

CENTRE FOR APPLIED ETHICS

ANNUAL REPORT 2012

1. ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Applied Ethics (CAE) is an interdisciplinary research, teaching, and service institution of the University of Stellenbosch, based in the Philosophy Department. It reports to the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences. The Centre does work on its own, but also accommodates three units, viz. the Unit for Bioethics, the Unit for Environmental Ethics and the Unit for Business Ethics and Public Integrity. The Tygerberg Division of the Unit for Bioethics ceased to exist from 2012, and was replaced by the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, fully situated in the Department of Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine at the Tygerberg Campus. There is mutual representation on the governing boards of these two Centres, and the latter came into existence with the consent of the CAE. Their respective activities and commitment to not unduly overlap are circumscribed in a Memorandum of Understanding that will be revised every five years.

The first part of this report deals with the general activities of the Centre as such. The reports of the different Units of the Centre follow this report. The report therefore has the following sub-divisions:

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Report of the Unit for Business Ethics and Public Integrity: pp. 10-12

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2. GOVERNING BODY DURING 2012

Proff. A.J. Leysens (Representative of the Centre for International and Comparative Politics, *Chair*), **HJ Kotzé** (Dean), **A.A. van Niekerk** (Director of the Centre and Head: Unit for Bioethics), **H-P Müller** (Representative of the Centre for Knowledge Management and Decision-making), **J.P. Hattingh** (Head: Unit for Environmental Ethics), **G. Woods** (Director of the Anti-corruption Centre), **S. van der Berg** (Representative of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences), **W.P. Pienaar** (Representative of the Faculty of Health Sciences), **C. Walker** (Representative of the Depts. of Psychology, Sociology, Geography and Environmental Studies, and Social Work), **K. Moodley** (Representative of the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law), **Dr. M Woermann** (Head: Unit for Business Ethics and Public Integrity), **dr. Hannes Loots**, representative of the Mediclinic Southern Africa, a key sponsor of the Centre and **Mr Daniel Malan**, representative of the Centre for Corporate Governance in Africa, situated in the US Business School.

The term of office of non-ex officio members of this governing board expires at the end of 2013.

3. RESEARCH

(Under this heading, only activities are reported that are not dealt with in the reports of the different Units of the Centre. See also the reports of the Units).

3.1 Publications and other research outputs

3.1.1 Book chapters

1. Van Niekerk, A.A. “Op soek na identiteit – Die taaldebat op Stellenbosch”, in: H Ester, CN van der Merwe en E Mulder (reds.): *Woordeloos tot verhaal: Trauma en narratief in Nederlands en Afrikaans*. Stellenbosch: Sun Press, 2012: 215-229. [In search of identity in the aftermath of the trauma of the Stellenbosch language debate]
2. “Anton van Niekerk in gesprek met Frits Gaum”, in: F Gaum & G Claassen (reds.): *God: Gesprekke oor die oorsprong en uiteinde van alles*. Cape Town: Tafelberg, 2012: 217-233. [Anton van Niekerk in conversation with Frits Gaum]

3.1.2 Other publications (indicative of the community service/interaction of the Centre)

1. Van Niekerk, A.A.: “Talle soorte Afrikaners”, *Die Burger* (Forum artikel), 6 Maart 2012: 9. [Many kinds of Afrikaners]
2. Van Niekerk, A.A.: “Minderheid oenteer stille meerderheid”, *Beeld*, 15 March 2012. [Minority dishonours silent majority].
3. Van Niekerk, A.A.: “Watter soort Afrikaners wil ons wees?”, *NuusNou* (Specially select article), 26 April 2012: 38-39. [What kind of Afrikaners do we want to be?]
4. Van Niekerk, A.A.: “Klad van apartheid nie só weggepraat”, *Rapport Weekliks*, 8 Julie 2012: 3. [Stain of apartheid not that easily avoided]

3.1.3 Presentations

1. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *PhD training, research and supervision in practical philosophy and ethics*, Invited Speaker at Seminar arranged by Ethics Institute, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, 25 June 2012.
2. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Teologiese misleiding in die geskiedenis van die NG Kerk: Kritiese besinning*. Moderamen van die Wes-Kaapse Dutch Reformed Church, DRC Congregation Stellenberg, 15 February 2012. [Theological fraud in the history of the Dutch Reformed Church: Critical reflection]
3. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Ethical leadership*, Course of Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert Centre for Leadership, 15 May 2012 (with Nico Koopman)
4. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *An ethical perspective on the right to freedom of expression*. Seminar arranged by the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, 19 October 2012.
5. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Phronesis and the Ethics of Responsibility*, Special Seminar on Phronesis, Radboud University of Nijmegen, 16 November 2012.

