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It sounds so cliché, but we really do live in an ever-changing world. And the pace at which the world changes increases with every step forward. Just think of cellphone technology and how the internet has changed the way we communicate.

At Stellenbosch University, we have indeed kept up with this pace. This month, *Kampusnuus* reports on some of these steps into the future which the University has taken.

At the recent Berlin I0 Open Access Conference held at the University, it was announced that Stellenbosch will take the lead in Africa with regards to open-access resources, which will boost research on the continent. Read all about it on page 8.

Den Bosch is an experimental classroom, or simulator, situated behind the Centre for Student Counselling and Development in Victoria Street, Stellenbosch. Sporting the latest technology and creating a stimulating environment for learning, Den Bosch shows the way forward in teaching and learning. On page 9 we tell you more.

Maar ons beweeg nie net vorentoe op die gebied van tegnologie nie; ons persoonlike interaksie op kampus verander ook. In November is 'n insiggewende gespreksessie oor ras onder personeel op die Stellenbosch-kampus gehou waar interessante perspektiewe waargeneem is. Ons deel daarvan op bladsy 14.

Hierdie maand pak die meeste van ons ons tasse en gaan op 'n welverdiende somervakansie. Op bladsy 10 gee ons jou 'n paar wenke oor hoe om behoorlik van liggaam en gees uit te rus sodat jy 2013 met nuwe fut kan begin.

Die Afrika-son in die somer – wanneer ons almal koers kies strand toe – is ongenaakbaar. Op die welwees-blad is wenke oor hoe om velkanker weens skadelike UV-bestraling te vermy.

Kampusnuus het ook 'n onderhoud gevoer met dr Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel van die Fakulteit Teologie wat die eerste vroulike moderator van die VGKSA geword het.

Dié uitgawe van *Kampusnuus* is ietwat dikker met meer leesstof vir jou, so geniet! En onthou: sê jou sê per e-pos by kampusnuus@sun.ac.za, op Facebook of Twitter (@StellenboschUni).

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KAMPUS klets

Die debakel rondom die parking is totaal onaanvaarbaar. Dit grens nie net aan wanpraktyke nie, maar ons moet betaal vir 'n parking en "aanvaar" dat 'n parkeerplek nie gewaarborg kan word nie. Ek is skaam vir die praktyk waaraan die universiteit se bestuur hom tans skuldig maak – *fsm*

Iemand moet seker betaal vir al die bouwerk wat om kampus aangaan – ons. Meer studenteverblyf word gebou maar die kampus kan nie die motorvolume hanteer nie! Bou meer parkeerareas! – *Belaglik*

The University's ombudsman, Prof B. Lategan, has agreed to investigate the lawfulness of the latest parking proposals. It is not clear why the current registration process has not been halted while he completes his investigation, which would be the sensible approach. What is the urgency, particularly at this pressured time for staff? – *Sadulla Karjiker*

You are welcome to write to *Kampusnuus*. Send a short letter to kampusnuus@sun.ac.za, fax 021 808 3800 or deliver at Admin B. A pseudonym may be used, provided that you supply your name and email/physical address (not for publication). *Kampusnuus* reserves the right to shorten and edit letters. Comment on our SU Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stellenboschuniversity, or follow us on Twitter ([stellenboschuni](https://twitter.com/stellenboschuni)).

Dear colleagues, I understand the frustrations you have voiced, but should point out that the parking arrangement is necessary, not enacted out of spite. Research produced by our colleagues show that the use of resources (including fuel, land, etc) is reaching system limits. The entire world needs to re-think the way they consume. We should be proud that SU is at the forefront of such progress, and be willing to sacrifice our petty freedoms for the sake of greater issues. We all share the world – help protect it. – *Sustainable*

Thank you for your comment Steph (in the November issue of *Kampusnuus*). Please be informed that Africa Week was a Societies Council initiative, an event supported by various SU divisions and one of several initiatives that the PGI/O supports. Advertising was done through the organisers, the Societies Council, that also went to lengths to ensure student participation. If you have any further concerns or suggestions, please direct these to the Societies Council. – *Postgraduate and International Office (PGIO)*

Die regte opvoeding

Prof Geo Quinot, dosent in Publiekreg by die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid, het pas die gesogte Nasionale Uitnemendheid in Onderrig en Leer-toekenning van Heltasa (Higher Education Learning and Teaching Association) ontvang. Hy vertel meer oor sy passie vir onderrig en die akademie. Deur SONIKA LAMPRECHT

My benadering tot onderrig is ... dat 'n mens nie kennis kan oordra nie; die student moet dit self konstrueer. Ek kan wel leeraktiwiteite skep wat kan lei tot die konstruksie van kennis. Ek doen gereeld postmortems oor selfs 'n enkele lesing en vra dan terugvoer van studente. Soms is die terugvoer positief, maar soms vereis dit verstellings aan my leeraktiwiteite. Een van die metodes wat ek gebruik en wat baie positief ontvang word, is om die teoretiese lesing vooraf in die vorm van 'n podcast beskikbaar te maak en dan die klastyd te gebruik vir besprekings.



Ek hou van doseer omdat ... ek dink ek in die wieg gelê is om 'n doserende navorser te wees. Toe ek in 2006 vir die eerste keer met studieverlof was, was dit heerlik, maar ek het ook besef ek mis die interaksie met studente – selfs met die moeilike klasse. Dit is 'n voorreg om 'n pad met 'n student te stap en hul ontwikkeling te sien.



My wens vir regsopleiding ... is dat ons regsgeleerdes sal oplewer wat hul kritiese rol as agente van sosiale transformasie in Suid-Afrika sal begryp en aangryp. Ek glo dit vereis 'n ander benadering tot regsopleiding as die tradisionele – een wat waardes vooropstel en studente konfronteer met die geweldige sosiale uitdagings van ons land en hul dan wys hoe die reg 'n instrument van betekenisvolle verandering kan wees. Ek dink regte kan 'n steeds groter rol in dié verband in Suid-Afrika speel en ek is oortuig dat dit by regsopleiding begin. Ek sal ook graag wil sien dat ons in regsopleiding meer erns maak met leer-en-onderrig-insigte en dat ons met tyd van die regspedagogie as 'n volwaardige veld van regstudie kan begin praat.



Ek is 'n gesinsman ... en het drie kinders tussen die ouderdom van ses maande en vyf jaar, en ek geniet dit baie om met hulle te speel. My gesin hou my geanker. Ek wil nie 'n akademikus wees wat net in die wolke van hoë denke leef nie; ek wil in die regte wêreld leef. My kinders is klein en neem baie van my vrye tyd in beslag, maar as ek tyd het vir stokperdjies, doen ek graag houtwerk. Dit lei my aandag van my werk af, want 'n mens se gedagtes kan nêrens anders wees as jy op 'n draaibank werk nie, anders verloor jy dalk 'n vinger!

