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ONDER DIE US SE SAMBREEL – In die nat winterweer kan US-personelede en -gemeenskapsvennote nou skuiling vind onder die US se 'amptelike' sambrel, en terselfdertyd die Afdeling Gemeenskapsinteraksie (GI) by die Universiteit se naam hoog hou. Dié Afdeling het onlangs sambrel bekend gestel wat as korporatiewe geskenke kan dien. Volgens prof Julian Smith (links op die foto), Viserector: Gemeenskapsinteraksie en Personeel, behoort die sambrel ook as 'n simbool beskou te word van die ondersteunende, bemagtigende en onmisbare rol van gemeenskapsinteraksie aan en deur die Universiteit. Saam met prof Smith op die foto verskyn mnr John Abels (middel agter), 'n gemeenskapsvenoot wat in die Advieskomitee van die Lückhoffskoolgebouprojek dien, en me Joanne Williams, Bestuursinligtingsbeampte by die Afdeling GI.

(Anton Jordaan, SSFD)

Onthou Rektorsgesprekke in Augustus

As deel van sy gebruikelike middeljaargesprekke op kampus en met eksterne belangegroep, sal prof Russel Botman, Rektor en Visekanselier van die Universiteit Stellenbosch (US), vanjaar al vier US-kampusse besoek. Alle personeel en studente is welkom om hulle standpunte en vrae by hierdie sessies te kom stel. Teken daarom nou reeds die volgende datums in jou dagboek aan:

- 18 Augustus: Endlersaal op die Stellenbosch-kampus
- 19 Augustus: The Winery op die Bellvillepark-kampus
- 20 Augustus: Lesinglokaal 8 in die Onderwysblok op die Tygerberg-kampus
- 'n Gespreksgeleentheid met die personeel by Krygskunde sal later in die jaar geskeduleer word.

Prof Botman sal by hierdie sessies gesels oor hoe die Universiteit sy leiersrol in 'n snel veranderende wêreld sal uitbou, hoe dié instansie



Prof Russel Botman,
Rektor en
Visekanselier
van die
Universiteit
Stellenbosch

opnuut na die uitbreiding van sy akademiese uitnemendheid gaan kyk, sowel asoor die US se tersaaklikheid in die Suid-Afrikaanse samelewing, en sy rol op die vasteland van Afrika. Hy sal ook meer vertel van die Oorhoof Strategiese Plan waaroor daar vroeër vanjaar in die spesiale uitgawe van *Kampusnuus* berig is (sien ook www.sun.ac.za/osp).

Ál die gesprekke sal in die etensuur (13:00 tot 14:00) plaasvind, en toebroodjies en sap sal ná afloop van elke gesprek beskikbaar wees.

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SU joins international bioenergy project

Stellenbosch University biofuels research chair, Prof Emile van Zyl, has joined forces with some of the world's leading experts to seek resolutions on issues related to the sustainable production of bioenergy. Prof Van Zyl will represent Africa in a new worldwide initiative known as the Global Sustainable Bioenergy (GSB): Feasibility and Implementation Paths project.

"We want to establish once and for all whether the large-scale production of bioenergy is possible and, at the same time, can also benefit both humanity and the environment," explains Prof Van Zyl, who is the holder of the South African National Energy Research Institute (SANERI) Senior Chair of Energy Research:

Biofuels and Other Clean Alternative Fuels.

Prof Van Zyl says that the GSB is a response to the substantial confusion and growing uncertainty about whether bioenergy (biofuels, heat and electricity) is to play a prominent role in the future. "There are just as many critics for as against it and the GSB wants to provide clear-cut answers that can guide policy and strategy."

He says that the project will place sustainable bioenergy production within the context of new issues, such as climate change, increased production yields and enhanced technological advancement. "The project aims to provide policy frameworks needed to ensure a sustainable result on a global scale."

The first stage of the three-stage GSB project will consist of meetings held at five locations around the world to examine and plan for issues within a regional and a continental context. These meetings will be held in Malaysia, the Netherlands, Brazil and the United States of America, with the regional event for Africa being planned for Stellenbosch from 15 to 17 March 2010.

The project is headed by Prof Lee Lynd of the Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College, and the Mascoma Corporation, Prof Nathanael Greene of the American Natural Resources Defense Council and Prof Tom Richard of Pennsylvania State University.

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Tuberculosis drug promises cure for resistant strains

Stellenbosch University (SU) scientists have announced what could soon become the first new tuberculosis (TB) drug in more than 40 years to be approved for the treatment of this disease. The new drug promises to be a massive breakthrough in the fight against TB.

This is extremely good news for South Africa which has one of the world's highest TB mortality rates. This is further worsened by the HIV co-epidemic.

Since the last effective TB drug was introduced in 1966, pharmaceutical companies have been reluctant to develop new TB drugs because the disease is no longer seen as a threat in the developed world. At the same time, the economies of developing countries with a high TB burden are not regarded as a viable market for new drugs. That has delayed TB drug research for decades. The new drug could shorten treatment for TB and appears to be effective against multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) strains.

In an article in the prestigious *New*



England Journal of Medicine, Prof Andreas Diacon of Medical Physiology and his colleagues at SU's Faculty of Health Sciences reported on the results of this clinical trial. The

trial was conducted with TB patients at four South African hospitals using a new TB agent known as TMC207.

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Workshops to unlock full student potential

Stellenbosch University, the Southern African Association for Counselling and Development in Higher Education (SAACDHE) and Golden Key International Honours Society have joined forces in a groundbreaking project for the development of workshops to optimise student potential at higher education institutions in Southern Africa.

The project started with basic pre-planning and a written proposal in 2008. Golden Key South Africa bought into the concept and a few of the newly developed workshops will

be piloted during the first six months of 2010. The whole package will then be officially handed over to all participating centres and units at the September 2010 SAACDHE conference in the Western Cape. The eight to 10 completed workshops will, thereafter, be continuously monitored and researched up to October 2012 as part of an objective and formal PhD study to determine students' and staff's impressions and experiences of the workshops and the impact thereof.

According to Prof Charl Cilliers,

Director: Centre for Student Counselling and Development at Stellenbosch University, it takes more than academic knowledge and qualifications to achieve success in the working world. A 2008 study undertaken by Higher Education South Africa (HESA) re-affirms that skilful practices such as communication, problem solving, critical thinking and the ability to learn from experiences far outweigh mere subject expertise or formal qualifications.

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VAN DIE REDAKTEUR SE LESSENAAR



'n Paar dae gelede raak ek en 'n vriend aan die gesels oor geleenthede. Hy glo dat geleenthede hulle baie keer om drie redes voordoen: eerstens, om ons te help groei; tweedens, om ons dankbaar te maak vir wat ons het; en derdens, om ons vaardighede op te skerp en selfs te verbeter. Ek wil graag 'n vierde rede byvoeg: geleenthede bied ons die kans om die ongewone, en soms selfs die ondenkbare, aan te pak. In vandesmaand se *Kampusnuus* berig ons juis oor sulke geleenthede – keuses, kursusse en uitdagings – hier op kampus.

Op bladsy 1 vertel ons julle meer van 'n nuwe soort tuberkulose- (TB-) medisyne wat dr Andreas Diacon en sy span by die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe getoets het en wat heel moontlik dié middel is waarmee ons multimiddelweerstandige TB die stryd kan aansê. Dit is voorwaar 'n groot deurbraak, en 'n groot geleenthed om 'n voelbare impak op die TB-krisis in Suid-Afrika te maak.

Maak ook seker dat jy nie die geleenthed misloop om jóú vrae en idees met die Rektor, prof Russel Botman, te bespreek wanneer hy in Augustus sy jaarlike gesprekssessies met personeel op al vier kampusse het nie. Meer hieroor op bladsy 1 en 6.

Al ooit gewonder watter impak jy op die omgewing het as jy gesellig om 'n braaivleisvuur kuier? In haar meningsartikel vertel dr Martina Meincken meer van die studies wat uitgevoer is om te bepaal watter soort hout die beste is vir jou tjoops én die omgewing.

Ons gesels op bladsy 3 met me Antoinette Smith-Tolken oor die Afdeling Gemeenskapsinteraksie se leerprogram in Diensleer en Gemeenskapsinteraksie. Hierdie program bied akademiese personeel van die US én ander instansies die geleenthed om te leer hoe om diensleer en gemeenskapsinteraksie beter by hulle kurrikula in te sluit.

Prof Tormod Næs vertel op bladsy 4 van 'n navorsingsprojek wat sal vasstel hoekom mense sekere produkte bo ander verkies. Dié projek word in samewerking met die Departement Voedselwetenskap, die Instituut vir Wynbiotecnologie en 'n aantal ander internasionale vennote aangepak. Op dieselfde bladsy gesels ons met me Leonie Joubert, 'n Matie-alumna wat as wetenskapsjornalist gekwalifiseer het na haar pad met prof Steven Chown van die Sentrum vir Indringerbiologie gekruis het. Hierdie vryskut-wetenskapskrywer het onlangs haar derde boek oor die impak van indringerplante en diere op die Suid-Afrikaanse omgewing gepubliseer.

Op bladsy 5 kan jy meer leer oor die Hipervarysiere en Arbeidsgesondheid-fasiliteit (*Hyperbaric and Occupational Health Facility*) by die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe by Tygerberg. Hierdie fasilitet is die tweede in sy soort in die Wes-Kaap en sal nie net sorg vir leer-, onderrig- en navorsingsgeleenthede vir studente sowel as personeel nie, maar sal ook pasiënte van die nodige mediese dienste voorsien.