4. Community Interaction

Apart from the above popular publications and presentations, the Director participated in a number of radio and television programs on ethically related matters. These programs were broadcast on 8 March (Woordfees Monitor), extended "Praat Saam", (Neelsie, 26 July), Kruis en Dwars (16 September, Special program about Van Niekerk's book *Geloof sonder sekerhede*), and Praat Saam, 18 October.

5. Other general activities of the Centre

5.1 Teaching

In 2012 we saw the first intake of students in the newly created one year Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Ethics. We were forced to replace our traditional two year MPhil (Applied Ethics) with this program, followed by a one year MPhil in Applied Ethics, that will start running in 2013. It is clear that we will have to rethink the admission conditions for the MPhil, since applications for that program, which will start running in 2013, were plentiful and revealed excellent students, but at the same time people who are not interested in first doing a PG Dip, since they already have very advanced degrees. This dispensation which prohibits two year masters degrees is an imprudent one and at the moment a distinct threat to the teaching function of the Centre.

In November 2012, prof. van Niekerk was invited by the Philosophy Faculty and the Centre for Ethics at the Radboud University, Nijmegen, to deliver a number of postgraduate seminars and participate in two conferences, one dealing with a paper that he wrote on enhancement.

The following two ethics-related PhD's were completed and the degrees bestowed at the end of 2012:

R Preiser: *The problem of complexity: re-thinking the role of critique*. PhD. 249 pp. December 2012. (Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk)

K Hayes: *Individuals' moral obligations to disadvantaged children*. PhD, 346 pp. December 2012. (Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk)

5.2 Visitors in 2011

The Centre received a number of eminent academic visitors in the course of 2012. Prof. Paul van Tongeren from the Radboud University in Nijmegen, Netherlands, took care of and entire Honours course and delivered a lecture on Nietzsche's ethics. Prof. Philippe van Haute of Nijmegen also visited and lectured, as did proff. David Spurrett from UKZN, Ernst Wolff from UP and Mark Colyvan from New Zealand.

5.3 Ethics committees and services

Personnel of the Centre serve as members of a variety of ethics committees/institutional review boards at Stellenbosch University and elsewhere.

These committees, and the relevant representatives, are the following:

- The Ethics Committee of the Medical Research Council (MRC) (AA van Niekerk)
- The Ethics Committee for Research on Animals of the MRC (JP Hattingh)
- The Ethics Committee of Subcommittee A (Humanities & Social Sciences) of Stellenbosch University's Research Committee (JP Hattingh, outgoing chair)
- The Research Ethics Committee of the CSIR (JP Hattingh, chair)
- Dr Lyn Horn, senior lecture extraordinaire in the Centre, serves as the incoming chair of the Ethics Committee for the Humaniora.

Prof. van Niekerk also serves as chairperson of the Senate Research Ethics Committee (SREC), the body that appoints, accredits and oversees all the ethics committees currently operative in the various faculties of the university.

Prof. van Niekerk also serves as chair of the Board of Directors of the Ethics Institute of SA (EthicsSA), whose former CEO and current Executive Director, prof. Willem Landman, serves as professor extraordinaire in the Centre and Department and renders very value services to the Centre. Prof. Deon Rossouw, current CEO of EthicsSA, has also been appointed professor extraordinnaire in the department and Centre in the course of 2012.

Prof. van Niekerk also served as member of the Task Team on Human Dignity, created by the Synods of the DRC and the Uniting Reformed Church in SA. In this capacity he wrote a chapter on illness and human dignity for a publication that is in the making and will appear in 2013.

Members of the Centre (Van Niekerk, Woermann, Hattingh and Smit) will from 2013 be involved in a new MPhil in Futures Studies, to be created at the Institute of Futures Studies at the Bellville Park.

Dr Woermann is a member of the Governing Committee for the Anticorruption Centre for Education and Research (ACCERUS); Stellenbosch University.