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Botman voorsitter van World Design Capital 2014-direksie

Prof Russel Botman, US rektor, is aangewys as die direksievoorsitter van die raad van die World Design Capital 2014 Implementeringsmaatskappy. Dié onafhanklike, nie-politiese organisasie sonder winsbejag gaan toesig hou oor die beplanning, koördinerende en implementering van Kaapstad se World Design Capital 2014-program.

Kaapstad is in Oktober 2011 deur die Internasionale Raad van Nywerheidsontwerpgenootskappe (ICSID) aangewys as die Ontwerphoofstad van die Wêreld (WDC) vir 2014. Dié toekenning word gedoen aan stede gegrond op hul verbintenisse tot die gebruik van ontwerp as 'n doeltreffende hulpmiddel vir maatskaplike, kulturele en ekonomiese ontwikkeling.

Stellenbosch, 'n amptelike bodvennoot, word beskou as 'n spilpunt van vernuwende ontwerp, volhoubare denke, uitstekende navorsing en akademiese uitnemendheid in die groter Kaapstad-streek.

Die hoërondwyssektor is deel van die WDC 2014-proses. Al vier van die groter Kaapse tersiêre instellings – die universiteite van Kaapstad, Stellenbosch en Wes-Kaapland, en die Kaapse

Skiereliland Universiteit van Tegnologie – het verteenwoordiging op die raad.

“Dit is 'n groot eer om verkies te word as voorsitter van die direksie wat Kaapstad as ontwerphoofstad van die wêreld vir 2014 op die voorpunt moet bring,” het Botman gesê. Hy het daarop gewys dat die stad se bodverbintenis, “Leef Ontwerp. Verander Lewens”, weerklink vind in sy persoonlike visie en werk aan die US, veral met die instelling se HOOP Projek.



Die WDC-raad is (van agter) dr Laurine Platzky, Erika Elk, Gillian Benjamin, Porky Hefer, Bruce Snaddon, dr Chris Nhlapo, Masana Mayimele Chikeka en prof Francis Petersen; (voor) Talia Sanhewe, Christopher Whelan, burgemeester Patricia de Lille, prof Russel Botman en Martin Smuts. Foto: BRUCE SUTHERLAND

Botman sê hy sien daarna uit om met die direksie en alle belanghebbers in Kaapstad saam te werk aan 'n program wat ontwerp vir maatskaplike, kulturele en ekonomiese ontwikkeling vier en bevorder.

Patricia De Lille, burgemeester van Kaapstad, het gesê: “Ek is vol vertroue dat hierdie direksie die beste moontlike mense is om die beplanning, koördinerende en implementering van die WDC 2014-program te help bestuur.”

SU botanists contribute to magnum opus on Cape orchids

Researchers from Stellenbosch University are among the contributors to a new book on the Cape's orchids. The hefty 6,7kg two-volume book was launched recently at Kirstenbosch in Cape Town.

The two volumes of *The Cape Orchids: A regional monograph of the orchids of the Cape Floristic Region* was authored by William Liltved, a highly knowledgeable amateur botanist from Noordhoek, and Prof Steven Johnson of the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN).

More than 2000 photographs are printed on the 1 048 pages of fine-art paper.

The mammoth botanical project began 22 years ago and presents an authoritative account of the taxonomy and ecology of the 241 orchid species native to the Cape Floristic Region as well as richly illustrated accounts of the researchers and personalities that have described the Cape orchid flora

since the days of Linnaeus, the father of botanical classification.

The SU researchers listed as contributors are Prof Dirk Bellstedt of the Department of Biochemistry, as well as Dr Ted Oliver and Prof Anton Pauw of the Department of Botany and Zoology. Research and field observations by Dr Allan Ellis and Dr Bruce Anderson, also of the Department of Botany and Zoology, were used in drafting the text.



The two volumes (and book holder) of *The Cape Orchids: A regional monograph of the orchids of the Cape Floristic Region*.

Reporting hotline introduced

SU has established an independent hotline facility where employees and students can report any form of unethical practice, including sexual harassment and racial discrimination in an anonymous and secure manner.

The announcement was made by Prof Leopoldt van Huyssteen, Executive Director: Operations and Finance.

The hotline, KPMG Ethics Hotlines, operates as an independent conduit and the University cannot, for example, demand that the identity of callers be revealed. The number is 0800 20 45 49. The call centre is operational on a 24-hour basis and calls are free if made from a Telkom line. Calls are fielded by experienced call centre agents versed in all 11 official South African languages.

Information can also be sent by fax on 0800 200 796 (but please contact the hotline for a reference number which must be included in the faxed report); post to KPMG Hotpost, BNT371, PO Box 14671, Sinoville, 0129; or e-mail to fraud@kpmg.co.za.

Desmond Tutu TB Centre wins international award

The Desmond Tutu TB Centre at SU's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences has won the 2012 Stop TB Partnership Kochon Prize for its ground-breaking research on childhood TB. The Centre was also honoured for pioneering community-based approaches to TB and HIV care.

The prize was presented at the Stop TB Symposium in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in November.

This symposium is an annual event at the World Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease.

The \$65 000 (approximately R575 000) Kochon Prize has been awarded annually for the past six years. It recognises a highly significant contribution in the fight against TB, a disease that is curable, but still causes the deaths of 200 children every day.

It's the first time that the prize has been awarded exclusively to the fight

against childhood TB. Tuberculosis is rife in South Africa, with 15% of all TB cases occurring in children.

“The Kochon Prize will help to raise the global profile of childhood TB. Now is the time to take hold of this opportunity to raise awareness about the disease. We need on-going political commitment from governments, the World Health Organisation, research institutes and industry to keep childhood TB on the agenda,” said Dr Anneke Hesselning, Director of the Desmond Tutu TB Centre's paediatric programme.

The Centre runs the world's first international childhood TB Training programme. Its work has also resulted in more than ten international policy documents on childhood TB. It conducts high-quality research, including work on achieving shorter, safer and better treatment for children with TB.

Patron of the Desmond Tutu TB Centre, Emeritus-Archbishop Desmond

Tutu, said he was honoured that the Centre had been awarded this coveted international prize.



Director of the paediatric TB programme of the Desmond Tutu TB Centre, Dr Anneke Hesselning (right), receives the Kochon Award at the World Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. With her are Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership, and Doo-Hyun Kim, Chairman of the Kochon Foundation.

Innovasie Distrik-projek bekendgestel

Die Stellenbosch Innovasie Distrik (SID), 'n US-projek wat daarop gerig is om die dorp se potensiaal as innovasiedistrik te ontgin, is van stapel gestuur.

