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EUPHORIA AS ALLERTON PROVINCIAL VETERINARY LABORATORY CELEBRATES 120 YEARS OF SUCCESS

The Allerton Provincial Veterinary Laboratory (APVL) is celebrating 120 years of excellence in helping communities with research-based knowledge in animal care and health.

This is the largest veterinary laboratory in KwaZulu-Natal and it has played an integral role in assisting communities all over the Province in terms of animal care and advice on any health-related matters.

The MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Themba Mthembu, will host a commemoration event in celebration of this milestone and also, achievements of the laboratory.

The core mandate of the laboratory, which was established in 1897, is to provide an accurate diagnostic and advisory service to the farming and veterinary community of KwaZulu-Natal.

Throughout its existence, the laboratory has seen significant changes in its structure and area of focus. It has also won Gold and Bronze medals in the 2011/2012 Departmental and KwaZulu-Natal Premiers Excellence Awards respectively. In 1999 APVL won the Price Waters House Premiers Good Governance awards. In 2017 APVL was assessed by South African National Accreditation Scheme (SANAS) and recommended for accreditation.

The esteemed members of the media are invited to attend this occasion.

The ceremony will take place as follows:

Date: 05 December 2017

**Venue: Allerton Grounds, Town Bush Road, Chase Valley,
Pietermaritzburg**

Time: 17h30 pm

Thank you

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