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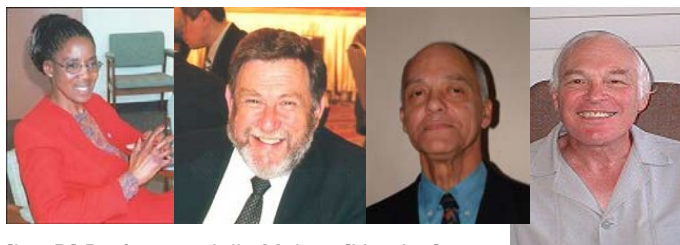
NEWSLETTER November 2005

Election of new Dean

The approval of a candidate for Deanship will be sought at Faculty Board on 1st November.

Retirees

The grief and dismay on the faces of this year's retirees at the thought of impending retirement.



[L – R] Professors Julia Mekwa [Nursing], Ralph Kirsch [Medicine], and Doctors AB Fataar [Nuclear Medicine] Ashley Robins [Pharmacology], Chris Molteno [Not pictured, Psychiatry and Mental Handicap]. All have made a major contribution to their hospitals, this Faculty and to the Departments in which they worked. This will be acknowledged at a Retirees Function at the end of the year.

People in the news

Tania Douglas

Tania Douglas of Human Biology was granted a prestigious National Research Foundation [NRF] Award. She has also been made a Fellow of UCT. She has made



a significant contribution to major public health problems including fetal science, engineering and technology development at UCT. She has also addressed alcohol syndrome, trauma, scoliosis, tuberculosis and iodine deficiency. Her publications have contributed to her research group being recognised as a world leader in

quantitative assessment of facial dysmorphology and she is one of the country's leading researchers in the field of medical imaging.

Bongani Mayosi

Bongani Mayosi's has been made a Fellow of UCT. His research work is concerned with the elucidation of the molecular mechanisms and the treatment and prevention of heart diseases relating to poverty which are endemic to Africa. He identified the genetic basis of certain cardiomyopathies and



cardiovascular risk factors and developed the first pan-African study of the determinants of survival in people with tuberculous pericarditis and HIV. He has also shown that the primary prevention of acute rheumatic fever by antibiotic treatment for suspected streptococcal sore throat is not only highly efficacious, but is affordable and feasible in poor countries

Greg Hussey

Greg Hussey has been appointed Director of the IIDMM. He was the Director of the SATVI group, and Professor in the School of Child and Adolescent Health. His research focuses on vaccine preventable diseases, in particular tuberculosis. He is a member of a number of important national scientific advisory committees including the National Advisory Group on Immunization. For the past 10 years he has been a part-time infectious diseases consultant to the World Health Organization. He is currently a member of the WHO Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative Advisory Committee.



Mamphela Ramphela

Former UCT Vice-Chancellor Dr Mamphela Ramphela was awarded an honorary Fellowship by Colleges of Medicine of South Africa CMSA Golden Jubilee. She delivered the College oration: "The Future of Academic Healthcare in Africa" She is currently Co-Chair, Global Commission on International Migration, United Nations.



Successful graduates: Iqbal Survé

Dr Survé won the Top Businessman of the Year Award, at the Impumelelo Empowerment Awards Ceremony this year. He is a social entrepreneur and widely regarded as one of the most influential business personalities in the country. He is the Chief Executive of Sekunjalo Investments Ltd., Chairman of all the group subsidiary companies including Premier Fishing and a Director of a number of companies including Siemens.



Survé says there have been three distinct phases in his life - political activist, practising doctor and businessman. The activism continued throughout his medical studies at the University of Cape Town, and after his graduation. "I wanted to continue working at Groote Schuur, and I couldn't, because, again, they accused me of getting too close to the prisoners who were there from Robben Island. So then I went to see Tim Noakes", and obtained an honours degree in sports medicine.. He set up a multidisciplinary sports medicine clinic in

Lansdowne, and had the honour of being Bafana Bafana's first team doctor. He is now deeply involved in the world of business.

Allan Flischer



Congratulations to Alan, who has been awarded the Alan Pifer Award for 2005. This is the Vice Chancellor's annual prize "in recognition of outstanding welfare-related research, made to one or more top researchers at UCT who are engaged in medical, economic, scientific, engineering or social research which has demonstrated relevance to the advancement and welfare of South Africa's disadvantaged people".

RISK behaviour in the second decade

An INAUGURAL LECTURE by Professor Alan Flischer, of the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, will be delivered at 17h30 on Wednesday 9th November, in the New Learning Centre, Anatomy Building, Faculty of Health Sciences. There will be refreshments after the lecture.