Die geleentheid is deur die US se Skool vir Publieke Leierskap, die munisipaliteit en sakevertegenwoordigers aangebied. Die minister van wetenskap en tegnologie, Derek Hanekom, asook 'n afvaardiging van Switserse sakelui onder leiding van die staatspresident van Genève, Pierre-François Unger, en die Switserse ambassadeur in SA, Christian Meuwly, het die geleentheid bygewoon.

Die SID-inisiatief het voortgevloei uit navorsing deur Pieter van Heyningen, projekbestuurder van die SID en

finale jaar PhD-student in die SPL se TsamaHub-program, oor hoe die funksionering en mededingendheid van die Technopark-sakegemeenskap verbeter kan word deur die stigting van 'n toekomsvisie vir die park as 'n naaf vir innovasie. Terwyl Technopark sentraal sal bly tot die innovasiedistrik-konsep, was dit duidelik dat so 'n inisiatief die hele dorp moet insluit.

Die SID-inisiatief is nie net daarop gemik om oplossings te vind vir Stellenbosch se infrastruktuur- en tegnologie-uitdagings nie, maar neem ook in ag hoe die dorp homself kan posisioneer in die breër ekonomiese en innoveringsstrategie van die Wes-Kaap.



Die minister van wetenskap en tegnologie, Derek Hanekom (regs), oorhandig 'n tjek ter waarde van R970 000 aan prof Alan Brent, Projekadministrateur van die SID. By hulle is Pieter van Heyningen, Projekbestuurder van die SID en finale jaar PhD-student by die Skool vir Publieke Leierskap se TsamaHub-program.

Stellenbosch vier Afrika-universiteite

Die US het Afrika Universiteite Dag op Vrydag 9 November gevier met 'n aantal sprekers wat die rol van Afrika-universiteite in die ekonomiese en maatskaplike ontwikkeling van die kontinent beklemtoon het.

Afrika Universiteite Dag word jaarliks gevier en is 'n inisiatief van die Vereniging van Afrika-universiteite (oftewel die AAU) se sekretariaat wat in Accra, Ghana, gebaseer is. Die US se Nagraadse en Internasionale Kantoor, in samewerking met die Afdeling vir Navorsingsontwikkeling, bied al sedert 2001 'n plaaslike geleentheid aan. Vanjaar se tema was die “Rol van Afrika-hoërondwys in ontwikkeling”.

Onder die sprekers was prof Leslie Swartz van die US se Departement Sielkunde wat gepraat het oor “Die ontwikkeling van navorsing in gestremde en gesondheid in Afrika”, prof Milla McLachlan van die Afdeling Menslike Voeding wat 'n aanbieding oor “Transformerende Tersiere Landbou-ondwys in Afrika” gedoen het, asook dr Eliada Nwosu van die Nagraadse Sakeskool van die Universiteit van Kaapstad.

Nog 'n spreker was dr Thierry Luescher-Mamashela van die Universiteit van Wes-Kaapland.

Sentrum vir Hernubare en Volhoubare Energiestudies het rede om fees te vier

Die US se Sentrum vir Hernubare en Volhoubare Energiestudies (CRSES) het nie net onlangs hul nuwe kantore ingewy nie, maar die direkteur het ook 'n gesogte toekenning ontvang.

Prof Wikus van Niekerk, Direkteur van die CRSES, het die toekenning by Windaba 2012 vir die Beste Akademiese Bydrae tot die Windbedryf ontvang vir sy aandeel in die stigting van die Suid-Afrikaanse Hernubare Energie Opleidingsentrum.

Van Niekerk het 'n belangrike rol gespeel in die stigting van dié opleidingsentrum wat by die Bellville-kampus van die Kaapse Skiereiland Universiteit van Tegnologie (KSUT) gebou sal word. Die nuwe fasiliteit sal 'n nasionale hulpbron wees en gedeel word deur die plaaslike universiteite en verdere onderwys- en opleidingskolleges sowel as dié van verder weg soos die Nelson Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit (NMMU) in Port Elizabeth.

“Dit is altyd lekker om te sien dat die moeite wat 'n mens insit om nuwe projekte van die grond af te kry, raakgesien en gewaardeer word. Die US sal toegang tot die fasiliteit hê om navorsing te doen en ook om ons nagraadse module in Wind- en Hidro-energie aan te bied. Verder voorsien ons dat Stellenbosch ook 'n deel van die bestuur van die sentrum sal



Me Dipuo Peters, minister van energie, prof Wikus van Niekerk van die Sentrum vir Hernubare en Volhoubare Energiestudies aan die Universiteit Stellenbosch en me Jasandra Nyker, voorsitter van die raad van die Suid-Afrikaanse Wind en Energie-vereniging.

hanteer,” sê Van Niekerk.

Konstruksie van die opleidingsentrum sal begin sodra die Departement van Hoërsonderwys en Opleiding die kapitaalbesteding van R80 miljoen wat nodig is vir die projek goedkeur. Intussen het die CRSES sy nuwe kantore op die vierde vloer van die Ingenieurswese-gebou op Vrydag 23 November ingewy.

Maties Rugby verloor legendariese Ian Kirkpatrick



Ian Kirkpatrick

Die legendariese oud-Springbokspeler, afrigter en keurder, Ian Kirkpatrick – alom bekend as “Oom Kirkie” – is op Saterdag 17 November in die ouderdom van 82 in sy slaap oorlede.

Kirkpatrick was vir jare lank betrokke by Maties Rugby en het 'n beduidende rol in die rugbyloopbane van talle jong Maties en Springbokspelers gespeel.

Sy eie Springbokloopbaan as speler het vanaf 1953 tot 1961 gestrek.

“Dit was een van my hoogtepunte om saam met hierdie besondere persoon te werk,” sê Belius Potgieter, uittredende hoof-sportbestuurder by Maties Rugby. “Hy was 'n fantastiese afrigter en 'n diep denker. Hy was ook deel van die herlewing van Maties Rugby in sy tyd as hoofafrigter en sy prestasierekord is vanselfsprekend.”

Quintin van Rooyen, hoof-sportbestuurder by Maties Rugby, sê: “Sy nalatenskap aan Maties Rugby is ongetwyfeld 'n groot hoofstuk in die klub se trotse geskiedenis.”

Staff successes



DR LLEWELLYN MACMASTER (left), SU's Dean of Students, was elected as president of the South African Association

of Senior Student Affairs Professionals (SAASSAP).

“It means a lot to me – the recognition of colleagues within the sector and the fact that I was the only nominee for this position – it's overwhelming. I have learnt so much about the profession since my appointment as Dean of Students at the beginning of 2008. I would like to see that colleagues in the sector are given sufficient support to do this important work,” MacMaster said.

The SAASSAP's mission is to provide strategic leadership to professionals working within student affairs and to share knowledge.

MacMaster said the fact that he served as secretary of the SAASSAP for the past four years is definitely a good base from which he can work.