So gepraat van geleenthede: hierdie uitgawe is die laaste een voordat ek vir drie maande Swede toe vertrek vir 'n navorsingsgeleenthed om my meestersgraad te voltooi. In my afwesigheid sal Hans Oosthuizen, voormalige redakteur van *Kampusnuus*, as redakteur waarneem. Skakel daarom gerus in dié tyd met Hans by kampusnuus@sun.ac.za of 021 808 3724 vir enige nuuswenke, idees of kommentaar. Vanaf Augustus tot Desember sal ek dus nie by lynne@sun.ac.za of 021 808 4851 bereikbaar wees nie.

Mag die res van 2009 vir julle net die wonderlikste geleenthede inhoud. Ons praat weer in 2010!

lynne

KAMPUSKLETS OPPIE ROOIPLEIN!



Dr Martina Meincken

Choose the right braai wood and save the environment

Take any sunny weekend anywhere in South Africa and the smells of burning wood and roasting meat are sure to permeate the neighbourhood as people light their fires and indulge in our national pastime – the braai.

The wood used is usually bought in the local shop or by the roadside and its choice often depends on individual preference, habit or tradition. But perhaps we should also be looking at the best wood to use to satisfy environmental concerns.

To shed some scientific light on the differences in types of braai wood, an honours students and I investigated five wood species – rooikrans, camelthorn, blue or sugar gum, pine and vine stumps – typically used in the Western Cape. We looked at their energy content and at the environmental impact of burning this wood. Their density, ash content and elemental composition were determined and related to their energy content.

By doing this, we could show that the wood with the highest energy content was not necessarily the best option when environmental factors are also taken into account. Good braai wood should ideally have a high carbon content and density, as this implies a high energy content and slow burning process. The ash content – the amount of inorganic material that cannot be combusted – should preferably be low.

During the burning process, many toxic waste gases, ranging from carbon mono-

xide to nitrogen oxides, are emitted. These contribute to the greenhouse effect and to the formation of acid rain and negatively affect human health.

In our study, we determined the nitrogen content of the wood species and used it as an indicator of the degree to which toxic components could be formed during combustion. The presence of heavy metals and other trace elements, which are toxic to humans and to the environment, were also determined.

The energy content of the five wood species varied little within a range of one MJ/kg and could be positively related to their wood density. Camelthorn had the highest density and energy content, while pine showed the lowest density and energy content. Vine stumps had the lowest ash content, followed by pine, rooikrans, blue gum and camelthorn. Blue gum had the lowest nitrogen content, followed by pine, camelthorn, rooikrans and vine stumps.

If calorific value, ash content and nitrogen content are taken into account, blue gum and pine should be the preferred species.

The concentration of heavy metals and other trace elements in the wood differed significantly among the species. Pine had by far the largest aluminium concentration, followed by vine stumps, blue gum, camelthorn and rooikrans. The highest lead concentration was found in vine stumps, followed by blue gum, camelthorn, pine and rooikrans. Blue gum, camelthorn and

rooikrans, on the other hand, had a significantly lower content of aluminium and lead and therefore present a better choice of fuel wood.

If all properties are taken into account and the wood species are ordered accordingly from 1 (best) to 5 (worst), we can devise a simple rating system that allows us to compare the species and decide which is the most suitable braai wood in terms of energy output and environmental impact.

Based on this rating, the preferred braai wood species should be rooikrans, followed by camelthorn, blue gum, pine and lastly vine stumps.

Blue gum is classified as a category two invasive species and may be commercially used in specific areas. Since it is not as invasive as rooikrans, it would seem possible to cultivate it specifically for fire wood. The continued use of invasive rooikrans, which, according to our results, constitutes the best choice of fuel wood, will help to clear the existing stock of these plants, which present a real problem on farmland in the Western Cape.

So, next time you have a braai, remember to take the environment and your own health into consideration when purchasing your braai wood.

– Dr Martina Meincken
Senior Lecturer in the Department of
Forest and Wood Science

Kampusnuus wil graag 'n platform skep vir gesprekvoering op die kampus. Menings in artikels, brieve en Kampusklets oppie Rooiplein is dié van die betrokke individue en nie noodwendig die standpunt van die Kampusnuus-redaksie of die Universiteit Stellenbosch nie.

Parkeerprobleme...

Om in die oggend (of selfs deur die dag) op die Stellenbosch-kampus parkeerplek te kry, laat my soms na een van daai groot 'monster trucks' smag waaroor die Amerikaners so gaande is, en waarmee jy letterlik alles voor jou platvee.

Stel jou voor: Jy sorg dat jy betyds hier aankom (dis nou voor 08:10, en huis omdat jy nie 'n bespreekte plekkie het nie), jy 'cruise' deur die rye motors op soek na 'n plek om jou kar vir die dag te los. Jy ry stadiger, dit lyk na 'n plek, jy ry vinniger sodat niemand anders dit kan opeis nie, jy draai in ... net om te besef dat terwyl al die ander mense verstaan dat jy skuins parkeer om só vir meer mense plek onder die eike te maak, is daar een mens wat sy/haar motor reguit los, en dus die res van die plekke vir almal opdinges! Eish!

En nou praat ek huis van my plek onder die eike voor Admin B. Daar is net soveel parkeerplekke, en ek verstaan dat dit op 'n 'eerste hier, eerste parkeer'-grondslag gebeur, maar jislaai! Dis daai een of twee mense wat nie

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die fynere kunsies van parkeer lekker verstaan nie wat my humeur sommer laat oorborrel.

Is daar dalk planne om die hele parkeerarea voor Admin B te teer en duidelike parkeerstrepe aan te bring sodat die 'parking challenged' onder ons mooi kan sien waar om hulle klein motortjies (bygesê mét kragstuur, so hulle kán die stuurwiel draai) te los? Is daar iemand wat my kan antwoord? Intussen sal ek maar my ore vry en op my 'anger management'-klasse staatmaak. Woosa!

– Parkeerduiweltje

Fasiliteitsbestuur antwoord:

Dit is werklik jammer om te hoor dat sekere parkeer-areagebruikers deur hulle ondeurdagte en selfsugtige optrede ergernis by hulle medegebruikers veroorsaak. Ons is deeglik bewus van die chroniese tekort aan parkering op kampus, en is daarom daadwerklik besig om oplossings te bedink. Weens die tekort aan parkering is dit juís belangrik dat die beskikbare parkeerplek optimaal gebruik word.

Dit is die gebruik op kampus dat wanneer parkeerareas aangelê word, slegs die ryvlak tussen parkeerplekke deur geteer of geplavei word. Die parkeerplekke self word van 'n gruislaag voorsien. Buite dat dit die Universiteit geld spaar, keer dit ook dat alle areas onder harde oppervlakte verdwyn. Waar sal die pragtige eike waarna u in u skrywe verwys immers water vandaan kry as al die reënwater op harde oppervlakte val en in stormwaterpype beland, sonder om die grondwatervlakte aan te vul?

Parkeerplekke word normaalweg met merke (gewoonlik witgeverfde bakstene) aangedui. By die parkeerarea waarna u verwys, moet hierdie merke waarskynlik opgeknap word om weer duidelik sigbaar te wees. Ons sal daaraan aandag skenk.

Laastens wil ons voorstel dat wanneer iemand u weer op hierdie selfsugtige wyse van 'n parkeerplek ontnem, u 'n vriendelike nota op daardie persoon se voorruit laat om hom/haar daarop te wys. Dalk het dit net die gewenste uitwerking.

Briewe kan gerig word aan die Redakteur: *Kampusnuus*, per e-pos aan kampusnuus@sun.ac.za, of met die binnepos aan Kamer B1224, Admin Bgebou, of per faks aan (021) 808-3800. Hoewel briewe op versoek anoniem of met skuilname geplaas kan word, moet skrywers se name en kontakbesonderhede asseblief by die brief ingesluit word. Briewe moet duidelik *KAMPUSNUUS BRIEWEBLAAD* gemerk word. Die beste brief wen 'n koopbewys vir iets lekker te eet in die Neelsie. "Wanhogig" wen die prys vir die beste brief in Mei/Junie.



USB-ED part of world training alliance

One of the top international qualifications in business management will soon be available locally to South African business leaders and executives for the first time. The qualification consists of the World Executive Education Alliance (WEEA) programme, which is presented, in turn, by leading business schools and universities on five different continents around the world.

This means, for example, that a participant would have the opportunity to study finance in Russia, marketing in the USA, logistics in India, human resources management in South Africa, management information systems in Switzerland and corporate strategy in Brazil.

This follows after USB Executive Development (USB-ED), the public executive development and training company of the Stellenbosch University Business School (USB), recently became part of this highly regarded world programme. USB-ED is the first South African business school to take part in the WEEA programme.

In-depth exposure

The programme is highly sought-after, as it provides in-depth exposure to the business environment on five different continents worldwide, while executive training is facilitated by leading educational institutions. The continents and institutions are as follows:

- Europe: Graduate School of Business Administration, Zurich, (GSBA),
- USA: Graduate School of Business, Chicago,
- South Africa: USB-ED,
- Eastern Europe: Moscow International Higher Business School,
- India: Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow,
- South America: International Business and Management Education Centre, Rio de Janeiro.

The modules provided for at these institutions are corporate strategy, marketing, human resources, finance, in-

formation technology and logistics. Membership of the alliance ensures a uniform module structure so that the same level of quality applies throughout the programme. Each module lasts two weeks. Participants can choose the module that they want to attend as the modules are available on a continuous basis at these institutions.

Human-resources management

As part of the alliance, USB-ED will host a module in human resources management in September 2009 at its campus in Bellville. The GSBA will co-facilitate the module.