5.4 Quality Assessment

With the six yearly evaluation of the Philosophy Department that took place from 1 to 4 September 2012, the Centre was also evaluated. A very favourable report about both was produced by the two reviewers, prof. Emma Ruttkamp-Bloem of UP and prof. Marcel Verweij of the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. The report is available.

6. Sponsorship

Mediclinic has confirmed its generosity towards the Centre by renewing its sponsorship of the Unit for Bioethics for the next two years (R100 000 per year for two years). This sponsorship has been running since 2007, and is highly appreciated by the Centre. We convey our sincere gratitude to Mediclinic Southern Africa.

UNIT FOR BIOETHICS

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1. RESEARCH

1.1 Partially completed and current research projects

- 1.1.1** *Ethical problems related to newer developments in genetic reproductive technologies, with special; reference to human enhancement and transhumanism* (AA van Niekerk, S Hall, A Palk, C Verster & L Franken). Prof. van Niekerk and these four students are, and have been investigating this problem from a variety of perspectives. The idea is to produce a volume as well as a number of journal articles that will elucidate matters in this regard. One of the angles from which this problematic was approached, is the issue of the relevance of possible enhancements for disabled people. A book chapter in this regard has been accepted for publication. Prof. van Niekerk also delivered the key note address at an international conference in Antwerp on the topic of enhancement and disenchantment, and this has also been published in an accredited journal. Sue Hall's PhD (which dealt with the problem of harm and enhancement) was also completed and the degree conferred at the end of 2012, as well as Chris Verster's MPhil, which dealt with the use of stimulants and performance enhancers by health students. (Verster is a psychiatrist at Stikland Hospital).
- 1.1.2** *The history and social functions of bioethics in South Africa.* (AA van Niekerk). Prof. van Niekerk was invited to write the chapter on Bioethics in South Africa in the *Global Bioethics Ethics Atlas* which is due to be published in 2013. This has been completed.
- 1.1.3** *Race as variable in biomedical research.* (AA van Niekerk) This is a project related to a recurring phenomenon in the work of research ethics committees in the biomedical field. A couple of presentations have been made and an article published in an accredited journal.
- 1.1.4** *Ownership of biological specimens in biomedical research.* (AA van Niekerk) A presentation has been made on this increasingly important topic in research ethics, and the research is ongoing.

1.2 Research outputs

1.2.1 Articles in peer-reviewed, accredited journals

1. Van Niekerk, A.A. : Moral perspectives on stimulant use in healthy students, (with Chris Verster) *SA Medical Journal*, 102 (12), December 2012: 909-911.
2. Van Niekerk, A.A.:Biomediese verbetering: maakbaarheid of ontowering?, *Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe*, 52 (4), December, 2012: 581-595. [Biomedical enhancement: make-ability or disenchantment?]

1.2.2 Popular article (as indication of community interaction)

Van Niekerk, A.A.: Op soek na 'n beter jy, *Die Burger* (Forum article), 12 June 2012: 13. [In search of an enhanced you]

1.2.3 Paper read at international conferences and meetings

1. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Biomediese verbetering ("enhancement"): maakbaarheid of ontowering?* Kongres van die Afrikaans-Nederlandstalige Werkgemeenskap, Antwerpen, 24-25 Mei 2012, Antwerpen, België. Key note speaker. [Biomedical enhancement: makeability or disenchantment?]
2. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Lost foreskins as the royal route to HIV prevention in Africa: the need for caution.* (Specially invited speaker). Royal Dutch Medical Association Symposium on Circumcision as Mechanism for Aids Prevention. Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 28 June 2012.
3. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Disability and biomedical enhancement: conflict or co-existence?* 11th World Conference of Bioethics, 26-29 June 2012, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
4. Van Niekerk, A.A. *Biomedical enhancement.* Special Seminar on paper of AA van Niekerk at Health Sciences Faculty, Radboud University, Nijmegen, 14 November 2012.

1.2.4 Papers delivered at national scientific conferences and/or other meetings

1. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Payment of research participants.* Research Ethics Seminar, Stellenbosch University, Wallenberg Centre, Stias, 30 May 2012.
2. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Who owns biological specimens?* ARESA Research Seminar, Newlands Hotel, 30 August 2012.
3. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Utilising societal values systems as guidance for ethics education in health professions.* Founding Conference of the African Institute of Health and Leadership Development, Sandton, 20 September 2012.
4. Van Niekerk, A.A.: *Race as variable in biomedical research.* Tygerberg Bioethics Discussion Group, 27 September 2012.
5. Van Niekerk, A.A. *Bioethics as an ethics of responsibility,* Lecture at Mediclinic Leadership Conference, Arabella, Kleinmond, 27 October 2012.

