

Research Ethics Committee: Biological and Environmental Safety Member List 2025

Membership Category	Member	Institution	Department
With substantial	Prof Samantha Sampson	Faculty of Medicine and	Molecular Biology
experience in	(Chair)	Health Sciences	and Human Genetics
biosafety	Prof Corena De Beer	Faculty of Medicine and	Medical Virology
	(Vice-Chair)	Health Sciences	
	Prof Sian Hemmings	Faculty of Medicine and	Psychiatry
		Health Sciences	
	Prof Mari van de Vyver	Faculty of Medicine and	General Internal
		Health Sciences	Medicine
	Dr Diane Rip	Faculty of AgriScience	Food Science
	Mrs Jane De Kock	Faculty of Science	Microbiology
	Prof Karl Storbeck	Faculty of Science	Biochemistry
	Dr Nicky Verhoog	Faculty of Science	Biochemistry
	Prof Wynand Goosen	Animal TB Expert –	One Health Centre of
		University of the Free State	Excellence
	Dr Sarita Groenewald	Biosafety Expert – non-	
		affiliate	
	Dr Hennie Groenewald	GMO Expert – non-affiliate	
	Ms Shané Basson	Community Member – non- affiliate	
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		Development	Office
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		Development	Integrity and Ethics
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	Graham	Development	Integrity and Ethics