A unique element of the WEEA programme is a case study of a local company that will serve as study material for participants. This opens a door for a South African company to have its operations and strategy evaluated by a group of international businesswomen and men.

USB-ED CEO, Mr Frik Landman, says that the WEEA programme offers a unique opportunity to South African business executives to gain an international perspective of the business environment and eventually to plough the knowledge back into South Africa.

Diversified programme

“It’s a diversified programme through which local business can gain a lot, especially local companies doing business internationally. It’s an ideal forum where business executives from developing economies can make contact with their counterparts in developed economies, exchange ideas and learn from each other.”

Mr Landman says that a number of South African educational institutions do have associations with single overseas institutions. The WEEA programme, however, is unique in that five continents are linked for mutual exposure to a globalised world economy.

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Hier is die groep deelnemers aan die onlangse internasionale kollokwium oor gemengde regstelsels wat deur die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid aangebied is
(Anton Jordaan, SSFD)

Stellenbosch gasheer vir kollokwium oor ‘gemengde’ regstelsels

‘Gemengde’ regstelsels soos dié van Suid-Afrika was die onderwerp van ’n kollokwium wat die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid onlangs aangebied het op versoek van twee vooraanstaande internasionale regsverenigings: die *International Association of Legal Science* en die *World Society of Mixed Jurisdiction Jurists*.

‘n Gemengde regstelsel word gekenmerk deur uiteenlopende regtradisies wat daarin beliggaam word. “Die doel van die kollokwium was veral om vas te stel in watter mate gemengde regstelsels as modelle vir regsonderwysing kan dien, en om die ervarings van vermenging in Afrika-verband van ander te ondersoek,” verduidelik prof Marius de Waal

van die Fakulteit.

Die verhouding tussen tradisionele Westerse stelsels soos die Romeins-regtelike en Anglo-Amerikaanse stelsels; inheemse gewoontereg van Afrika (‘customary law’); sowel as stelsels wat elemente van godsdienstige reg bevat, is veral onder die loep geneem. Weens die wye verscheidenheid universiteite wat deelnemers en sprekers afgevaardig het, kon die kollokwium perspektiewe vanuit verskeie regstelsels bied. Deelnemende instansies was onder ander die universiteite van Kaapstad en Botswana, die Rivers State Universiteit van Wetenskap en Tegnologie (Nigerië), die Universiteit van Buea (Kameroun), McGill-universiteit

(Kanada), sowel as die universiteite van Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Nottingham, Kopenhagen en Istanbul.

Proff De Waal en Jacques du Plessis, ook van die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid, het die kollokwium gegeën, en die Dekaan van die Fakulteit, prof Gerhard Lubbe, sowel as ’n verteenwoordiger van elk van die twee internasionale verenigings, prof Xavier Blanc-Jouvan van die Universiteit van Parys en prof Vernon Palmer van Tulane-universiteit in Amerika, het die geleentheid geopen. Die verrigtinge is afgesluit met ’n persoonlike nabetrating deur prof Blanc-Jouvan oor die verhouding tussen die tradisionele en moderne reg in Franssprekende Afrika.

Prof Cook does it again

Prof Johann Cook from the Department of Ancient Studies has done it again! He has been involved in the release of yet another book. Entitled *Septuagint and Reception*, the book comprises a number of papers that were presented at the first congress of the Association for the Study of the Septuagint in Southern Africa (ASSSA). The congress took place at the Wallenberg Research Centre at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) on 14 and 15 August last year. The book, edited by Prof Cook, also contains a number of supplementary contributions and is the 127th book in the *Vetus Testamentum Supplementum* series. It was published by EJ Brill in Leiden in the Netherlands. A number of staff members and postgraduate students from the Department of Ancient Studies also contributed to this publication. Pictured with Prof Cook’s new book are from the left Profs Johan Thom and Johann Cook, Dr Annemaré Kotzé, and Messrs Gideon Kotzé and Larry Lincoln.



Programme helps integration of service-learning and community engagement

A learning programme for service-learning and community engagement presented by the Division for Community Interaction (DCI) of Stellenbosch University (SU) will help academic staff to improve the implementation of these activities as part of their modules. **Kampusnuus spoke to Ms Antoinette Smith-Tolken, Deputy Director: Community Interaction, to find out how this will help SU to improve in this regard.**

According to Ms Smith-Tolken, the Office for Service-Learning (OSL) of the DCI was established in 2004 to promote and support service-learning and community engagement at SU. Both activities have gained substantial ground as core functions of higher education institutions (HEIs) in South Africa. This means that the interaction of universities with the rest of society now occurs more often through teaching, learning and research rather

than service-driven involvement, which was the case before.

“There’s a need for managers and practitioners who understand the political landscape of community engagement in higher education to have the competence to participate in contemporary academic debates and to contribute to the existing stock of knowledge on the subject,” explains Ms Smith-Tolken.

“There’s also a need for them to im-

plement and manage community engagement programmes in an institutional environment. This includes service-learning and other forms of curricular engagement as well as community-based research methodologies.”

The programme is structured to address these needs and aims:

- to equip service-learning practitioners to explore, design, implement and assess a service-learning module in an academic programme; and

Here are some of the people who are participating in the programme at the moment. With them are Ms Antoinette Smith-Tolken, Deputy Director: Community Interaction (far left at the back), Mr Jerome Slamat, Senior Director: Division for Community Interaction (second from the left at the back) and Prof Julian Smith, Vice-Rector: Community Interaction and Personnel (front row, fourth from the left)



- to assist staff developers and community engagement managers in designing a service-learning capacity-building programme for implementation at their HEIs.

Participants need an honours degree or equivalent and relevant working experience in higher or further education to access the programme which involves three seminars of two full-days each, spread over one semester. The programme is a Higher Education Qualifications Framework Level 9 course and participants earn 24 credits on completion. Those who complete the course with an average of 60% may also have the credits recognised as part of an applicable master’s programme.

But what exactly does service-learning and community engagement entail? “Service-learning,” says Ms Smith-Tolken, “is a teaching approach integrating community interaction into academic learning programmes while addressing community needs. It offers specific differences and similarities with other forms of experiential learning. The difference and importance of service-learning are the mutual, equal importance of the service to the community and the learning and development of civic responsibility of the student even after they leave SU.” Service-learning, she says, also espouses reciprocity through partnership building with communities.

“In 2008, I designed a new strategy

by looking at SU’s qualification offering as a whole and at how service-learning might add value as part of the curriculum. Critical cross-field outcomes are in particular enhanced by service-learning activities, helping to produce better-prepared graduates. Some professional boards require community-based learning as a pre-requisite for graduation.” The vision of the OSL is to have at least one service-learning module included in every academic programme by 2015.

Ms Smith-Tolken believes that the programme is important not only for participating faculty members involved in service-learning and community engagement themselves but also for helping participants to become mentors to other faculty members.

Prof Julian Smith, Vice-Rector: Community Interaction and Personnel, says that the progress with regard to the interest in and support for service-learning on campus is commendable. “It’s especially satisfying that the development of the programme includes expertise outside the DCI.” He invites colleagues to make full use of this opportunity to support the quest for excellent community interaction, teaching and learning and for research in an integrative manner.

For more information, visit <http://admin.sun.ac.za/ci/service%20learning/support.htm> or contact Ms Smith-Tolken at asmj@sun.ac.za or 021 808 3798.

SU partners with overseas research institute to study ‘drivers of liking’

The Food Science Department and the Institute of Wine Biotechnology (IWBT) at Stellenbosch University (SU) have both teamed up with Nofima, Norway's most prominent research institute in the food sector, in an exciting four-year international research project that will focus on exactly why consumers are more likely to buy one product than another. The scientific part of the project, which will run from 2009 to 2012 and has been dubbed *ConsumerCheck*, will be headed by Prof Tormod Næs, a statistician and Principal Research Scientist at Nofima.

SU is one of four international research partners that were identified by Nofima to join the project. The other partners comprise the Danish Technical University, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Australia and Logic8, based in the Netherlands. The Norwegian division is financed by the

National Science Foundation there and by Norwegian food industries. The international research partners will be responsible for finding their own local industry partners to work with and generate funding for their research.

The researchers involved in the project will be studying the relationship and interaction between sensory and consumer data using preference mapping as one of the statistical techniques. They will thus construct preference maps to increase understanding of what the drivers of liking are for selected products. They will also draw on another statistical technique known as conjoint analysis. This can be used for studying the effect of several extrinsic design variables on consumer acceptance, such as packaging, health information and price. However, says Prof Næs, the challenge of this research project will be working out how to combine preference mapping and

conjoint analysis mathematically. “This project will develop and apply methodology for the purpose of identifying the main drivers of liking, their interactions and their optimal combinations,” he says.

The project will therefore focus on concrete problem-solving for industrial partners and on method development, in particular experimental design and analysis methodology, and on the development of easy-to-use software tools.

Nofima and a Danish partner have just completed a related project in which a software package called *PanelCheck* was developed. The software, which is freely available to industry and researchers on Nofima's website, assists sensory scientists in the analysis of sensory data, especially in the testing of whether data are reliable.

Nofima, explains Prof Næs, has always focused on issues such as the



With Prof Tormod Næs from Nofima (second from the right) are Dr Jessy van Wyk from the Cape Town University of Technology, Dr Andreas Treduox from the IWBT, Dr Hélène Nieuwoudt from the IWBT and Ms Nina Muller from the Department of Food Science

(Anton Jordaan, SSF)

quality of food products, product development and the safety standards of food and beverages. “The goal of Nofima is to help the Norwegian food industry to improve its food quality,” he says.

Nofima also collaborates widely on research issues. Prof Næs has shared a five-year relationship with SU. He has furthermore presented workshops focusing primarily on specialised chemometric techniques and has colla-

boration with SU on research projects.