2. TEACHING

- 2.1 The Unit takes, first and foremost, responsibility for the post-graduate teaching of bioethics in the MPhil (Applied Ethics) Program, as well as the doctoral program in bioethics. The MPhil will be offered in 2013.
- 2.2 Prof. Van Niekerk acts as external examiner for the masters students in the SARETI (South African Research Ethics Training Initiative) program of the Universities of Kwazulu-Natal and Pretoria. This is a Fogarty Foundation funded program that trains potential and current members of research ethics committees in Africa.
- 2.3 Prof. Van Niekerk annually teaches a module on ethical issues relating to HIV/AIDS in the Postgraduate Diploma and MPhil programmes of the Centre for AIDS Management in the Workplace in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. The lectures for

this program are currently offered at a summer and/or winter school, as well as via satellite transmission.

2.4 Prof. van Niekerk also teaches and acts as one of the Faculty of the ARESA Program (Advancing Research Ethics Training in Southern Africa), another Fogarty funded training program (postgraduate diploma), offered by the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law at the Medical Faculty of Stellenbosch University.

2.5 Prof. van Niekerk assists with the teaching of Medical Ethics to MB ChB second as well as fifth year students.

3. POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

Several postgraduate students were involved in, or are still conducting research on topics that are of direct interest to the activities of this Unit. The details are as follows:

3.1 Completed Doctoral Dissertations

1. TM Rossouw: *Identity, personhood and power: a critical analysis of the principle of respect for autonomy and the idea of informed consent, and their implementation in an androgynous and multicultural society*. PhD. 369 pp. March 2012. (Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk)
2. S Hall: *Harm and enhancement: philosophical and ethical perspectives*. PhD, 207 pp. December 2012. (Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk)

3.2 Completed Masters Theses

L Franken: *Evil, morality and modernity*. 176 pp. March 2012. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.

C Verster: *The ethics of stimulant use in healthy students*. 101 pp. March 2012. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.

GM Grobler: *Respect for Autonomy: medico-ethical principles in occupational medicine*. 112 pp. Maart 2012. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.

L Hattingh: *Business versus health care: are they compatible?* 105pp. December 2012. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.

M Khoromana, M. *HIV routine testing as a strategy in the fight against HIV/Aids in Malawi: a proposal*. MPhil. Supervisor: Dr S Hall. December 2012.

F Spies: *Justice, entitlement and inheritance: exploring theoretical grounds for the rectification of manifest injustices through an analysis of inheritance*. 167 pp. March 2012. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.

3.3 Doctoral projects in progress

1. Bijloos, A. *The moral significance of risk and responsibility*. PhD. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
2. Gardner, JB: *Moral responsibility for prenatal harm to children: the case of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome*. PhD. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.

3. Gerber, B: *Identity and discourse: a critical philosophical investigation of the influence of the intellectual self-image of the medical profession on communicatively effective care to patients*. PhD. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
4. Grobler, G. *To serve two masters? A moral analysis of the conflict of interest in the profession of occupational physicians*. PhD. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
5. Le Roux-Kemp, A. *A legal-ethical evaluation of universal health coverage by means of a National Health Insurance Plan in South Africa and Ghana*. PhD. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
6. Niemand, H: *The autonomy of culture? A critical philosophical study*. PhD. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
7. Venter, M: *Abduction in clinical diagnosis: an epistemological assessment of medical reasoning*. PhD. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.

