

Brief Curriculum Vitae

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Johan Habig was born and raised on a farm in Heilbron and studied Microbiology at the Northwest University's Potchefstroom Campus. In 2002, he started his career as a Researcher at the Agricultural Research Council's Plant Protection Research Institute (now: Plant Health and Protection) in Pretoria. During his 15 years at the ARC, Johan initially worked on several projects, including research on biological nitrogen fixation and training of second economy farmers in Venda, KZN and Eastern Cape in conservation agriculture and quality maize and legume production in an effort to increase their protein intake. The Soil Microbiology Laboratory was established during 2008 and rendered services to several other ARC institutes, tertiary institutions and organisations in industry. The services provided by the laboratory specialised in studying and determining the impact of various agricultural practices on soil microbial ecology as indicators of soil health.

During September 2017, Johan joined the dynamic team of Agri Technovation in Wellington, Western Cape Province, where he was appointed as Senior Researcher and head of the MicroLife Research Centre. This well-equipped laboratory currently provides a wide range of soil microbial assays, statistical analyses on obtained results, and the compiling of easy-to-understand reports to commercial clients who are concerned about the health of the biological component of their soil.

To date, Johan has given several presentations at conferences, symposia and farmer's days. He has also published several national and international peer and non-peer reviewed publications, conference papers and a book chapter.