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National Health Conference

The proceedings and presentations of the National Health Conference for the Financing of Health Sciences Education, held on the 16th –17th May 2005, in Cape Town, can now be accessed on the website www.health.uct.ac.za/wchdf/

Higher Education Quality Education Committee [HQEC]

After its inspection earlier in the year, the HQEC submitted a report: UCT was commended for its many A rated researchers, its high number of black students in science and engineering, its Emerging Researchers Program, and its strong examination system. Work had to be done on transformation and its staff equity profile. UCT was regarded as a valuable part of the higher education system. The panel regarded UCT as a well oiled and well resourced system.

Joint Agreement [Universities and PGWC]

The teaching hospitals and Medical Faculties relate to both the Universities and the Province with regard to *staff* [recruitment, appointment, conditions of service], *property*, and *possessions*. This relationship has been the subject of various Joint Agreements. The first was drawn up in 1920, with subsequent revisions, and the second in 1966, also with many revisions. Circumstances have made a new agreement necessary. The Joint Agreement Task Team consists of Professors Craig Househam representing the Province, and Professor Cheryl de la Rey as the representative of the Vice Chancellors, as well as the Deans of the various Faculties of Health Sciences. They have appointed a Technical Working Group, which in turn has appointed three task teams: Human Resources, Finance and Governance, which have representatives of the Province and the Universities. Their deliberations will produce a pro forma agreement, which needs to be ratified by the parties concerned.

Carnegie Funding

The Carnegie Corporation has made funds available to the Faculty to be used for transformation and equity. The money has the defined use of funding three posts, which will be filled by black academics, who will undergo training and development in order to proceed into finite appointments. This would thus further the Faculty goals of increasing the number of active Black academics by 2008 and transforming its culture.

The Carnegie Corporation:

Andrew Carnegie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, on November 25, 1835. The son of a weaver, he came with his family to the United States in 1848 and settled in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. At age thirteen, Carnegie went to work as a bobbin boy in a cotton mill. He then moved rapidly through a succession of jobs with Western Union and the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1865, he resigned to establish his own business enterprises and eventually organized the Carnegie Steel Company, which launched the steel industry in Pittsburgh. At age sixty-five, he sold the company to J. P. Morgan for \$480 million and devoted the rest of his life to his philanthropic activities and writing, including his autobiography. In 1999, the Corporation started to implement its programs in Africa, to "attempt to strengthen a limited number of Commonwealth African universities to serve as models of successful transformation....."



Diversity, research and training

The Transformation Portfolio will be holding a workshop to develop a definition of Transformation on Tuesday 26th July from 11h30 to 13h30 in Conference Room 4, Barnard Fuller Building. The workshop will help the Portfolio consolidate its experience in Transformation Activities over the past years and build a more cohesive framework for future plans. The workshop is open to all members of the Health Sciences Faculty staff, Academic and PASS, and students. If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Zetu Makamandela-Mguqulwa at 6633 or email zmakaman@curie.uct.ac.za.



Genetic Counselling Oath Taking Ceremony [pic]

Human Genetics held its second oath taking ceremony for genetic counselors, members of a healthcare team with specialised graduate degrees and experience in the field. They provide supportive counseling and information for families with members who have birth defects or genetic disorders or who may be at risk for a variety of reasons. The ceremony committed counselors to a high level of professional competence with a commitment to high ethical standards towards the individuals with whom they deal with. One of the counselors was Christina Rybak from the University of South





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Carolina, doing her MSc Genetic Counselling clinical rotation here.

Congratulations

Professor Ralph Kirsch has been awarded the Gold Medal of the South African Association of Science, thus adding to his many awards, honours and degrees. Professor Wieland Gevers is a previous recipient of this award.



Professor Peter Folb, was a finalist in the National Science and Technology Forum Awards for 2004. He was nominated in category A, which acknowledges individuals who have made outstanding contributions to science, engineering and technology in South Africa. Prof Folb has contributed to the establishment of the discipline of Clinical Pharmacology for 27 years. He is currently the Chief Specialist Scientist at the Medical Research Council.



Angie Coetzee has served 15 years in the Deans' office. "I have seen a lot of changes since I started in the Dean's Office under the Deanship of Prof JP van Niekerk in 1990 and enjoy the challenges and stimulation associated with my role."



Gerrie Erasmus is the supervisor for teaching venues at Health Sciences and GSH. He started in 1980 in the maintenance department, worked at Bremner for a few years and also transported students to the various community sites.

Janine Scholefield won the "best presentation by a young scientist" at the South African Society for Human Genetics (SASHG) 2005 Congress. Janine is an MSc student of Prof Jacqui Greenberg and is currently working on a project to look at the origins of the Huntington Disease gene in South Africa.

Inaugural Lecture

Professor *Susan Kidson*, will present the first medical inaugural lecture for 2005. "Solving complexity in an embryonic environment". She has a BSc honours (zoology), MSc (cell biology) and PhD (oogenesis). Susan joined UCT in 1987 as a senior lecturer in



cell biology and was promoted to Professor in 2004. She is currently Head of the Department of Human Biology. Professor Kidson's talk will focus on migratory pigment cells, in particular the pathways that control the expression of colour in the skin and the eyes.

20th July at 20h15 in the Kramer Law building, Lecture theatre 1, middle campus, UCT.

JD [Dumo] Baqwa Memorial Lecture

19h00 3 August in the Jameson Hall. "Politics of culture and identity among youth in contemporary South Africa." Chief Patheki Holomisa. Dumo Baqwa was the first Professor of Primary Health Care, and was Warden of the Forrest Hill Residence, the members of which have instigated the lecture.



Obituary: Andy Naude

Wouter du Toit [Andy] Naude died on 19th May 2005 in Stilbaai. Emeritus Professor Arderne Forder writes: "He was appointed to the [then] Department of Bacteriology in 1956, and took an active part in the MRC virus research Unit. He was a superb and devoted teacher, a very effective lecturer and an immaculate demonstrator. He was, and will remain the ideal example of what a good doctor should be."

Book voucher competition

The winner of last month's quiz is Ashley Robins. The answer: 24th Sept 2003 : last time that a fire broke out in the Pharmacology Department [in OMB GSH]. The first time was on 4th January 1936 [in Pharmacology in the Werner Beit Building]. Keep it up Pharmacology!



July competition, for R100 book voucher: Where in the Faculty is the question "What happened in room 69?" Answer to: dmdent@uctgsh1.uct.ac.za

Department of Correction

In our June issue "Isisombululu" was spelt incorrectly. The correct spelling is "Isisombululo" which means "the solution".

Gonda Perez, Dean, on behalf of EXCO