially invited to a public talk at

Namibia Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft/Namibia Scientific Society

on Wednesday, 11th September at 19h30: Elbè Becker and guest speakers:

The occurrence of African horse sickness in the arid south-western Khomas Region, Namibia

African horse sickness was once thought absent in arid environments, but recent research in the south-western Khomas Region showed that this is false. The occurrence of the African Horse Sickness Virus (AHSV) in indigenous, vertebrate hosts and its *Culicoides* midge vector in the south-western Khomas Region was determined during this study. The presentation will also cover some general information about African horse sickness and what is currently known about how it is transmitted.

Elbè Becker received her Masters Degree in Environmental Science from the North-West University, South Africa, specialising in the ecological aspects of African horse sickness epidemiology. As member of the Research unit for Environmental Sciences and Management, North-West University Potchefstroom campus, she conducted research on African horse sickness in the Khomas Region from 2009 to 2010. She is currently planning her PhD studies on African horse sickness.

Mittwoch, 11 .September um 19:30 Uhr: englischer Vortrag über Pferdesterbe und neueste Forschungsergebnisse

Open for public – venue is Namibia Scientific Society, Robert Mugabe Ave 110, opposite National Theater.

Safe parking in yard – Love street entrance. Entrance free – everyone welcome!

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