PROF DAVE RICHARDSON (left), Director of the Centre for Invasion Biology (CIB), has been appointed as a James March Professor-at-Large at the

University of Vermont (UV).

His appointment at this research university, one of the USA's best, came just weeks after he received the John FW Herschel Medal from the Royal Society of South Africa (pictured above).

Richardson studies the dynamics of plant invasions and is an international authority on trees and shrubs as invasive species. Much of his work aims to provide practical guidelines to improve the management of invasive species, but he also contributes to theoretical frameworks and general models to understand the dynamics of invasions.

His appointment at UV is for seven years, during which this A-rated scientist will visit Burlington for up to four residency periods of several weeks each.

“It is indeed an honour to be part of such a prestigious programme,” he says.

Gates Foundation supports iShack system

The iShack system, an innovative approach developed by postgraduate SU students to make simple yet significant improvements to the living conditions of residents of informal settlements, is going to be scaled up with a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The grant will cover a two-year pilot project in Enkanini, Stellenbosch. The eventual aim is to roll out the system to the rest of the country and beyond. Between 40 and 100 shacks will either be built or retrofitted with a basic solar energy system and insulated with disused Tetra Pak containers and cardboard boxes to protect residents from extreme temperatures.

The iShack system is the result of a transdisciplinary research project by SU's TsamaHub and the Sustainability Institute (SI) at Lynedoch outside Stellenbosch, in collaboration with the Stellenbosch Municipality.

The “i” stands for “improved”, and it entails cost-effective and sustainable modifications to the basic corrugated iron shack commonly found in developing countries the world over.

“The problem with the existing policy of in-situ upgrading is that people wait a long time for the energy and water grids to arrive, and thereafter for housing to be constructed,” says Prof Mark Swilling, Coordinator of the Sustainable Development Programme at SU's

School of Public Leadership, and Project Leader of the TsamaHub.

Where possible, shacks are reoriented to face north and will be provided with a roof overhang – for maximum heat from the sun in winter and cool shade in summer. Inside the shack, a clay wall along one of the sides provides thermal mass for passive temperature control.

A series of how-to training manuals will be developed and training courses presented during the pilot programme. The grant agreement states that the “knowledge gained during the project” must be “promptly and broadly disseminated”, and that the refined iShack system must be “made available and accessible at reasonable cost to people most in need in developing countries”.



Stellenbosch researchers Lauren Tavener-Smith, Berry Wessels and Andreas Keller in front of the prototype iShack in Enkanini, Stellenbosch. Photo: ANNA LUSTY



A cheque amounting to R180 000 was handed over by USB-ED CEO Frik Landman to Prof Russel Botman, SU Rector, at a function in Stellenbosch to commemorate USB-ED's maiden dividend after ten years of providing executive education and management development programmes. SU currently holds an interest of 48% in USB-ED, with black shareholding amounting to 29%. The balance is held by USB staff.

Taalsentrum hou simposium oor belang van meertaligheid

As deel van sy tiende verjaardagvierings het die US Taalsentrum twee simposiums gehou wat onderskeidelik op meertaligheid in hoërsonderwys en die bevordering van Afrikaanse gefokus het.

Die eerste is op 21 November gehou, en die tweede op 22 November. Albei simposiums is by die Wallenberg Navorsingsentrum aangebied.

Dr Blade Nzimande, minister van hoërsonderwys en opleiding, was die hoofspreekster by die eerste simposium. Talle ander kenners op die gebied van meertaligheid en Afrikaanse het aanbiedings gedoen by die simposiums.

Prof Leon de Stadler, Direkteur van die Taalsentrum, sê die Taalsentrum is 'n denkleier op die gebied van taalbeplanning in Suid-Afrika en lewer 'n besondere bydrae om deurlopend innoverende oplossings vir die taalproblematiek in hoërsonderwys te vind.

“In sy tienjarige bestaan het die Taalsentrum op verskillende maniere meegedoen aan die gesprek oor taalbeplanning en meertaligheid in Suid-Afrika.

“Meertaligheid is 'n essensiële deel van die Suid-Afrikaanse nasionale identiteit en is 'n noodsaaklike nasionale bate en hulpbron wat beskerm moet word.

“Ons ervaring is dat daar op nasionale vlak goeie taalbeleid of beleidsverklarings in plek is, soos die Taalbeleid vir Hoërsonderwys (2002), maar in baie instellings skiet die doeltreffende implementering van hierdie beleid om verskeie redes tekort.

“Ook die US het 'n lang geskiedenis van taalgereguleer en die Taalsentrum het oor die jare reusebydraes tot dié gesprek gelewer,” sê De Stadler.

An important announcement that will have a huge impact on research across Africa was made at the Berlin10 Open Access Conference that was hosted by Stellenbosch University in November. **STEPHANIE NIEUWOUDT** reports.

At a gala dinner held as part of the Berlin10 Open Access Conference, Prof Russel Botman, SU Rector, announced that the University's Library and Information Service has developed two important open access platforms to boost research in Africa. These platforms are a digital repository – the green route to open access – as well as a platform for publishing academic journals online – the gold route to open access.

"The goal is to assist African higher-education institutions to become independent digital academic publishers," Botman said. "For those institutions that do not have the technological capacity to do so, Stellenbosch will host their online collections and publish their online journals."

At the closing of the conference, Dr Reggie Raju, Director: Information Technology and Communication at the Library, said: "We wanted to leave our colleagues with something concrete at the end of this conference. And these platforms are doing exactly that."

"Africa has a lack of open-access capacity and we therefore launched the two platforms to ensure there is available content that is accessible not only to the people of Africa but the rest of the world. Institutions will be able to create their own repositories via the green route. They will also be able to use the templates available on the SU website to create their own journal platforms via the gold route."

The annual Berlin Open Access conferences are the result of a meeting in 2003 held by the Max Planck Society and the European Cultural Heritage Online Project. International experts came to the meeting to develop a web-based research environment using the open-access paradigm to make research and scientific material easily accessible.

The Berlin Declaration was drawn up and has since the first meeting in 2003 been signed by over 400 institutions. In 2010, SU became the first institution in Africa to sign the Berlin Declaration, committing itself to promote the principles and goals of the declaration.

Accessing information via the traditional academic publishing route is extremely expensive. This means that many academics and researchers cannot access research material, which has a limiting impact on their own research endeavours and outputs.

Through open access, knowledge and research outputs are made accessible at no or very low cost.

A number of speakers at the Berlin10 Open Access Conference – that was attended by close to 300 delegates from across the globe – emphasised that the availability of material on open-access platforms boosts further research and inventions that can help to change the world.