Bernard Pimstone Memorial Lecture & Prize

Delivered at the Annual Department of Medicine Research Day, Prof. Michael Bennish of the Africa Centre for Health and Population studies addressed "Community-based Research in the Era of AIDS: How Just, How Sustainable". The Bernard Pimstone prize was won by Gansa Shaboodien (Division of Cardiology) and Chris Maske (Division of Anatomical Pathology) for their work elucidating the cellular pathology of HIV-associated cardiomyopathy.

Professor Bernard Laurence Pimstone was a Professor of



Medicine and consultant endocrinologist at Groote Schuur Hospital. He died at the age of 45 on 15 January 1979. He graduated in 1955, receiving the gold medal in Medicine; he was the recipient of many awards, including Life Fellow of the University. He headed endocrinology with distinction, making

major observations on the endocrine control of the thyroid, endocrine changes in malnutrition and the estimation, distribution and metabolism of somatostatin. His dedication, perceptiveness and a sense of humanity and of humour were closely linked to his creative endeavour. His memory is retained in the annual Bernard Pimstone Memorial lecture, which is delivered at the Department of Medicine Research Day.

Good Clinical Practice

Professor Raymond Abratt has run a series of highly successful and fully subscribed courses on Good Clinical Practice. The mission for the courses is to provide information on all aspects of running trials, as well as a means of accreditation for investigators, as required by the MCC.

The next course entitled "Clinical Trials: Scientific Basis and Good Clinical Practice" will be held on 11 March 2006. The Course will provide certification, as required by the MCC, for those participating in clinical research. It will also be helpful to a broader group of investigators. Enquires about the Courses can be made through Janet Simongpong at the Post Graduate Centre (jsimongp@curie.uct.ac.za).

SHAWCO in Khayelitsha

The Golda Selzer Memorial Fund, named in honour of the late SHAWCO pioneer, was launched in 2004. The primary objective of the fund was to raise as much money as possible, firstly to bankroll the building of a multi-purpose health centre - to be named the Golda Selzer Memorial Community Health Centre - right next to the K1 centre [Mobile Clinic], and secondly, to keep the facility going in perpetuity.



Fellowships, Oct 2005: congratulations!

Anaesthetists

- Kotie BESTER
- Rijk Fourie DE KOCK
- Fiona IBACH
- Linda VAN ZYL
- Hendrik Adriaan VAN ZYL

Neurologists

- Annette SWANEPOEL

Neurosurgeons

- Kachinga Agrippa SICHIZYA

Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

- Salma ISAACSNoluyolo
- Christina SIGCU

Orthopaedic

- Haroun AHMED
- Shaun Peter ATTENBOROUGH
- Damian Kenneth THOMAS

Otorhinolaryngologists

- Nicolaas Everhardus JONAS

Paediatricians

- Johann Otto AHRENS
- Ronalda Jacqueline DE LACY
- Gcina DUMANI
- Jonathan Glen MERVIS
- Reneva PETERSEN

Pathologists Anatomical

- Michael Louis LOCKETZ

Pathologists Microbiology

- Colleen Mary BAMFORD

Pathologists Virology

- Craig CORCORAN

Physicians

- Daniel Chakhumbira CHIPETA
- Ayanda GCELU
- Christopher LEWIS
- Raymond MAHLUNGE
- Neshaad SCHRUEDER

Psychiatrists

- Mwanza BANDA
- Anne Hilda NAKYAGABA
- Marc ROFFEY

Diagnostic Radiologists

- Samantha Claire SAFFY
- Marisa Catherine MEZZABOTTA
- Sulaiman Essa Ismail MOOSA

Surgeons

- Denis Jean Camille ALLARD
- Ryno John VERSTER

Competition

October Question: Who was asked to calculate radiation dosages for cancer therapy at Groote Schuur Hospital, and was able, in model experiments, to reconstruct an accurate cross-section of an irregularly shaped object, reporting this in two articles, in 1963 and 1964?

Answer [by Peter Meissner, within seconds] Allan Cormack, winner [with G Hounsfield] in 1979 of the Nobel prize for the development of the CT scanner.



November Question: Sir Julius Charles- and Otto- monitor research in the FHS. Full names and from where do they do the monitoring? Answers: dmdent@uctgsh1.uct.ac.za [Exclusive Books voucher prize]

Gonda Perez

Dean, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences