



FACULTY NEWSLETTER

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**IIDMM architectural award**

The Institute of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine received an Award of



Commendation from the Cape Institute of Architects. The building was described, as 'technologically innovative' and the Institute of Architects were impressed by how 'this three story jewel' is linked to the older wings of the Falmouth, Weiner Beit North and South buildings.

**CBL- Opening of Vanguard Community Health Centre Student Learning Centre**

The Vanguard Drive Community Centre was officially opened on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The major donors were Liberty Life and the Rangoonwala Foundation. The Centre is a state of the art teaching and treatment venue, with full computer net access and patient facilities.



Mr Rangoonwala, and commemorative mosaic.

**Congratulations to:**

*Kopano Matlwa and David Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year MBChB students selected by UCT as the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders for 2005 [academic achievement, leadership potential, global perspective and personal character]. They represented their country at the annual Global Leadership Institute in New York City, and debated and discussed world issues among themselves and world leaders like Kofi Anan.*



*Dr Marc Blockman for being the recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award for 2005. In*

addition to his normal duties in Pharmacology, he has played a major role in student development and support

*Ms Meryl Glaser, Peter Young and Lauren Porteous, from the Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders, received the William C. Stoke Award at the 20<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Education of the Deaf in Maastricht. This award was for their presentation "An Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Needs Analysis and Training Programme for Deaf Adults"*

*A/Professor Lynette Denny spoke at the UCT Alumni Leadership Forum on "Science, Women and Health". She was also the first recipient of the Science and Technology award in 2003 Shoprite Checkers /SABC 2 Woman of the Year. She is a major fundraiser, and has focused on the prevention and diagnosis of cervical cancer in poor communities and also in designing the protocol and policy for the management of sexual assault in the Western Cape.*



An important study was reported in the *Cape Times*, 5<sup>th</sup> August: BOLD [Burden of Obstructive Lung Disease] by UCT

Lung Institute in the community of Ravensmead, which found that one in five women and one in three men have features of chronic constructive pulmonary disease due to smoking. Professor Eric Bateman, principal investigator and Anamika Jithoo, project leader of the UCT Lung Institute, are acknowledged for their efforts, which also involve international collaborations in both the United States and United Kingdom.



**Inaugural lectures**

Prof Gary Maartens' inaugural lecture on: "*HIV/AIDS and TB: When plagues collide*" was the first lecture on the Health Sciences campus and drew a record attendance of 350 people!

*Intervention – a Missing Link in the Chain?*

**Professor Julia Mekwa**, Head of the Division of Nursing and Midwifery in the Department of Health and Rehabilitation reflected on research in nursing on 5<sup>th</sup> September.





*Seize the Day: The Academic Clinician as Physician, Scientist and Educator.* **Professor Richard Hift**, Head of the Porphyria Clinic in the Department of Medicine will deliver his inaugural lecture in the Student Learning Centre, Health Sciences Faculty, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 17h15.

*Genes, Genomics and African Health – Challenges and Opportunities.* **Professor Raj Ramesar**, Head of the Division of Human Genetics, Wednesday 28th September in the Student Learning Centre at 17h15.

**Darwin Seminar Series**

Dr Rebecca Rogers Ackerman, from the Department of Archeology, UCT, will talk on *Hobbits, Hybrids and Human Evolution*, Anatomy Building Learning Centre, Health Sciences Faculty on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 18h00.

**Health and Human Rights**

**Train the trainer course**

The Health and Human Rights Division in the School of Public Health and Family Medicine recently ran its 7th annual Train-the-Trainer short course in Health and Human Rights for teaching staff from Universities and Colleges around South Africa. The course aims to equip participants with both knowledge about human rights and its relationship to health, and educational strategies and resources for introducing human rights elements to curricula for health professionals. To date, the programme has trained over 150 staff in South and Southern Africa, and UCT HSF continues to support staff participation on this programme.

**Karl Storz Otolaryngology Training Centre for Africa**

In 1945, in the small town of Tuttlingen, Germany, Karl Storz founded the company that has developed into a global corporation and international leader in the field of endoscopy. Karl Storz Endoscopy continues to lead the market with innovative new products in minimally invasive surgery, delivering improved patient



outcomes and greater cost efficiency. Mrs. Sybill Storz, has agreed to Professor Johan Fagan's proposal that UCT becomes the Karl Storz Otolaryngology Training Centre for Africa. This projects the Division of Otorhinolaryngology onto the international arena, providing access to the latest equipment and also recognition for the clinical and teaching excellence of the consultant staff. Also, Mrs.

Sybill Storz has committed to the funding of the Head and Neck Fellowship next year.

**The Role of Women in the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

This was celebrated at the 9<sup>th</sup> August Women's Day celebrations, with an inspiring speech by Miss Matlwa, who attended the week long Global Leadership Institute in New York City recently, and with a *Fire Dance* by Lynn Dixon, a HR administrator in the Faculty. Miss Matlwa said at the celebrations, "*Mosadi o tshwara tipa ka mo bogaleng*" which is an old Sepedi idiom meaning "A woman knows how to hold the sharp end of a knife without getting cut," thus illustrating the versatility of women who are wives, caregivers and professionals.

**VC's Visit to Health Sciences Student Council**

Professor S. Njabulo Ndebele, the Vice Chancellor of UCT, met with the Dean of the faculty, Professor Gonda Perez, members of the HSSC and some of the undergraduate administrative staff on the morning of August 24. This formed part of the Vice Chancellor's faculty visits in a bid to apprise him of students' issues via the student leaders.

**Steve Biko Day**

There will be a commemoration lecture on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 13h00 in Conference room 4. Guest speaker: Professor Stuart Suanders.

**Faculty Fundraiser goes to new pastures**

Clare Jeffrey the Faculty's most successful fundraiser has moved to head up CHOC, a children's cancer fundraising organization. She and her efforts will be sorely missed.



**Book voucher competition**

*August answer:* Louis Mirvish and JB Solomon were the first two MBChB graduates from Medical School. *Winner:* Briony Chisholm, Information Pharmacist, Division of Pharmacology.

*September question:* What was the Physiology lecture theatre called in happier times?

*Answer:* [dmdent@uctqsh1.uct.ac.za](mailto:dmdent@uctqsh1.uct.ac.za)

**Department of Correction**

In our last newsletter we spelled the name of Prof Dumo Baqwa incorrectly. Our apologies.

*Gonda Perez*, on behalf of EXCO.