Prof Bernard Schutz (at the back), Director of the Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics, thanked SU's team and Library Service for the sterling work they did in organising and hosting the Berlin10 Open Access Conference. The SU team is Ellen Tise, Senior Director, Dr Reggie Raju, Director: Information Technology and Communication at the Library and Information Service, and Ina Smit, Manager of SUNScholar, SU's Open Access repository and coordinator of the Berlin10 conference. Photo: ANTON JORDAAN

Some comments at Berlin10

"We need to share knowledge – especially when we are faced with global challenges such as climate change, clean energy or food and water security, which are so complex that one country or company cannot provide all the answers."

– **Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, and keynote speaker at Berlin10.**

"We need to start pushing boundaries to get open access moving forward. We need a social struggle of students and academics to put pressure on the system to ensure change."

– **Prof Adam Habib, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research Innovation, Library Information and Faculty Coordination at the University of Johannesburg.**

"We need to unite to ensure that the playing field is levelled through access to new knowledge without financial and infrastructural barriers. Access to knowledge should not be the preserve of one group or individual!" – **Derek Hanekom, Minister of Science and Technology.**

- For more information and to access the papers delivered at the Berlin10 Open Access Conference go to www.berlin10.org.

Oopkop lesingsaal

'n Nuwe eksperimentele klaskamer met die jongste tegnologie skep dalk net die beste omgewing vir optimale onderrig en leer. **MARTIN VILJOEN** berig oor Den Bosch, wat in November by die US geopen is.

Agter die Sentrum vir Studentevoorrigting en -ontwikkeling (SSVO) in Victoriastraat, Stellenbosch, staan Den Bosch, 'n eksperimentele klaskamer, oftewel 'n simulator, wat toegerus is met die jongste tegnologie.

Maar dis nie al nie: studente sit elkeen op 'n stoel met wietjies sodat hulle in 'n japtrap gongsgroepe kan vorm vir verbeterde "sosiale leer" – die proses waarby mense van en by mekaar leer.

Prof Charl Cilliers, Direkteur van die SSVO, sê die US doen tans omvattende navorsing oor hoe om optimale leer te bewerkstellig.

"Die simulator is 'n werkende klaskamer, maar word ook ingespan as eksperimentele klaskamer om navorsing te doen oor hoe om die kreatiwiteitsvlakke van beide dosente en studente te verhoog. Buiten hoëvlak-tegnologie het ons ook verskeie visuele en ouditiewe elemente ingewerk wat optimale leer ondersteun.

"Die mure is 'n spesifieke kleur groen geverf en op een van die mure is muurpapier van 'n rustige woudtoneel aangebring. Dosente kan ook spesiale musiek speel ten einde optimale breinfunksie aan te moedig."

Die Universiteit beplan om die Den Bosch-model, veral die suksesvolste elemente daarvan, na ander lesinglokale uit te brei.

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Die stoele met wietjies, sê Cilliers, speel 'n groot rol in die sukses van aanbiedings en gesprekke. "Hoewel die gebruik van sulke stoele met wietjies nie uniek is nie, het ons verbeter op die bestaande modelle. Die stoele, ontwerp met die hulp van Kevin Mathew van die Afdeling Fasiliteitsbestuur, het elk 'n werkblad en spasie vir rekenaar- of boeksakke onder die sitplek. Die idee is dat studente kan rondskuif in die klas – van 'n meer tradisionele lesingmodel tot gongsgroepe of selfs 'n groot sirkel – dit alles deur net in die klas rond te 'ry.'"

Die lokaal het plek vir 50 studente en daar is ook 'n wegbreeklokaal.

Dr JP Bosman, Senior Adviseur by die Sentrum vir Onderrig en Leer, voeg by dat die simulator ook met sukses aangewend kan word vir die opleiding van dosente.

"Deur klas te gee in 'n lokaal wat meer opsies bied in terme van tegnologie en wat buigsamer fasilitering moontlik maak, word dosente aangemoedig om hul kreatiwiteit vry teuels te gee en hul aanbiedingstegnieke uit te brei.

"Die lokaal se atmosfeer het beslis ook 'n positiewe invloed op die aanbieder. Die terugvoer van dosente is dat hulle dit geniet om in Den Bosch klas te gee en hulle voel gemaklik in die ruimte. Die ruimte dien ook as verwysingspunt vir dosente of departemente wat beplan om hul eie leerruimtes te vernuwe."

Die klaskamer is ingerig met projeksiegeriewe (wat twee dataprojektors en 'n dokumentkamera insluit), 'n TV-skerm, 'n raakskerm-aanbiedingsrekenaar en (vir 'n proeftydperk) 'n stel tabletrekenaars wat aan elke student uitgedeel kan word sodat hulle die aktiewe-leer-oefeninge kan doen. Aanbiedings kan ook opgeneem word vir ontleding en om ná die tyd as podgooie (podcasts) aan studente beskikbaar te stel.

'n Klein parkie buite die klaskamer word tans aangelê waar studente tussen klasse kan ontspan en aspekte en opdragte van spesifieke lesings saam kan bespreek. Daar is ook 'n kombuis.

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Prof Charl Cilliers, Direkteur van die Sentrum vir Studentevoorrigting en -ontwikkeling, in die simulatorklaskamer Den Bosch.

Foto: MARTIN VILJOEN

'n Welverdiende blaaskans

Is jy soms moeër ná 'n vakansie as voordat jy op verlov gegaan het? 'n Blaaskans kan dikwels net so uitmergelend wees as harde werk op kantoor – maar nie as jy weet hoe om behoorlik van liggaam en gees uit te rus nie.

Njaar se harde werk kan aan jou vreet. Jy is afgemat weens daardie lang ure agter die rekenaar of om fisieke afleweringwerk dag ná dag te doen. Spanning oor werksaangeleenthede en jou persoonlike lewe put ook jou liggaam uit.

Dit is juis daardie spanning wat jou lyf en siel aftakel wat jy in die vakansietyd moet verlig. Dikwels ooreis ons nie net ons liggaam nie, maar ook ons brein wat gedurig aan die werk is. Daarom het jy nodig om jou kop skoon te kry sodat jy weer fluks kan werk.

Nou dat dit vakansietyd is, maak seker jy rus nie net jou liggaam behoorlik uit nie, maar sorg ook dat jy van gees goed ontspan.

Kampusnuus het gaan krap vir 'n paar wenke wat jou kan help om hier vakansie te ontspan sodat jy die nuwe jaar vuur en vlam kan begin.

Liggaam

Neem 'n warm bad: Die warm water laat jou spiere ontspan en die stresknoppe in jou skouers ontknoop. En dis boonop lekker om net vir ure te lê en niks doen nie.

Haal diep asem: Dit klink eenvoudig en asof jy dit elke oomblik doen, maar dis nie waar nie. As jy spanning voel, neem tyd om stadig en diep asem te haal. Doen sommer 'n paar strekoefening daarby.