3.4 Masters projects in progress

1. Acton, L. *Ethical issues in telemedicine*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
2. Baraldi, E. *Should HIV patients on ARV's who develop drug resistance due to non-compliance with treatment regimens be denied further treatment?*. Supervisor: Dr. L Horn.
3. Biyela, I.M. *Disabled people's competition for employment and career advancement: moral perspectives*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
4. Grobler, G. *The effect of labour relations on medical ethics*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
5. Kruger, W. *The ethics of HIV vaccinations*. MPhil. Supervisor: Dr. L Horn.
6. Loftus, I. *Ethical problems related to the identification of genetic risks for tumours and other diseases*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
7. Ludwick, J. *Virtue ethics and psychiatry*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
8. Moosa, T. *No longer sacred: the implications of unsanctifying human life*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
9. Morkel, M. *Medical testing in the life insurance industry: bioethical perspectives*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
10. Oliphant, C. *A philosophical critique of the justification for providing reproductive assistance to HIV infected individuals*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
11. Palk, A. *The morality of transhumanism: assessing human dignity arguments*. MA. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
12. Patel, F. *The nature of the moral obligation underlying global bioethics*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
13. Photo, M. *The effects of the SA Choice of Termination of Pregnancy Act on health care workers in South Africa*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
14. Sibiyi, S. *Ritual male circumcision in South Africa: the right to suffer and die versus the duty to prevent avoidable death and suffering*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
15. Simpson, A. *The moral relevance of the Geneva Oath*. MPhil. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
16. Ukena, A. *Elective deafness as moral problem*. MA. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.
17. Van Niekerk, M. *Kompleksiteit en moderne geneeskunde*. Supervisor: Prof. AA van Niekerk.

4. SERVICE DELIVERY

- 4.1 Prof. van Niekerk's term of office as a director (one of 25) of the International Association of Bioethics (IAB) came to an end in 2012
- 4.2 Prof. van Niekerk has been appointed as member of the Biosafety and Biosecurity Committee of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), and he is also a member of the panel that is doing a consensus study on the level of biosafety and security in South Africa.

APPOINTMENT

Dr Lyn Horn (MBChB, MPhil, PG Dip and PhD), who attained her MPhil and PhD in Bioethics at Stellenbosch University, and currently serves as the chair of the Research Ethics Committee for the Humaniora at Stellenbosch, was appointed extraordinary senior lecturer in the Department and Centre from 2013.

RECOGNITION

Prof. van Niekerk was again rated by the NRF in the course of 2012, and his rating was improved from a B3 to a B2 from 2013.

AA van Niekerk
(Head: Unit for Bioethics)

UNIT FOR BUSINESS ETHICS AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY

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1. RESEARCH

1.1 Conferences

1.1.1. Papers presented at international conferences

- Woermann M. 2012. 'Rethinking leadership for a restorative economy: from transformational to ecological leadership' (co-authored with L. du Toit). Presented at *The Second International Conference on Responsible Leadership / Africa Leads Conference*, Spier, South Africa, 19 – 23 November, 2012.
 - Our paper was selected as one of the best papers delivered at the conference, and was included in a special publication of conference proceedings, in which the top seven conference papers appear. The publication was compiled by the *Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership*.

1.1.2. Attendance at international conferences

- Hattingh, J.P. 2012. Panel facilitator on 'Three business ethics questions for Africa', *The 13th Annual Business Ethics Network (BEN) Africa Conference*, Entebbe, Uganda, 25 – 27 October 2012.
- Hattingh, J.P. 2012. Attended: *The Third Globe Ethics Forum*, 28 – 30 June 2012.
- Hattingh, J.P. 2012. Attended: *The Fifth International Society of Business, Economics and Ethics (ISBEE) World Congress*, 11 – 14 July 2012.

1.1.3. Papers presented at national conferences

- Woermann, M. 2012. 'Philosophy and her imperatives', *Philosophy and the Moral Life* conference, University of the Witwatersrand, 2 – 4 November.
- Woermann, M. 2012. 'The fight against corruption; the fight for the future'. Invited speaker, *PURCO Procurement Higher Education Conference*, Cape Town, 24 October 2012.
- Woermann, M. 2012. 'The ethics of complexity and the complexity of ethics' (co-authored with P. Cilliers). Presented at the *Philosophical Society of Southern Africa (PSSA) Conference*, Cape Town, January 2012.

1.1.4. Attendance of national conferences

- Woermann, M. 2012. Panel facilitator on ‘Tackling the pressing challenges facing South Africa with complexity thinking’, *The Complexity Forum Conference*, Stellenbosch, 22 – 24 October, 2012.
- Woermann, M. 2012. Attended: *The Second Annual Ethics SA Conference: Investigation of the State of Ethics in South Africa*, Sandton, 25 May, 2012.