“It's important to have good collaboration because it's always fruitful to develop and learn from each other. This helps one to do better research and to write more and better papers,” says Prof Næs.

“My hope is that SU will be able to create a network of researchers so that, together, we can do something that, alone, we would never have done.”

Science journalist makes light of invasive species

An “accidental” meeting a few years ago with an A-rated Stellenbosch ecologist has been very fruitful for Maties science-journalism alumna Leonie Joubert. Her third book has just been published and deals with the impact of invasive plants and animals on the South African environment.

The conceptualisation and writing of *Invaded: The biological invasion of South Africa* were supported by the Department of Science and Technology and the National Research Foundation Centre of Excellence for Invasion Biology (CIB) at Stellenbosch University. The book was published by Wits University Press and features the photography of Rodger Bosch.

Leonie, a freelance science writer and columnist based in Cape Town, says that she met CIB director Prof Steven Chown “by accident” seven years ago. “He was looking for a journalist to put through a master’s programme and skill up in science

communication; I was looking for a career change.”

“The shift in my focus as a writer as a result has been nothing short of seismic,” she says. “I’ve enjoyed working with the CIB and the Capacity Building Programme for Climate Change Research, the latter of which has since been put to pasture.”

Leonie’s books *Scorched: South Africa’s changing climate* (Honorary 2007 Sunday Times Alan Paton Non-Fiction Award) and *Boiling point: People in a changing climate* explores South Africa’s remarkable countryside and tell the stories of places and people vulnerable to climate change.

She sees *Invaded* as “another instalment” in this fruitful working relationship. “It’s one I think demonstrates that scientists and journalists can bridge the divide between the disciplines if they put their minds to it.”

According to the CIB’s acting director, Ms Sarah Davies, the research unit

is pleased to be associated with a book that provides such a wide-ranging view of biological invasions and their impact, of management and of prevention in South Africa. “Leonie’s work provides an accessible way into complex scientific issues,” she says.

“The invasion biology story is not as sexy as climate change or the global economic crisis,” Leonie believes. “It seldom makes headline news and yet it’s one of the greatest threats to our healthy environment. An invasive species is like an oil spill that can never be cleaned up because it’s constantly replicating itself.”

Chapter titles such as “The devil weed and the dinosaur doppelganger”, “Armies of the New World”, “The sweet-toothed predator in the wine-lands” and “Troublemakers in the big blue” make light of serious scientific issues, as does the very readable text on trifid weed, the Argentine ant and various predatory fish and invasive

plant species.

Although not exclusively so, the book addresses various topics and subjects on which scientists associated with the CIB have been working over the years. These include painted reed frogs, invasive pine trees and the African honey bee.

The book not only serves as a checklist of species that have invaded the South African environment but also includes discussions on genetically modified crops, how to contain invasions and the management of transformed landscapes.

According to Leonie, not all the characters in the book are truly invasive. “Some are just alien – for the time being – but they’re there to remind us they’re a slow, simmering threat. Determining what makes a species go from annoying alien to full-blown invader is one of the issues keeping scientists busy.”

She says that the topic is not with-



Leonie Joubert

out controversy. “So many people in our society depend on some of the very species that have become invasive, whether for domestic firewood or for jobs in the timber industry.”

— ENGELA DUVENAGE

Kliëntediens en veranderingsbestuur is Munnik se topprioriteit

“Ek sien daarna uit om ’n fasilitete-omgewing te help skep wat van elke omgewing se unieke behoeftes kennis neem, maar ook in vennootskap met ons kliënte werk om ’n kampusomgewing te skep wat in sy geheel die visie

van die US ondersteun. In die besonder gaan dit vir my hier om ’n funksionele en veilige kampusomgewing met voortreflike fasilitetsdienste wat tot ’n positiewe studente- en werkplekervaring bydra.”

Wie is Chris Munnik?

Chris Munnik (foto) het ’n B-graad in Ekonomiese en Bedryfsekonomie aan die Universiteit Stellenbosch Bestuurskool (USB) verwerf, waar hy ook die Program in Bestuurstrategie (beter bekend as die PBS) voltooi het. Oor die jare het hy verskeie algemene bestuurs- en fasilitetsbestuursteknikes voltooi, wat die internasionale fasilitetsbestuursteknikesprogram CFM insluit.

Hy het etlike jare se ondervinding as bestuurder op die gebied van eiendoms- en fasilitetsbestuur. In 1966 begin hy in die Afdeling Versekeringsbedryf by Sanlam werk, en sluit hom vier jaar later by Eiendomme en Fasilitetsbestuur in dieselfde organisasie aan. Hier het hy met eiendomsbestuur sowel as die verhuring van kleinhandels- en kommersiële eiendomme gewerk. As Senior Bestuurder was hy ook in dié tyd vir Sanlam se hoofkantoorontwikkeling van 150 000 m² in Bellville aangestel.

In 1990 verskuif Munnik na Sanlam se Afdeling Fasilitetsbestuur, en word hy as projekleier vir ’n hoofkantoorontwikkeling van 150 000 m² in Bellville aangestel. Nadat die hoofkantoorprojek in 1994 voltooi is, is hy as Senior Bestuurder: Korporatiewe Fasilitetsdienste aangestel. Sy pligte het die bestuur van hoofkantoreiendom, streekskantore en nasionale infrastruktuur met ’n gesamentlike oppervlakte van bykans 400 000 m² ingesluit. In Januarie 2000 aanvaar Munnik ’n betrekking as Sakeontwikkelingsbestuurder en later as Uitvoerende Bestuurder by Drake & Scull, ’n fasilitetsbestuurmaatskappy, waar hy tot en met sy aanstelling by die US gewerk het.

Munnik was ook die stigterslid van die Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Fasilitetsbestuur (SAFMA), wat voorheen as die Suid-Afrikaanse Komitee oor Korporatiewe Fasilitete bekend was, en het sedert 1998 in die nasionale raad van dié vereniging gedien. In 2000 en 2001 is hy tot president van die vereniging verkies. Hy is boonop ’n voormalige lid van die Vereniging van Eiendomseienaars van Suid-Afrika (VEESA) en die Internasionale Vereniging vir Fasilitetsbestuur, die IFMA.

de jaar bepaald daarop konsentreer.

“Die belangrikste van hierdie twee doele is om opnuut op strategiese batebestuur, ’n proaktiewe en kliëntegerigte benadering tot dienslewering, kostedoeltreffendheid en gereelde kommunikasie te fokus,” verduidelik hy.

Fasilitetsbestuur sal hulle oor die volgende paar maande op die volgende toespits:

- Die vestiging van ’n sentrale eenstophulpsdiens vir alle fasilitetsbehoefte, sowel as ’n toegewyde fasilitetskoördineerder vir bepaalde omgewings. Boonop word ’n gerekenariseerde fasilitet- en batebestuurstelsel tans ondersoek om verdere steun te bied.
- ’n Kampuswee audit van die veiligheid en toestand van geboue.
- Voorbereidings vir inhaalinstandhouding vanaf 2010 by baie van die US se geboue.
- Voorbereidings vir die Departement van Onderwys (DVO) se tale nuutgesteunde projekte vir 2010/11. Hierdie projekte sal gesamentlik om en by R400 miljoen kos, waarvan ongeveer die helfte deur die DVO voorseen sal word, en sluit onder meer die ontwikkeling van koshuise, akademiese geboue en laboratoriums in.
- Wesenlike vordering met ’n 10-tot-20-jaar-meesterplan vir die kampusomgewing.
- Die inwerkingstelling van volhoubaarheidsprojekte.
- Spesiale aandag aan fasilitete vir pendelstudente.

Munnik sal op die talent, potensiaal sowel as die oorvloed van kundigheid in die verskeie Fasilitetsbestuurdissiplines steun. “Ons is saam ‘op reis’, en het met ’n proses van doelmatige transformasiebestuur begin,” verduidelik hy.

Fasilitetsbestuur sal bestuurende en bedryfstrukture is sedert 2008 met die hulp van sowel interne as eksterne kundiges aan hersiening onderwerp. “Ons is tans besig om die nuwe struktuur te stel,” sê hy.

Die Afdeling Instandhouding en Bedryf het reeds ’n naamswandering onderraan, en sal voortaan as Eiensomdiens bekend staan onder leiding van mnr John Villett. Die afdelings Beplanning en Konstruksie, waarvan mnr Schalk Opperman die Direkteur is, is saamgevoeg en staan nou as Beplanning en Ontwikkeling bekend. “Die inwerkingstelling van die nuwe struktuur skep enersyds nuwe geleenthede en uitdagings vir ons personeel, maar bied ook ’n ‘vlakker’ struktuur om kommunikasie en dienslewering te verbeter,” sê Munnik.





Sister Surita Fitchat and Dr Frans Cronjé with Ms Eileen Koen, the first patient to receive treatment at the new SU Hyperbaric and Occupational Health Facility. Ms Koen was treated for therapeutic-radiation tissue damage

New centre of expertise opens on Tygerberg campus

A Hyperbaric and Occupational Health Facility, one of only two facilities in the Western Cape, opened its doors to patients at the Faculty of Health Sciences at Tygerberg for the first time last month. Equipped with research facilities and two hyperbaric chambers, the centre can accommodate up to eight patients per day.

It is also only the second facility of its kind at a tertiary institution in South Africa (the other is at the University of Pretoria) and, as such, is equipped to do research on the effects and importance of oxygen in the treatment of certain medical and surgical conditions.