Probeer aromaterapie: Kenners reken laventel se reuk het 'n kalmerende en ontspannende uitwerking op die liggaam. Deesdae kan jy oral laventel-kerse koop. So steek een aan en haal diep asem.

Geniet die buitelig: Sonlig en vars lug is goeie medisyne vir enige moeë mens. Gaan stap 'n bietjie of doen tuinwerk sodat jy tyd in die buitelig kan spandeer.

Akupunktuur: Hierdie Chinese behandeling word deesdae vir talle siektes ingespan, maar dit laat veral die spiere rus. 'n Goeie terapeut behoort jou vinnig te laat ontspan.

Lae-intensiteit kardo: As jy hou van gewigte optel in die gimnasium, sorg dat jy ook tyd maak vir ligte kardo-oefeninge daarna. Dit laat die spiere ontspan en verbeter jou bloedsirkulasie. Stap op die trapmeul of ry vir sowat 10 tot 15 minute fiets teen 'n rustig pas.



Gees

Lees 'n goeie boek: Daar is niks soos 'n goeie boek om jou weg te voer na 'n ander wêreld nie. As jy eers die verbeelding aan die gang kry, vergeet jy van al die stres op kantoor.

Luister musiek: Gaan sit rustig op jou gemakstoel en speel 'n CD met kalm musiek, soos ballades, klassieke musiek of "smooth" jazz. Bly maar weg van harde doef-doef-musiek.

Slaap: Dit laat 'n mens se liggaam en geestesfunksies rus. Te min slaap kan stres veroorsaak. Jy behoort so sewe uur per nag te slaap. In die vakansietyd kan jy boonop 'n goeie middagslapie ook inpas.

Probeer visualisering: Dit waaraan jy dink het in werklikheid 'n uitwerking op jou gemoed. Maak jou oë toe en verbeel jou jy is by 'n rustige plek, soos 'n verlate strand.

Bronne: www.innerhealthstudio.com, <http://www.squidoo.com>, <http://www.askmen.com>

Kampusnuus het by 'n paar personeellede gaan aanklop om te hoor hoe hulle in die vakansietyd uitrus sodat hulle weer die nuwe jaar met durf kan aanpak.



Jackie Wiese, Direkteur: Sport

"Die beste ding wat ek vir myself kan doen om my kop skoon te kry, is om op my motorfiets te klim en saam met 'like-minded souls' op grondpaaie en bergpasse te gaan ry."



Wilma Stassen, Skrywer by Kommunikasie & Skakeling en gesondheidsjoernalis

"Baie mense gebruik hul vakansietyd om werkprojekte af te handel wat hulle nie deur die jaar kon voltooi nie. Ek is self ook skuldig daaraan, maar ek probeer tog om weg te bly van die rekenaar en liewer tyd in die buitelig deur te bring deur te gaan stap of sommer net op die strand te gaan lê.

"Dié tyd van die jaar probeer ek ook so ver moontlik van die winkels en winkelsentrums af bly – die verkeersknoppe en lang toue jaag my bloeddruk op. As jong student het ek 'n paar keer in die vakansie in winkelsentrums gewerk, so deesdae het ek 'n broertjie dood aan Boney M se Kerstreffers wat tot vervelens toe gespeel word."



Maureen Kennedy, Manager: Employee Wellness

"Because of new trends in our work life, namely technology, we are constantly connected to work via our cellphones, iPads, laptops and e-mails. In the course of the year you stay connected and somehow never switch off. So, to relax and really take a break, I disconnect all 'technological' contact for the duration of my leave. I will not take my laptop home and will disconnect the email on my Blackberry.

"Just before I go on leave I make a concerted effort to tie up all loose ends so that my desk is clean and my mind does not linger on unfinished work while I'm on leave. Usually, I block out my diary for an hour or two every day in the week before taking leave and make an appointment with myself for a clean-up."



Prof Wolfgang Preiser of the Department of Medical Virology at Tygerberg Campus

"It is not easy to wind down from those hectic weeks before the long break. Exams, deadlines, meetings and congresses – and then weeks of holiday, which comes with its own stresses... This is when exercise and fitness become a luxury.

"Try to make the best of those unavoidable 'time wasters'. Take the stairs not the lift or escalator. Walk, instead of driving short distances. You will still get to where you need to be, but at the same time you are getting some exercise. Remember that you will also not have to find parking!"

Highly ranked

SU's Faculty of Military Science hosted the fourth South African-Netherlands Security Course at the SA Military Academy at the Saldanha Campus in September. This year, the course again proved to be successful, reports Maj ENGELA MEINTJES and Lt AUDREY LAWRENCE.

The annual South African-Netherlands Security Course is a joint-venture between the Royal Dutch Defence Academy and SU's Faculty of Military Science. The Faculty and the Centre for Military Studies (CEMIS), both housed at the Military Academy in Saldanha, were selected as the tertiary institutions best suited to present such a partnership venture because of the academic content of the course.

Under the aegis of SU since its establishment more than sixty years ago, the Military Academy provides tertiary education through the Faculty to members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and other defence forces through both residential and non-residential (interactive telematic) education for officers.

The SA-Netherlands Security Course aims to provide junior officers, at the rank level of lieutenant and captain (and the Navy equivalents), or young civil servants with a descriptive and analytical perspective on international relations and security, and helps them to form and improve their opinions and develop critical thinking on matters of international security.

The course is presented by staff members of the Defence Academy, the Netherlands and selected members of the Faculty of Military Science. A variety of topics are addressed, among others South African security policy and decision making, the African political and security architecture and related challenges, Humanitarian Law and the International Criminal Court, the African Union and case studies such as Sudan, International Law and military deployments in complex emergencies are dealt with.

This year, the course included gender relations and gender management strategies within the security environment as well as the role of the International Red Cross. The various academic presentations, group work and presentations by attendees stimulate debate and the application of theory to the practice of deployment under various conditions. Students have the opportunity to express their views on these topics, share experiences and assist in applying their knowledge operationally. A spirit of hope is nurtured amongst the course attendees.

Learning curve

For the attendees, this course provides a steep learning curve due to its academic nature and the challenging assignments set to enable attendees to link their academic work to concrete application. Group work in preparing assignments is challenging and usually marked by many a late night or early morning.

This year, the marked increase in the quality of the presentations during the course of the week was indeed encouraging. A total of 30 students attended the 2012 course, which included members from the SANDF, as well as those from the Defence Forces of Uganda, Burundi, Botswana,



Eric Pouw, a legal advisor of the Netherlands Army Legal Service since 1999, presenting one of the sessions at the South African-Netherlands Security Course.

Mozambique, Zambia, Angola, Uganda and France. Meaningful discussions emanated from the participants and the quality of the final presentations was some of the best since the course was first presented. The Dutch and South African presenters, course attendees as well as the Defence Attaché of the Netherlands gave very positive feedback, which augurs well for the future.