1.2. Publications

1.2.1. Journal articles

- Woermann, M. and Cilliers, P. 2012. ‘The ethics of complexity and the complexity of ethics’, *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 31(2): 447 – 463.
- Woermann, M. 2012. ‘Interpreting Foucault: An evaluation of a Foucauldian Critique of Education’, *South African Journal of Education*, 32: 111 – 120.

1.2.2. Books

- Kretzschmar, L., Prinsloo, F., Prozesky, M., Rossouw, D., Sander, K., Siebrits, J., and Woermann, M. 2013. *Ethics for Accountants and Auditors 3rd ed.* Cape Town: Oxford University Press.

1.2.3. Review articles

- Review of the Second Annual Ethics SA Conference: Investigation of the State of Ethics in South Africa. Review by M. Woermann. 2012. *African Journal of Business Ethics*, 6(1): 88 – 92.

1.2.4. Forthcoming

- Woermann, M. 2013. *On the (Im)Possibility of Business Ethics: Critical Complexity, Deconstruction, and Implications for Understanding the Ethics of Business.* Dordrecht: Springer.

2. TEACHING

2.1 Postgraduate teaching

The primary task of the Unit’s staff is to assume responsibility for the post-graduate teaching of business ethics in the MPhil (Applied Ethics) Programme. The specialisation programme in Business Ethics resumes in 2013.

2.2. Undergraduate teaching:

Business Ethics 214 (approx. 380 students) (Dr. M. Woermann)

Business Ethics 314 (approx 200 students) (Prof. J.P. Hattingh)

Business Ethics 242 (approx 380 students) (Professional Accounting Ethics) (Dr. M. Woermann)

3. POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

3.1. Completed MPhil projects

Kali, D.: 'Corruption: how weak systems create the opportunities for its proliferation', MPhil (Applied Ethics), 40% research report, cum laude. December 2012. Supervisor: Dr. M. Woermann.

4. SERVICE DELIVERY

4.2. Business Ethics Network (BEN) Africa

The Unit was again the primary sponsor for the annual BEN-Africa Conference held in Entebbe, Uganda from the 25th to the 27th of October. Prof. Johan Hattingh continued as President of BEN-Africa, and was responsible for organising the conference.

4.2. Appointments

4.2.1. Appointment of Prof. Deon Rossouw as an extraordinary professor

As of 2013, Prof. Rossouw will serve as extraordinary professor in the Department of Philosophy and will lecture in the MPhil Applied Ethics (specialisation: business ethics) programme. Prof. Rossouw is CEO of the Ethics Institute of South Africa. He was the founding President of BEN-Africa and served as president of the International Society of Business, Economics and Ethics (ISBEE). He was a member of the research team of the Second King Report on Corporate Governance and is a member of the Sustainability Committee of the Third King Report on Corporate Governance.

4.2.2. Appointment of Dr. Woermann as the editor at large of the African Journal of Business Ethics

As of 2013, Dr. Woermann will take over from Prof. van Vuuren as editor at large of the African Journal of Business Ethics (AJoBE). AJoBE was established during 2004 as the official journal of BEN-Africa, and is accredited by the International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS).

4.2.3. Appointment of Dr. Woermann to governing committees / boards

During 2012, Dr. Woermann was appointed as part of the governing committee of the Centre for Corporate Governance in Africa; University of Stellenbosch Business School; and as a board member of Hope Association Cape Town. Hope Cape Town is a non-profit organisation providing outreach, education and counselling at the community level, focusing on HIV/AIDS and TB in the Western Cape Province of South Africa. HOPE Cape Town is co-located and associated with the Ithemba (Hope) Infectious Paediatric Ward at Tygerberg Hospital in Cape Town and is linked to the University of Stellenbosch. Dr. Woermann's portfolio is to provide ethical guidance in running the organisation.