The new centre provides hyperbaric (or high-pressure) oxygen for patients from surrounding communities. The centre also provides a range of occupational medicine services, in other words compulsory occupational fitness examinations for individuals such as pilots and deep-sea divers and for the occupation-related medical fitness of sick or injured individuals.

International research project
Among the research projects currently in progress at the centre, the largest is a study focusing on radiation damage to the bladder, intestine, jaw and four other tissue groups. Known as Hyperbaric Oxygen for Radiation Tissue Injury (HORTIS), this is an international, multi-centre project. The Baromedical Research Fund of the

United States of America has awarded R1,4 million to Stellenbosch University (SU) in the form of a hyperbaric pressure chamber, specifically to facilitate participation in the HORTIS project. Another international project currently under consideration is a collaborative study with an Australian group on hyperbaric oxygen for lower-limb trauma.

International programme recognition

The new centre will also be utilised by students who are studying underwater medicine at Tygerberg.

Recently, the underwater medicine training programme at SU, which is only four years old, received international recognition at a meeting held at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa, Italy. Representatives from academic institutions all over the world attended the meeting, where a consensus document was produced regarding the training requirements of medical practitioners in support of complex and deeper diving. It was agreed that

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SU prof's books on the origin of language sell out in a jiffy

Two books containing a selection of papers on the evolution of human language and co-edited by Prof Rudie Botha are selling like hot cakes! *The Prehistory of Language* and *The Cradle of Language* were released in April this year and only weeks after its publication by Oxford University Press (OUP), the former volume is already being reprinted. *Kampusnuus* met up with Prof Botha to find out why the origin and evolution of language are such major topics these days.

"Research on the evolution of language has become a multidisciplinary enterprise during the past 15 years," explains Prof Botha, who is Emeritus Professor of General Linguistics at SU and Honorary Professor of Linguistics at Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

"Scientists from a wide range of fields are getting involved in the study of the origin and evolution of language. They realise that these phenomena are closely interwoven with the emergence and evolutionary development of other human capacities and features such as the brain, cognition, sociality and culture. Two of the reasons why *Prehistory* and *Cradle* are in such demand are the width of the multidisciplinary scope and the standing of the contributing authors of these books."

According to Prof Botha it was the Cradle of Language conference held at Spier in November 2006 that led to the publication of these two books. The conference, which dealt with the origin of language in Africa, with special focus on the first emergence of modern language in Southern Africa, was organised by Prof Botha and dubbed "the definitive conference on language evolution" by one of the UK's most respected archaeologists, Prof Paul Mellars of Cambridge University. It was attended by well-known archaeologists, anthropologists, linguists, geneticists, neurobiologists, cognitive scientists, primatologists, musicologists and even computational modellers from across the world.

The two volumes, each containing 15 chapters, were co-edited by Prof Botha and Prof Chris Knight, an anthropologist affiliated with the University of East London in London. From the more than 80 papers, 30 were selected for revision and expansion in a process that included various rounds of peer review.

The Prehistory of Language deals with fundamental questions about the origins and evolution of language,

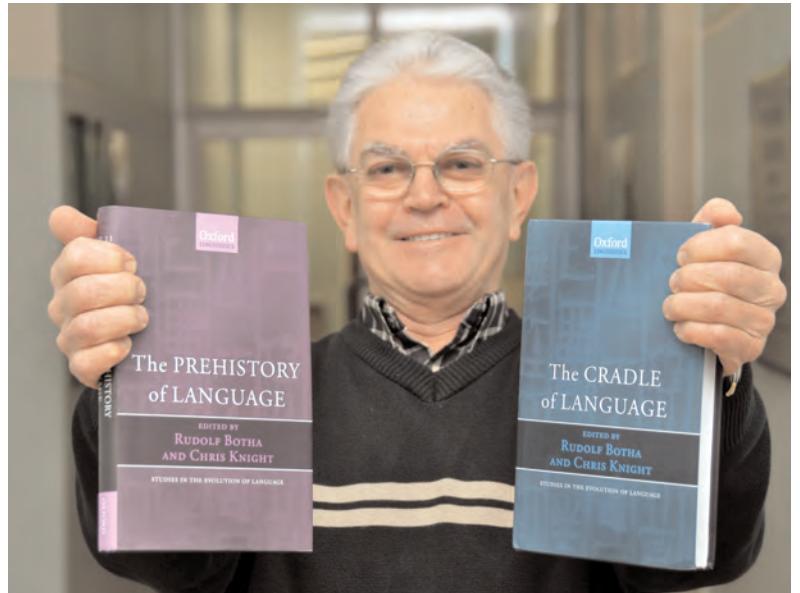
such as "When, why and how language evolved?" and "Why do only humans have language?" It discusses subjects such as the use of early language for serving social bonds and for exchanging information, sociality as a prerequisite for the emergence of language, the evolutionary link between language and music, possible roots of language in gestures made by great apes, the role of social play in language development, the selectional advantages of the human vocal tract and strategies for investigating the evolutionary biology of language.

The Cradle of Language is the first book of its kind to focus on the African origins of human language. It explores the origins of language and culture 250 000 to 150 000 years ago when modern humans evolved in Africa. The book discusses the fossil, genetic and archaeological evidence for the emergence of language and critically examines the ways in which it has been interpreted, including the issue of how one can infer language from the archaeological record. Various chapters focus on what can be learned about language evolution from the engraved ochre pieces and

shell beads discovered at Blombos Cave near Still Bay by Chris Henshilwood and his team. They conclude that, among other things, the people who inhabited the cave already had modern language – language as we know it – about 75 000 years ago.

"If this conclusion is correct," Prof Botha says, "it would mean that modern language emerged at least 35 000 years earlier than was believed before the Blombos finds had been made. And, contrary to what some top archaeologists have claimed, it would mean that modern language didn't first appear in Western Europe but rather in Southern Africa."

According to Prof Botha, the technical work on the manuscripts of *Prehistory* and *Cradle* would have been a nightmare without the help of Ms Connie Park, Senior Braille Officer at the Centre for Student Counselling and Development at SU. "It was Connie who did the complex technical work involved in reformatting the manuscripts submitted in widely diverging forms by the chapter authors. Oxford University Press was most impressed by the exceptional quality of her work," Prof Botha says.



Prof Rudie Botha shows off his books

(Anton Jordaan, SSFD)

Evictions from farms discussed at launch of OSP project

The role and responsibility of the state in evictions from farms were discussed at a workshop hosted by the Faculty of Law and the Legal Aid Clinic recently. The workshop was also the launch of the Faculty and Clinic's OSP project entitled *Combating poverty, homelessness and socio-economic vulnerability under the constitutional dispensation*.

According to Prof Juanita Pienaar from the Department of Private Law, the aim and purpose of the workshop were to discuss legal and litigational issues regarding joining the state as a party in eviction matters in order to clarify the constitutional duties of the state in the eviction of farm dwellers.

Last year, the SU Council approved the OSP as the vehicle to be

used for the future positioning of the University. Following an Institutional Planning Forum in February this year, SU Management committed itself to the full implementation of the Strategic Framework via the OSP.

"Shocking statistics in the 2005 Nkuzi Development Association Eviction Report pointed at an unprecedented relocation of rural people, with

subsequent serious implications, not only regarding human rights violations but also as a factor exacerbating the existing domestic housing crisis," explains Dr Marion Hattingh, practising attorney at the Legal Aid Clinic.

"Until now, however, government has remained silent as far as policies are concerned to address these extremely urgent socio-economic and human rights issues surrounding farm evictions."

Unlike innovative case law developments in relation to the interpretation of the constitutional obligations of the state in the case of evictions in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Eviction and Unlawful Occupation of Land Act 19 of 1998, hardly any developments regarding the role of the state have occurred within the context of the Extension of Security of Tenure Act 62 of 1997, the act applicable to evictions from farms.

The workshop programme included the following topics: a critical reassessment of the purpose of the Extension of Security of Tenure Act by Mr Koos Geyser, an attorney at the Legal Aid Clinic; an account of the importance of

an awareness of a new 'bridge crossing' interpretative strategy when dealing with social legislation by Prof Lourens du Plessis; and perspectives on democracy and socio-economic empowerment by Prof Henk Botha. Both Profs Du Plessis and Botha are from the Faculty of Law.

Other presentations by members of the Faculty included a talk on the impact of Section 26 of the Constitution on the interpretation of eviction legislation by Prof Sandra Liebenberg and a look at the latest case law with regard to court orders to state organs within the context of the separation-of-powers doctrine by Prof Geo Quinot.

Well-known public-interest litigation practitioners who took part in the workshop included Adv Geoff Budlender (SC), lawyer Stuart Wilson (until recently part of the legal team at the Wits Law Clinic and initiator of the joinder of the state in a series of important judgements on the prevention of illegal eviction) and Sehaam Samaai, director at the University of the Western Cape Law Clinic.



Here is the group that participated in the workshop on the role and responsibility of the state in evictions from farms

New TB drug may be a cure

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Prof Diacon and his colleagues have found that, when the experimental drug was added to the current standard combination of TB drugs for eight weeks of treatment, it was five times more successful in treating patients with MDR-TB.

A key problem in treating TB is to convince people to stick to their treatment schedule. A drug that shortens the treatment time could stop people from dropping out of the treatment programme. The TB bacteria develop drug resistance when patients interrupt or discontinue their medication.

While it is difficult to treat TB, MDR-TB treatment is even more difficult and much more expensive. It takes at least 18 months to treat MDR-TB, which requires second-line drugs. First-line drugs are no longer effective because the bacteria have become resistant to them. In addition, increasing numbers of patients have been dying despite treatment.

Although the new drug is still in the clinical trial phase, it is almost certain to be approved in the near future.