Attendees received their certificates for successful completion of the course from Brigadier-General Lawrence Mbatha, the Commandant of the Military Academy, at a ceremony which was also attended by the Military Attaché of the Netherlands.

Ian Liebenberg, the course coordinator, commented that "courses such as these contribute to more refined thinking among junior officers, develop analytical and communication skills while simultaneously building confidence between countries on the continent". He expressed the hope that such interaction through joint ventures will contribute to growing human capacity and peace-building on the continent.

For Prof Sam Tshehla, Dean of the Faculty of Military Science, the course was a demonstration of the international recognition of the Military Academy as a role-player on the continent and its importance in building leadership capacity in Africa.

Through their hard work, the organising committee ensured that this was a well-run event that inspires hope for the future.

The organising committee was Engela Meintjies, Audrey Lawrence, Tobie Beukes, Ashwill Lourens and Shadrack Ramokgadi.

Women and peace

Prof Lindy Heinecken of SU's Sociology and Social Anthropology Department recently received the African Peacekeeping Network Research Award for her proposal on enhancing the capacity of female peacekeepers and local women in building peace in Africa. LYNNE MOSES spoke to her.

A sociologist specialising in armed forces and society, Prof Lindy Heinecken focused on the role of women in peacekeeping for her proposal which won her an award from the African Peacekeeping Network. Her research will entail interviewing peacekeepers upon their return from deployment in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in the mission area in Goma and Bukavu in the conflict-ridden Kivu region.

"The research aims to establish to what extent women peacekeepers are better placed to interact and engage with local communities to be able to address their needs, not only in terms of broader security issues, but human security aspects," explains Heinecken.

"It is vital to observe first-hand how the peacekeepers interact with the local community and what they do. This means spending time with the peacekeepers in the field while on operations. One needs to get the dirt on your boots, experience the stress of deployment and see what is happening on the ground to really understand things".

The research also entails holding focus group interviews with local women in the communities affected by conflict to establish what their relationship is with the peacekeepers. But why the focus on the role of women in peacekeeping, both as soldiers and within communities affected by war?

"Because war is experienced differently by men and women, it is vital that the gender perspective is included in terms of addressing security and security sector reform. In Africa, today, we see how women are forcing men to the peace table. It is women at community level who are faced

with the challenge of reintegrating child soldiers and former combatants and rebuilding the social fabric of society.

"The problem is that often in the post-conflict and reconstruction phase, sexual violence against women increases and women are suppressed in their efforts to rebuild their communities. We need to find ways to empower women, without men feeling disempowered in the process. More and more it is now realised that gender equality is key to peace, stability and sustainable development," says Heinecken.

As regards women peacekeepers, she says they are uniquely placed to be able to interact with the local communities, because they are thought to be more trusted, more compassionate and conciliatory. Research has also shown that gender-mixed units are more effective than all-male units.

This past year, Heinecken's research on the challenges of gender integration in militaries and women in post-conflict reconstruction and development has resulted in her being invited as speaker at numerous conferences, including the Women, Peace and Security Meeting hosted by the African Centre for Strategic Studies in Washington.

For Heinecken, her research is less of a job and more of a passion. "My interest in this field of research is driven by my recognition of the disastrous effects of war on society. Surprisingly few sociologists in South Africa work on military issues. One of the most satisfying aspects of doing research in this field is to know that it is used and valued by military practitioners and that it has direct policy relevance".



Prof Lindy Heinecken (left) while doing field training in De Brug, Bloemfontein.

The Race for Restitution

The first “Can staff talk about race and be OK?” discussion session was held at Stellenbosch University recently. MONICA DUTOIT and Prof JULIAN SONN facilitated the conversation. They asked some of the participants to share their impressions of this discussion.

In the wake of many debates relating to transformation at Stellenbosch University among students, the need for a platform for university staff members has often been mentioned but never acted upon. Conversations about race and racism seemed to be an important but a particularly difficult and potentially controversial aspect of transformation to talk about.

“Can we talk about race and be OK?” was initiated on 1 November by staff members involved in similar discussions with students based on activities aimed to explore gender identities. A diverse group of staff members representing different age groups, racioethnic, academic and support sectors were invited to participate.

The participants were requested to place themselves in racioethnic groups for the purpose of this conversation and asked to share their thoughts on a variety of issues relating to race at SU and in South Africa.

Some of the questions that were asked of each group were: “What do you find challenging about being black/coloured/white in South Africa or at SU? What is it that you feel



members of other race groups should know about your race?

What do you wish not to hear from others regarding race?”

It was a courageous conversation in which staff members freely shared their personal experiences.

The group holds the intention to be inclusive and self-responsible. Interested members of the University community are invited to share their comments with Kampusnuus:Write to kampusnuus@sun.ac.za.

Speaking their mind

Staff members commented on what stood out for them in these conversations:

“I was impressed by the honesty and respect of everyone. How everyone felt the same sense of alienation or marginalisation. I found it valuable to listen to others – so the story-telling aspect is very enlightening. Just the very act of being able to talk about this sensitive topic made me feel vulnerable (because of my hurt and insecurities) and yet empowered afterwards (because I could release the silence and I was heard and we could talk together as people with different racial identities). These conversations can build trust and I hope it can be possible to have truthful relationships across racial identities.”

“I cannot express what it means to me to finally have a space to talk about this on campus – this ‘elephant in the room’ that we skirt around as we make our way across the Rooiplein. Finally there is a space to put it all and to think together with others about how to move towards hope, encouragement, forgiveness and restitution. I appreciate the colleagues who have listened. I have a newfound respect for people I may never otherwise have met on campus.”

“For me the sessions were insightful and I learned a lot about how people deal with the past and their own feelings. On a more personal note, I did some thinking on my own feelings about the past and I am still working through a process and hopefully with the help of the group, I will be able to deal with my issues around the past and what role I played in the process.”

Some also shared their views on the way forward:

“I think we should focus on the personal and the institutional, because it is important to transform both. I believe this process is starting to do both – i.e. transforming individuals and the institution. I would like to use the space to ask questions that I would not otherwise feel comfortable to ask (with the aim of learning and understanding). I like the idea of looking at case studies and I think we should use examples within our own institution – so that we can learn, understand and start to transform this institution. I believe it would be valuable to share the analyses of institutional case studies with the wider campus community – to build awareness and encourage transformation.”

- Monica du Toit is Manager at SU’s Institutional HIV Office, and Prof Julian Sonn is a senior lecturer at the Graduate School of Business at the Bellville campus.

Producing PhDs

Prof Frans Swanepoel recently joined Stellenbosch University as the first Deputy Director of the African Doctoral Academy. By LYNNE MOSES

Stellenbosch University’s African Doctoral Academy (ADA) has appointed its first Deputy Director: Prof Frans Swanepoel, an accomplished scientific leader in the field of agriscience in South Africa and abroad. He served as Senior Director: Research Development at the University of the Free State before joining SU on 1 October.