UNIT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

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1. Research

1.1 Research Outputs

1.1.1 Publications

1. Hattingh, JP. (2012) Environmental ethics and climate change? Proceedings of the Global Conference on Ethics in Science and Technology, organized by the Department of Philosophy of the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines, 20-22 October 2011. Published in **PHILIPPINIANA SACRA**, Vol. XLVII, Nr. 140, Special Issue, 2012, pp. 315 – 332.
2. Hattingh, JP. (2012) Towards an ethics of hope? Book chapter in **SUSTAINABLE STELLENBOSCH: OPENING DIALOGUES**, edited by Mark Swilling, Ben Sebitosi and Ruenda Loots. Stellenbosch: African Sun Media.
3. Hattingh, JP. (2012) Humanities and Healing from Perspectives in and around Environmental Ethics. Proceedings of the 2nd World Humanities Forum. Busan, Republic of Korea, 1-3 November 2012, pp. 205 – 221.
4. Hattingh, JP. (In press) Protection of the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity, in H.A.M.J. ten Have, B. Gordijn (eds.), **COMPENDIUM AND ATLAS OF GLOBAL BIOETHICS**, DOI 10.1007/978-3-642-28753-4_80, Springer Science+Business Media, Dordrecht 2013. (This contribution was written and accepted in 2012.) Available at <http://www.springerreference.com/docs/html/chapterdbid/363443.html>
5. Hattingh, JP. (In press) Whose climate, which ethics? On the foundations of climate change law, in **CLIMATE CHANGE: INTERNATIONAL LAW AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE**, Volume II: Policy, Diplomacy and Governance in a Changing Environment. Edited by Prof. Dr. Oliver C. Ruppel, Prof. Dr. Christian Roschmann and Dr. Katharina Ruppel-Schlichting. Baden-Baden: Nomos. (To be published in August 2013.) (This contribution was written and accepted in 2012.)
6. Hattingh, JP. (In press) Environmental philosophy and ethics: a critical overview of anthropocentric, ecocentric and radical value positions. Revised book chapter for **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** (second edition), edited by Callie Loubser. Pretoria: Van Schaik Publishers. (To be published in 2013.) (This contribution was written and accepted in 2012.)

1.1.2 Papers and presentations

1. Hattingh, JP. Adaptation and human flourishing in an era of global climate change. Invited Keynote Address at the **47TH ANNUAL CONGRESS of the GRASSLAND SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**, (16-20 JULY 2012), Club Mykonos, Langebaan,

Western Cape on the theme of *Advancing Rangeland Ecology and Pasture Management in Africa*.

2. Hattingh, JP. Humanities and Healing from Perspectives in and around Environmental Ethics. Invited speaker at the **2ND WORLD HUMANITIES FORUM**, Busan, Republic of Korea, 1-3 November 2012.
3. Hattingh, JP. Three approaches to environmental philosophy and ethics: Can they really help us to address the environmental challenges of Africa? **INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND THE VOCATION OF PHILOSOPHY**, presented by the Department of Philosophy, Addis Ababa University and The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, 15-16 November 2012.

1.2 Current Research

Prof. Hattingh is continuing with his research in different areas of environmental ethics, and is continuing his focus on the interface between, and overlap of environmental ethics, climate change ethics, and development ethics.

2. OTHER ACTIVITIES

2.1 Short course

The Unit for Environmental Ethics was again approached by the City of Cape Town, as well as the Eden District Council, to tender for the presentation of a short course in *Professional Ethics for Environmental Health Practitioners*. The tender for the City of Cape Town was successful, and the short course was presented in January 2013.

2.2 Ongoing Doctoral Projects

1. BAUGHAN H. Technology and practical reason in technology education policy - a philosophical study. D.Phil. Supervisor: Prof. JP Hattingh. (To be submitted in October 2013 for examination.)
2. LONG SS. The formulation of an environmental ethic for civil engineers in South Africa. D.Phil. Supervisor: Prof. JP Hattingh. (To be submitted in October 2013 for examination.)
3. MORODI TJ. The precautionary principle and public environmental decision-making in South Africa: An ethical appraisal. Ph.D. (Applied Ethics) Supervisor: Prof. JP Hattingh. (To be submitted in October 2013 for examination.)
4. MAZIGO, AF. Toward an ethical basis for pro-poor development interventions in the fishing sector of Ukerewe, Tanzania: A study in Development Ethics. Ph.D. (Applied Ethics). Supervisor: Prof. JP Hattingh. Co-supervisor: Dr. Magdalene Ngaiza, Institute of Development, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
5. LYAKURWA, M. The environmental ethics of the Wachaga and Waluguru of Tanzania: Beyond the romantic exhortation of the ideal traditional past. Ph.D. (Applied Ethics). Supervisor: Prof. JP Hattingh. Co-supervisor: Dr. Sirkku Hellsten, Philosophy Section, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

2.3 Ongoing Master's Projects

1. STEYN CJ. *Exploring ethical challenges, climate change and implications on land and water use within the agricultural sector of the Garden Route, Western Cape, South Africa*. M.Phil. (Applied Ethics). Supervisor: Prof. JP Hattingh.
2. HERBST AT. *A critical analysis of the socio-ecological impacts of golf courses and estates in the Mosselbay, George and Knysna Area*. M.A. (Philosophy) Supervisor: Prof. JP Hattingh.
3. CRUISE AJ. *Deconstructing the other (animal)*. M.A. (Philosophy) Supervisor: Prof. JP Hattingh.