According to the clinical trial results, sputum samples from almost half (48%) of TB patients on the drug trial show no trace of TB infection eight weeks after starting the drug combination containing TMC207. However, the scientists say it remains to be seen whether it is a complete cure, which other drugs it must be combined with and whether it

is completely safe.

If medication is stopped too soon, trial patients who test negative for TB after eight weeks may still revert and test positive for TB again. However, if further tests show no signs of TB or concerns for safety, the drug will be considered an important milestone in the management of TB.

South Africa has the third highest TB incidence rate and the second-highest TB mortality rate in the world. The emergence of MDR-TB and its more deadly form, extreme multidrug-resistant TB (XDR-TB), is further exacerbating the epidemic in South Africa, as is the HIV co-epidemic. Some 60% of all adult TB patients are HIV-positive.

Against this background, the emergence of an effective new TB drug is an enormous event, says Prof Diacon, who was the lead researcher for the study. "This drug is so new that there's no resistance against it." He says that SU's Faculty of Health Sciences was chosen to conduct the trial because of the high incidence of TB in the Western Cape.

"We also have a first world clinical infrastructure in a third world disease setting and we have access to the expertise of researchers who have been investigating TB drugs for many years. Continuing with studies of this nature at the highest possible standard will ensure that better TB treatment becomes available to those needing it – as fast as possible."

TB risk for HIV-infected babies

A study by researchers at SU's Faculty of Health Sciences on the dangers of BCG vaccination for HIV-infected babies, used worldwide to protect babies with immune systems already weakened by HIV, was cited in the latest issue of *Bulletin* published by the World Health Organisation. This three-year study conducted in South Africa found that babies born with HIV had a higher risk of contracting a deadly form of TB if given the widely used BCG vaccine. Dr Anneke Hesselink and co-workers found that babies with HIV could die if given a standard TB vaccine. The study recommends not vaccinating babies with HIV and delaying vaccination for babies whose HIV status is unknown. To read the full article, go to www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/87/7/08-055657.pdf.

Second leadership programme on in early August

The Center for Creative Leadership (CCL®) will be presenting its second programme on leadership in early August. The first programme was presented with great success in South Africa last year. The programme was presented in Stellenbosch to business managers in accordance with an agreement between the USB Executive Development (USB-ED), the public executive development and training company of the University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB), and the CCL. Worldwide about 4 000 executives attend the CCL's leadership programme annually.

In preparation for this year's programme, 14 mentors consisting of 13

South Africans and a British citizen was trained at USB by the CCL in December last year. The second CCL program will take place from 3 to 7 August in Stellenbosch.

The programme provides for self-awareness tools and activities to enhance leadership capabilities. The programme is tailor-made for mid- to senior-level managers who want to strengthen their leadership effectiveness through a feedback-intensive learning experience.

For more information contact Samantha Diedericks at 021 918 4479 or e-mail her at samantha.diedericks@usb-ed.com.

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Remember Rector's discussions in August

As part of his customary mid-year discussions both on campus and with external interest groups, Prof Russel Botman, Rector and Vice-Chancellor of Stellenbosch University (SU), will visit all four SU campuses this year. All personnel and students are welcome to come and raise their viewpoints and questions at these sessions. So diarise the following dates now:

- 18 August: Endler Hall at the Stellenbosch campus

- 19 August: The Winery at the Bellville Park campus
- 20 August: Lecture Hall 8 in the Education Block at the Tygerberg campus
- A discussion session for staff at the Faculty of Military Science will be scheduled later in the year.

At these sessions, Prof Botman will talk about how the University will extend its leadership role in a rapidly changing world, how the institution

intends to further expand its academic excellence and SU's relevance in South African society and its role on the African continent. He will also elaborate on the Overarching Strategic Plan (OSP). Earlier this year the *Kampusnuus* reported on the OSP in a special issue (see www.sun.ac.za/osp).

All the discussions will be held over lunch time (13:00 to 14:00) and sandwiches and juice will be available after each discussion.

Stellenbosch joins GSB

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"Most analyses involving biofuels have been undertaken within a largely business-as-usual context," says Prof Lynd. "In particular, none have explored in any detail on a global scale what could be achieved via complementary changes fostering the graceful coexistence of food and biofuel production."

Prof Lynd will travel to Stellenbosch at the beginning of August to lend support to the organising committee for Africa which consists of Prof Van Zyl and Prof August Temu, a respected academic leader in agroforestry in Africa and Director of Partnerships at the World Agroforestry Centre.

- A special BioEnergy Seminar Series

is being organised for 3 August by the Biofuels Research Chair at the SU Department of Microbiology. Prof Lynd will discuss the potential of biofuels, while Prof Temu will speak about the role of agricultural education in food security for Africa. The seminar starts at 13:00 in Lecture Hall A203 in the JC Smuts building.

Student potential will be optimised

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"This innovative and exciting five-year project will involve the empowerment and improvement of student counselling, career and development centres and units at all participating universities in order to meet the identified challenges. Invitations and arrangement details will be sent to all the centres and units within the next few weeks," says Prof Cilliers, the driving force behind the development of the workshops. He will be supported by a team of professionals.

Based on the findings, serious consideration will be given to the possibility of re-introducing the project locally and potentially even internationally over the next five years. Prof Cilliers invited other organisations that would like to be involved in the project or would like to contribute financially to contact him at Stellenbosch University.

Research has shown that students need more than technical and professional skills to face the new challenges of work and life, says

Prof Cilliers.

He emphasises that contemporary market needs have, for instance, forced countries like India to introduce 'finishing schools' in the form of one-year courses in interpersonal skills for new graduate engineers. But, market needs are not the only indicators as social factors, such as the growing gap between rich and poor, conflict, crime and a growing realisation that we need to do more to prevent corruption and ethical failures, also require that universities come up with new and innovative plans for the optimisation of student potential.

According to Ms Charlene Gunter, Director: Golden Key South Africa, Golden Key International Honours Society is the world's largest academic honours society and recognises and encourages academic excellence among the top 15% of university students. Membership of the Society is by invitation only and is solely based on academic performance. Currently more than 360 universities across the world are

Golden Key Chapters.

Ms Gunter says that Golden Key's mission is to enable members to realise their potential by connecting individual achievement with service and lifelong opportunity. Therefore the Society has decided to take hands with an initiative towards optimising student potential at universities.

"This project will act as an awareness tool influencing the mindset of students and preparing them to bridge the gap between student life and the workplace," says Ms Gunter. "The initiative will enable all higher education institutions to stimulate a healthy student culture by understanding the impacts of life and the importance of education."

For further information, please contact Prof Cilliers at cdc@sun.ac.za or 021 808 4971. For information on Golden Key International Honour Society, please visit www.goldenkey.org or www.goldenkey.org.za or contact the South African office at 012 807 7117. For more information on SAACDHE, visit www.ssca.org.za.

New Centre opens at Tygerberg

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the training should be internationalised and that the SU programme should be used as the current international benchmark.

Apart from the honours programme in underwater medicine, the Community Health division in the Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences also offers a programme in hyperbaric medicine. Depending on authorisation

from the Department of Education, the division also plans to introduce a new MSc programme in baromedicine (which includes underwater and hyperbaric medicine) in 2010. This programme has been designed with a strong research component in both disciplines.

According to Dr Jack Meintjes of Community Health these specialised academic programmes are offered by very few universities and international

collaboration is essential to ensure that successful students are able to apply the qualification wherever they work. This is especially true for the support of commercial-diving operations, which typically take place in international waters and in diving operations in more than one country.

"More than a thousand students have been trained in underwater medicine since 2005," says Dr Meintjes.

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IsiXhosa-dramafees nou 'n instelling

Die Buya-dramafees vir skole, 'n aanbieding van Xhosa toneelproduksies by die HB Thom Teater, is vir die vierde agtereenvolgende jaar op Stellenbosch gehou. Die woord Buya beteken 'kom' in Xhosa. Volgens mnr Johan Esterhuizen van die Drama Department het dit nou 'n instelling geword om 'n aantal skole van regoor die Wes-Kaap by hierdie fees te betrek.

'n Twintigtal skole van groter Khayelitsha, die Strand, Kraaifontein, Mfuleni en Blue Downs het vanjaar se geleentheid bygewoon. Dit is deur werkssessies sowel as skoolbesoek voorafgegaan om die onderskeie deelnemers met dramaopleiding te help.

Die fees het ontstaan nadat mnr Given Jikwana, wat by gemeenskaps-teater in Khayelitsha betrokke is, mnr Johan Esterhuizen van die US se Departement Drama genader het om by die bevordering van dié kunsvorm in Khayelitsha betrokke te raak. Mnr

Esterhuizen is Direkteur van die HB Thom Teater, sowel as Koördineerder: Praktiese Opleiding en Gemeenskaps-interaksie in die Departement.

Laer- en hoërskole sowel as enkele jeugteatergroepes het aan die fees deelgeneem. Soos vorige jare was die standaard hoog, met merkwaardige teaterproduksies wat deur die onderskeie ouderdomsgroepes aangebied is, sê mnr Esterhuizen.

Die meeste van die produksies was nuwe skeppings. Van die werkssessies wat vooraf aangebied is, het oor die skryf van dramas gehandel. "Dis 'n skeppende proses om nuwe werke die lig te laat sien. En dis aangrypend om te beleef hoe die ervaringswêreld van mense in dié gemeenskappe deur die produksies uitgebeeld word wat hulle op die planke bring."

