

Mite-y Talks: International Webinar Series

The **Acarological Society of America (ASA)** is pleased to present to you our international webinar series. We feature highly experienced acarologists from all over the world who have largely contributed to the study of Acari.

This month, we will be hearing from Dr. Ben Mans a Principal Researcher at the Agricultural Research Council - Onderstepoort Veterinary Research (South Africa) in the Epidemiology, Parasites and Vectors division. He has worked in the field of tick-host interaction for the last 26 years focusing on the evolution of blood-feeding behavior. His interests range from protein functional evolution, tick genomics, physiology, proteomics, transcriptomics, tick systematics and how these integrate to allow a reconstruction of the events that led to blood-feeding behavior in ticks. Dr. Mans will be presenting:



[Dr. Ben Mans](#)



Ticks: "The Biologist's Dream Model."

Ticks are some of the most important vectors of pathogens of humans and animals, making them an important focus area in research. Their biological complexity also makes them an excellent model to study various aspects of biology while covering many of the technical and theoretical disciplines that comprise modern-day biology. This offers researchers across many diverse disciplines the opportunity to engage in fruitful scientific endeavors that range from applied to basic science. Once these parasites get hold of you it is difficult to escape their allure, even if we are searching hard for ways to control and eliminate them.



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