2.4 M.Phil in Environmental Management

Prof. Hattingh is member of an interfaculty Programme Committee that has launched a Mphil Programme in Environmental Management in January 2001. Departments participating in the programme are Philosophy (Environmental Ethics), Geology, Geography and Environmental Studies, Public and Development Administration, Public Law, and Conservation Ecology. Since December 2002 a steady stream of students graduated from this program.

Within the framework of this programme Prof. Hattingh took responsibility for a module in Environmental Ethics in 2012. He also supervises students doing their research projects on themes in Environmental Ethics. From 2013 his duties in this regard will be taken over by Dr. Sue Hall.

2.5 M.Phil. in Sustainable Development

In February 2003 the Sustainability Institute under the leadership of Prof. Mark Swilling and Ms. Eve Annecke launched an innovative MPhil Programme in Sustainable Development in collaboration with the Department of Public and Development Management of the University of Stellenbosch. Having been part of the team planning the Programme, Prof. Hattingh is currently one of the co-teachers in the module on Leadership and Ethics for Sustainable Development. Prof. Hattingh will continue with his responsibilities in this context from 2013 while serving as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

2.6 Activities around UNESCO's COMEST

1. At the end of 2011 the second term of Prof Hattingh as member of COMEST (The World Commission on the Ethics of Science and Technology), an advisory body of UNESCO came to an end. COMEST falls under UNESCO's Division for the Ethics of Science, and consists of 18 members that are selected to be representative of the world community on the one hand, and expertise in the ethics of various fields on the other hand. Members are appointed to COMEST in collaboration with the official delegations of member countries of UNESCO and their countries' Ministries of Science and Technology. COMEST advises the General Assembly of UNESCO on ethical issues, and conduct, on request, research for the General Assembly on ethical issues. At the beginning of 2004, Prof. Hattingh was appointed as member of COMEST for a period of 4 years. On the recommendation of the South African

Government, Prof. Hattingh has been invited by COMEST to serve for another term of four years, i.e. from 2008 – 2011. During 2005 Prof. Hattingh was appointed as Rapporteur in the Executive Board of COMEST, a position in which he served until the end of 2011. Since May, 2008, Prof. Hattingh was invited to Chair a Working Group on Environmental Ethics to take the lead in preparing a report on The ethical implications of global climate change.

2. During 2012 Prof Hattingh was invited by the Director General of UNESCO to serve as an associate member of COMEST, which means that he can still be invited to support the activities of COMEST.

2.7 Membership of Editorial Boards

Prof. Hattingh currently serves on the Editorial Board of the following journals:

1. *Southern African Journal of Environmental Education* (co-editor of the section on Environmental Ethics)
2. *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* (member of Editorial Board, since 2007).
3. *Journal for Ethics Education* (This is a Springer on-line journal that was recently established by Prof. Henk ten Have, Director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics, Duquesne Universiteit, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was invited to become member of Editorial Board in 2011 – and the Journal was established in 2012.)

2.8 Ethics Committee for Research on Animals (ECRA)

Prof Hattingh is member of the Ethics Committee for Research on Animals of the Medical Research Council (MRC) and helps this committee to review research proposals in which experimental animals are involved. This committee has about four meetings per year. At the end of 2012 Prof Hattingh had to resign as member of ECRA with view to taking up his duties as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of Stellenbosch University.

2.9 Research Ethics Committee of the CSIR

During 2009, Prof Hattingh was invited by the Board of the CSIR to serve as first Chair of its newly established Research Ethics Committee. This appointment as Chair was renewed in the first half of 2012 for another three years. However, towards the end of 2012 Prof Hattingh had to resign from this position with view to taking up his duties as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of Stellenbosch University.

2.10 Awards and recognition

Towards the end of 2012 Prof Hattingh received a B rating from the NRF for his research.