Aktuele sake soos MIV/vigs, geweld, verkrating en xenofobie is van die onderwerpe wat uitgebeeld word, vertel

mnr Esterhuizen. Onder die vele stukke wat hom aangegep het, was een oor 'n meisie wat verkrug is se worsteling met 'n nuwe begin, en hoe mense haar hiermee gehelp het. Dit het ook beklemtoon dat drama as uitaalklep vir die vrees en ander gevoelens van die samelewings dien.

Alhoewel al die produksies in Xhosa was, verseker mnr Esterhuizen dat "dit maklik toeganklik vir die breë publiek sou gewees het". Hy meen dit is baie jammer dat die Universiteits- en dorpsgemeenskap nie méér van die opvoerings bygewoon het nie. "Daar is werkelik goeie toneel aangebied, en ons kon almal daardeur verryk word."

Weke voor die toneelfees was daar onder meer 'n oornagwerkssessie vir sowat 'n honderd leerders by 'n kampeerterrein in Jonkershoek. Met die fees het vyf skole daagliks Stellenbosch toe gekom vir werkssessies en aanbiedings in die HB Thom Teater. Die fees is met 'n prysuitdeling afgesluit waar bekers en medaljes aan die beste groepes en individuele deelnemers toegeweek is. Vanjaar se skolewenners was Luhlaza-hoërskool en die Primère Skool Intshayelelo, albei van Khayelitsha. Luhlaza is die oudste skool in Khayelitsha, en spog met 'n gevestigde dramatradisie.

Planne vir die Buya-fees 2010, sowel as die gepaardgaande werkssessies en skoolbesoek, is al goed op dreef. Die US-bestuur het reeds onderneem om dié dramasuksesverhaal finansieel te ondersteun.



Deelnemers aan die Buya-dramafees by medeaanbieder Given Jikwana (voor)

Come and see Propositions at SU Art Gallery

Beat the Cape winter blues this August with a series of challenging aesthetic propositions. Postgraduate students of the Department of Visual Arts at Stellenbosch University (SU) will be presenting an exhibition of new works titled *Propositions* at the SU Art Gallery from 4 to 25 August.

Propositions showcases a collection of new and exciting works that, as a group, implies the multiple meanings of the exhibition's title. "A proposition is an idea presented for discussion or consideration. It can be a statement of opinion. It can also suggest the privileged and the private – a strategic negotiation, an invitation to sexual

intimacy," explains Niel Vosloo, one of the students who will be exhibiting his work.

Participating artists include Lunga Kama, Larita Engelbrecht, John Henry Foster, Corlia Harmsen, Niel Vosloo, Berry Meyer, Gina Heyer, Lara Kruger, Gussie van der Merwe, Wessel Snyman, Zahn Rust, Rachael Colette, Ferdinand Kidd, Hendrick L Coetzee, Doret Ferreira, Janienke van Zyl and De Villiers Venter.

"All these artists embrace the post-graduate programme's ethos of a process-orientated way of working that critiques and celebrates its own internal signifying systems in the context of the

broader field of contemporary art practice," says Kathryn Smith, Head of Fine Arts at the Department of Visual Arts.

"Students at the Department of Visual Arts engage in practice-based research that incorporates both theoretical and practical components of art. Other students at SU can relate to art of this nature through the theoretical undercurrent while being challenged by the aesthetic compositions. I think that this engagement is crucial for nurturing diverse and progressive thinking at a university," says Niel.

For more details, please contact Niel Vosloo at 083 411 2676 or us.max.09@gmail.com.

Chinese minderheidsgroep se feesdrag te sien

Chinese minderheidsgroep se feesdrag is alombekend vir die diversiteit en ryk ontwerpe daarvan, en toon nie net dié groep se skependheid nie, maar beklemtoon ook die belang van klere as kulturele simbool van etniese identiteit en groepstatus.

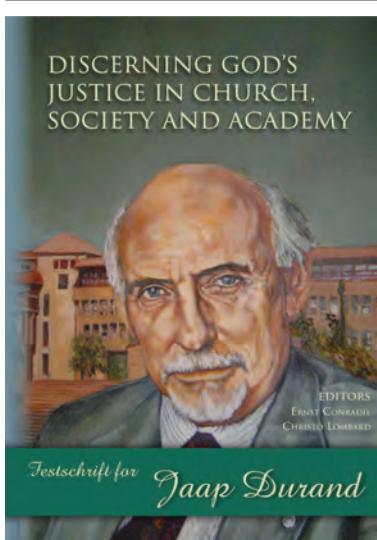
'n Uitstalling wat tans by die Sasol Kunsmuseum te sien is, bevat 120 eisoortige en seldsame feesdragstukke van die Chinese etniese minderheids-groepes Miao, Dong, Shui, Yi, Yao, Maonan, Zhuang, Bouyei en Hani uit

die Stephens-versameling. Die bepaalde stukke is gekies met 'n besondere fokus op die feeskostuums van die Guizhou-provinsie van China. Die items dateer uit die laaste helfte van die 19de eeu tot en met die 1980's, en vier moeders se toewyding aan hulle kinders.

Die uitstalling duur tot 29 Augustus. Die Sasol Kunsmuseum is oop vanaf 10:00 tot 16:30 op Maandae, en vanaf 09:00 tot 16:30 van Dinsdae tot Saterdae. Vir meer inligting, skakel 021 808 3029.



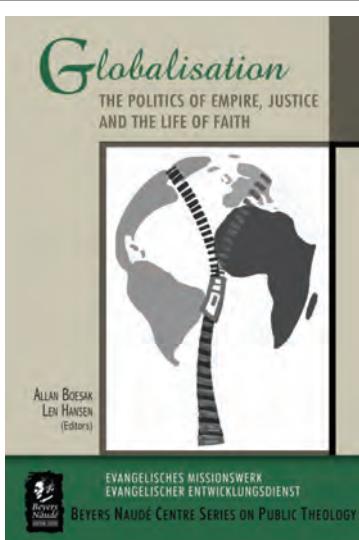
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FESTSCHRIFT FOR JAAP DURAND: DISCERNING GOD'S JUSTICE IN CHURCH, SOCIETY AND ACADEMY

Editors: Ernst Conradie & Christo Lombard

Professor Jaap Durand, former professor of Systematic Theology and Vice-Rector of the University of the Western Cape, celebrated his 75th birthday on 5 June 2009. *Festschrift for Jaap Durand* honours his life and work by seeking to discern anew what God's justice entails in the church, society and the academy within the South African context. The volume includes a foreword by Desmond Mpilo Tutu and essays by senior academics such as Nico Koopman, Russel Botman, Dirkie Smit, Denise Ackerman and Coenie Burger. A number of Jaap's South African friends, colleagues in the church and university, and former students added their voices to honouring the legacy of Jaap Durand by contributing shorter reflections to the *Festschrift*.



GLOBALISATION: THE POLITICS OF EMPIRE, JUSTICE AND THE LIFE OF FAITH

Editors: Allan Boesak & Len Hansen

Since the adoption of the Accra Declaration by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in Accra, Ghana, in 2004, churches in the Reformed communion all over the world have been confronted with the most burning issue of our day: globalisation and the myriad life-changing ways in which it impacts on the world and the lives of ordinary people in communities everywhere. Globally, we are confronted with an ideology that claims to be all-powerful, without any alternative and therefore without any possibility of challenge or change. "It makes the false promise that it can save the world through the creation of wealth and prosperity, claiming sovereignty over life and demanding total allegiance, which amounts to idolatry" (Accra document, paragraph 10). The church is called upon to resist all these forms of idolatry for they have enormous moral, political, economic and theological consequences.

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Mr Eddy Oblowitz announcing the Graham Beck Foundation's commitment to promote music studies at SU. With him are Mr Peter Martens, Director of the SU International Chamber Music Festival, and Prof Winfried Lüdemann, Chair of the Department of Music

Music students to receive R1 million

The Graham Beck Foundation has earmarked R1 million over the next four years for music scholarships at Stellenbosch University (SU).

and opportunities for performance and recording.

Other scholarships included in the R1 million initiative are the following:

- A Graham Beck Music Ambassador Scholarship of R30 000 a year towards the costs of a music student to attend an international competition or festival outside South Africa to ensure that "our artists can compete and interact on the international music stage".
 - Three Graham Beck First-year Music Scholarships of R25 000 each for tuition fees for financially disadvantaged first-year students in the BMus, BA(Mus), BA(MusTech) or Diploma Course to support the Department of Music's recruitment efforts.
 - Five Graham Beck Music Development Scholarships of R10 000 each for tuition fees for previously disadvantaged students in the Certificate Programme course to help to integrate them into the formal degree programmes and to encourage their participation in the Department's annual International Chamber Music Festival.
 - Another 22 scholarships of R2 000 each for financially disadvantaged students to take part in this festival.
- "Recognition needs to be paid to the creative genius of the composers, to the expertise, talent and dedication of the musicians, to the academics who nurture the talents of the students and promote music as a subject with such devotion and to all of you, the patrons of music, for demonstrating your passion and commitment for your love of music," says Mr Oblowitz.

SSVO vaar uitstekend in eksterne evaluering

Die Universiteit Stellenbosch (US) se Sentrum vir Studentevaluering en -ontwikkeling (SSVO) is onlangs deur die Suider-Afrikaanse vereniging vir voorligting en ontwikkeling in hoëonderwys, die SAACDHE, lof toesgeswaai vir die uitstekende diens wat die Sentrum aan US-studente lewer. Die SSVO is vroeër vanjaar aan 'n omvattende eksterne evaluering van SAACDHE onderwerp, en het 'n gemiddelde prestasiepunt van 84% behaal.

Dit is die tweede keer dat die SSVO aan so 'n formele oudit deelneem. Dit was die eerste sentrum in sy soort wat reeds in 2003 'n soortgelyke evaluering deur die SAACDHE laat doen het. Die meetinstrument van die vereniging bestaan uit 90 kategorieë en staan as die SAACDHE-gehalteversekeringsmeetinstrument bekend.

Prof Charl Cilliers, Direkteur van die SSVO, sê die Sentrum is onder andere hoog aangeslaan vir:

- die goeie interne evaluering van hulle eie dienste;
- die Sentrum se bydrae tot die welwees van studente in samewerking met Akademiese Steun;
- die geredelde kliënteopnames, impakstudies en kliëntevredenhedsopnames op kampus;
- die SSVO se betrokkenheid by verskeie forums en komitees op kampus;
- die wye verskeidenheid studentegerige dienste wat die Sentrum aan voornemende sowel as voorgraadse en nagraadse studente bied;
- die SSVO se betrokkenheid by die twee programme, Alfa-

(Akademiese Leiding en Fasilitering vir Aanpassing) en Omega- (Ontwikkelingsmeganismes vir Effektiewe Graadafonding);

- die ontwikkeling van die Kantoor vir Studente met Spesiale Leerbehoefte (Gestremdhede), wat onder die vaandel van die SSVO val en tot die verdere verbetering van dienste vir persone met gestremdhede gelei het;
- die Sentrum se ontwikkeling van en betrokkenheid by die Equip4U- en die Psychology CPD Well-program

eie welwees bydra.

Volgens prof Cilliers is dit vir die personeel van die Sentrum belangrik om vir hulle kliënte, oftewel US-studente, terugvoering oor hierdie soort evaluatings te gee. "Ons het nog altyd gedink 'n eksterne evaluering is bedoel om ons dienste te verbeter en nie om as bewys te dien van wat ons reeds goed doen nie – ons studente verdien immers 100%," verduidelik hy.

Oor die volgende paar maande sal die Sentrum dus aan daardie aspekte werk wat verder kan verbeter. So sal hulle nou konsentreer op:

Die Sentrum vir Studentevaluering en -ontwikkeling word volgens 2008 se nasionale normopnames as een van die drie beste studentevaluatingsentra in die land beskou.

wat die SSVO se verbintenis tot lewenslange leer toon. Equip4U is 'n eenheid van die Universiteit wat 'n DVD oor studiemetodes ontwikkel het, en Psychology CPD Well 'n projek om sielkundiges landwyd met indiensopleiding te help ten einde hulle verpligte getal krediete per jaar te verdienen;

- die SSVO se betrokkenheid by die opleiding en monitering van portuurmentors in koshuise en privaat huisvesting; en
- die SSVO se eie, interne personeelontwikkelingsprogram wat help verseker dat die Sentrum aan die spits van wetenskaplike praktyk bly, en wat ook tot SSVO-personeel se

- die aanpassing van dienste om meer klem op ontwikkelingswerk te lê;
- beter bemarking van die Sentrum onder studente;

- die SSVO se betrokkenheid by diversiteits- en multikulturele aktiwiteite op kampus;
- hoe mentors en ResEd-groepe (mentors in koshuise) so goed moontlik aangewend kan word om studente te ondersteun en die SSVO se oogmerke na te streef, veral in die privaatstudenteorganisasie- (PSO)-omgewings;
- dienste aan studente weg van die kampus, en die moontlikhede en beperkinge van aanlynvoorligting; en
- die bou van goeie verhoudings met

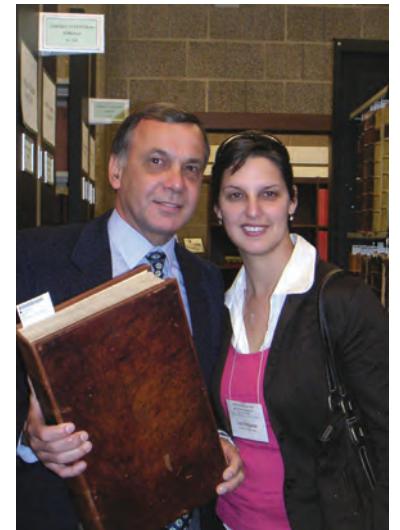
vennote op dieselfde diensleweringengebied, sowel plaaslik as in die buiteland, en skakeling met ander eenhede en sentra wat die pas aangee op gebiede wat met die SSVO se dienste verband hou.

Prof Cilliers sê hierdie evaluering is eintlik die vyfde wat die SSVO sedert 1999 ondergaan het. In 1999 is prof Mark Watson, Voorsitter van die Departement Sielkunde aan die Nelson Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit (NMMU) – die destydse Universiteit van Port Elizabeth – genader om die werksaamhede van die Sentrum krities en onafhanklik in oënskou te neem. Vier jaar later is die SAACDHE-evaluering gedoen, en het die Sentrum 'n gemiddelde van 80% behaal. 'n Jaar later het prof Watson weer 'n evaluering gedoen, maar is geen punt toegeken nie. In 2007 ken prof Watson 'n gemiddelde van 81,4% aan die SSVO toe. Die Sentrum word boonop volgens 2008 se nasionale normopnames as een van die drie beste studentevaluatingsentra in die land beskou.

Wat presies beteken al hierdie persentasies en ranglysste egter in die praktyk vir studente?

"Ons is nederig dankbaar dat ons dienste goed vergelyk. Ons studente en die Universiteitsbestuur verdien ook erkenning. Al hierdie prestasies beteken eenvoudig dat ons 'n passie het om steeds te verbeter en veral om op koers te bly," verduidelik prof Cilliers.

"n Sentrum kan maklik 'diensfiks' wórd, maar die uitdaging is om fiks te bly. Ons beoog dus nog baie vernuwend en skeppende verbeteringe."



Pa en dogter lewer saam referaat

Prof Rufus Gouws (links), Voorsitter van die Departement Afrikaans en Nederlands, en sy dogter, Liezl Potgieter, 'n doktorale student in Leksikografie, het onlangs saam 'n referaat by die kongres van die Noord-Afrikaanse woordeboekvereniging in Bloomington, Amerika, gelewer. Hulle referaat, "Does Johnson's prescriptive approach still have a role to play in modern-day dictionaries?", was deel van 'n spesiale gleuf op die program ter herdenking van die geboorte van die befaamde Britse leksikograaf Samuel Johnson 300 jaar gelede. Op die foto is pa en dogter in die Cordell-woordeboekversameling van die Indiana-staatsuniversiteit in Terra Haute met 'n eksemplaar van Johnson se woordeboek wat in 1755 verskyn het.

VIERDE GROEP US-PERSONNELEDE GRADUEER VAN PLUS-PROGRAM



Die vierde groep US-personeellede het onlangs die PLUS-program (Professionele Leerderskappe Universiteit Stellenbosch) suksesvol voltooi. Dié groep van 27 het hulle diplomas by 'n geleenthed in die Fismersaal in die Konservatorium ontvang. Prof Julian Smith, Viserektor: Gemeenskapsinteraksie en Personeel, het die plegtigheid waargeneem en gesê die Universiteit beskou dit as noodsaaklik om personeellede met die nodige opleiding en kennis toe te rus en om vir vooruitgang voorsiening te maak.

(Anton Jordaan, SSFD)

INTREEREDES BY DIE FAKULTET GESONDHEIDSWETENSKAPPE



Prof Usuf Chikte van die Departement Interdisiplinêre Gesondheidswetenskappe en prof Cheryl Nikodem van die Afdeling Verpleegkunde het op 17 Junie hulle intreereedes op die Tygerbergkampus gelewer. Prof Chikte en Nikodem se intreereedes het onderskeidelik oor "Reflections on Higher Education in transition" en "A signature pedagogy for Stellenbosch University Nursing Division (SUND)" gehandel. Op die foto van links is prof Marietjie de Villiers, Visedekaan: Onderrig; prof Jimmy Volmink, Visedekaan: Navorsing; prof Nikodem; prof Julian Smith, Viserektor: Gemeenskapsinteraksie en Personeel; prof Chikte; prof Wynand van der Merwe, Dekaan: Fakultet Gesondheidswetenskappe; en dr Therese Fish, Visedekaan: Gemeenskapsinteraksie.

PROF BESTER DEUR SAICE VEREER



Personnel van die Departement Siviele Ingenieurswese trap die afgelope paar dekades reeds diep spore op verskeie gebiede in die siviele ingenieursbedryf, en word van tyd tot tyd deur die bedryf daarvoor vereer. 'n Goeie voorbeeld is die welverdiende erkenning wat die Voorsitter van die Departement, prof Christo Bester, onlangs ontvang het toe die Suid-Afrikaanse Instituut vir Siviele Ingenieurswese (SAICE) se 2008-Voorsittersprys in die Afdeling Vervoeringsingenieurswese aan hom toegeken is vir sy uitmuntende bydrae tot die vervoeringsingenieursberoep.

WIE, WAT EN WAAR?



Die Universiteit Stellenbosch (US) se Welwees Program is onlangs met twee ope dae amptelik bekendgestel. By die ope dae in die Neelsie Studentesentrum kon US-personeellede onder meer hulle oë, bloeddruk en cholesterol laat toets, sowel as toetse aflê om te bepaal hoe erg hulle deur stres geraak word. Personeellede wat dié toets afgelê het, kon een van agt geskenkpakke wen. Me Maureen Kennedy, Welwees-koördineerder, en mnr Danie Mouton, Senior Direkteur: Welweesontwikkeling en Arbeidsbetrekking, het die pryse oorhandig. Agter van links is Wilma Fredericks, Alvina Snell, Nico Goosen, Roshnique Daniels, Danie Mouton en Maureen Kennedy. Voor van links is Ubenicia Siebritz, Denise Julies en Nirell Lindoor.

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