Swanepoel is a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), a former Fulbright Fellow, and currently a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for African Development (IAD) at Cornell University, USA.

He has extensive academic management and leadership experience gained as Head of Department and Dean at three universities for more than twenty years, including the University of Fort Hare (UFH), where he also developed a postgraduate school.

Swanepoel joins the ADA at a time when the call from government for an increase in the number of doctoral graduates has become imperative.

“One of the major challenges in Africa today is to revitalise the science system to train doctoral students and to develop a culture of scholarship and knowledge production. In South Africa, we produce 27 PhDs per million of the population, compared to developed economies with a vibrant research and development system, producing between 150 and 250 PhDs per million.”

The South African government, through the National Research Foundation (NRF), has set a strategic objective for the next ten years to increase PhD production fivefold from the current 1 200 to 6 000 per year nationally.

“Reaching this target will assist South Africa to contribute nearly 1% of the global research and development output. Currently SA contributes 0,55% of global output, but for the country to be recognised as a global knowledge partner we will have to increase our contribution based on a fivefold escalation of PhD graduates. This will in turn increase our research publication outputs from the current 10 000 to about 20 000 per annum, based on 2011 figures.”

This, along with the ADA’s four main objectives – to provide doctoral students with quality research training and support; assist them with the necessary intellectual and academic tools to become successful scholars and practitioners; better equip supervisors for managing and supervising masters and doctoral students; and establish a comprehensive research programme on the African PhD – will be Swanepoel’s focus.

However, there are major challenges in reaching this goal. These include creating a nurturing environment for PhD candidates to pursue their doctoral studies, as well as addressing the financial needs of many students. Coupled with these, are questions about the quality of PhD graduates.

“The ADA has developed specific interventions to assist with increasing the quality of PhDs on the African continent,



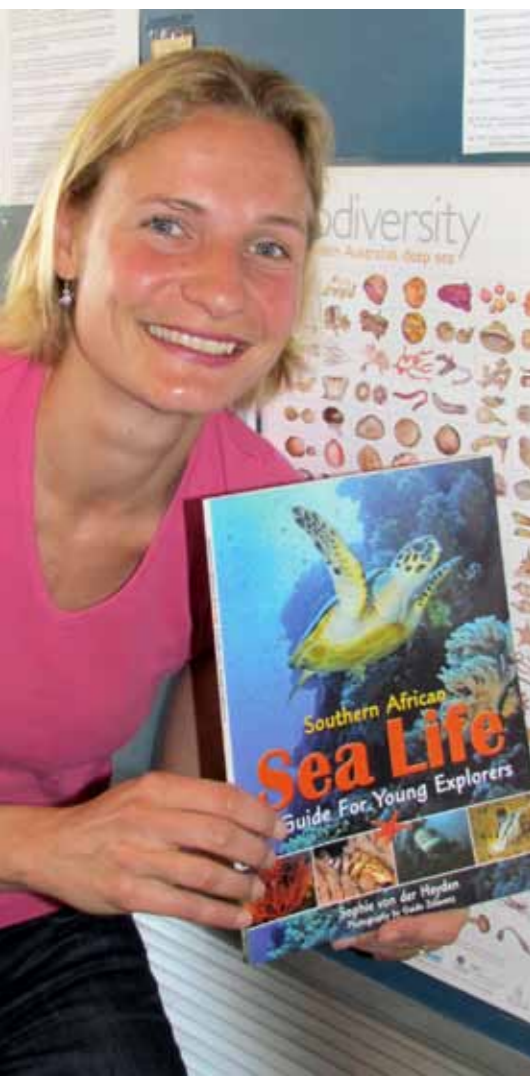
Prof Frans Swanepoel

including the Summer and Winter Schools in research methods,” he says.

“Another challenge we face, is inadequate supervisory capacity to train PhD graduates in South Africa and we therefore have to be creative to leverage additional supervisory capacity from other universities and internationally. In that regard the Graduate School of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has done extremely well via the Partnership for Africa’s Next Generation of Academics (PANGeA) by entering into agreements with five other universities on the continent for co-supervision of doctoral students.”

Swanepoel believes that his years of academic experience in research, teaching and management and his involvement in a number of national and international bodies will serve him well in his current role.

Marine biologist publishes children's book



Dr Sophie von der Heyden

Did you know that a sea-star feeds by pushing its stomach out through its mouth and placing it directly over its prey? Or that octopuses are quite clever? Or that Columbus' crabs are sky blue?

These are some of the facts contained in a new marine guide for children by Stellenbosch University marine biologist Dr Sophie von der Heyden.

Her 88-page *Southern African Sea Life: A Guide for Young Explorers* is published by Struik Nature and has been available in bookstores since early November.

The guide provides an overview of Southern African ocean currents, the importance and conservation of

oceans, and various marine habitats. Marine plants and animals, such as seaweeds, molluscs, fish, seashore birds and marine mammals and reptiles are all discussed with the help of easy to understand text and quality colour photography.

Von der Heyden, a senior lecturer in the Department of Botany and Zoology, has been working on the guide since early 2010.

"It's still very unreal," she says while holding one of the first printed copies of her first book in hand. In the same breath, Von der Heyden says that she is already thinking about a second book.

Her favourite two-page spread is one of sea-stars, brittlestars, sea cucumbers and other types of echinoderms (animals that have spines and bumps covering their bodies). "The photographs are simply beautiful," she adds.

Respected marine photographer Guido Zsilavec from the Southern Underwater Research Group (SURG) contributed most of the photographs that were used to make the identification of species easier. Illustrations by Sally McLarty, an experienced illustrator of children's and nature books, are also included.

"I hope it will fascinate and educate children, and that they will discover the joys of exploring," says Von der Heyden.

In drafting the text, she was constantly challenged to describe the scientific aspects of the marine environment in an understandable way which does not sacrifice too much detail or scientific integrity.

"Writing for kids has been a real eye-opener and huge fun," says this mother of two young children.

"I hope the book will inspire future generations to become biologists, oceanographers and conservationists working together to preserve our amazing oceans." – ENGELA DUVENAGE

Etenstyd



In Ryneveldstraat in Stellenbosch is 'n hele aantal aangename klein restaurante waar jy nie net lekker kan eet nie, maar ook lekker kan kuier. Nook Eatery is een van hulle – half weggesteek tussen die ander restaurante in 'n gebou waar ook 'n kunsgalery sy tuiste het.

Nook is 'n intieme plekkie met 'n paar tafels buite op die stoep, 'n paar binne, en in die agterplaas is nog 'n vertrek met tafels.

Vir 'n heerlik – én gesonde – middagete is daar nogal baie keuses. Hul toebroodjies is altyd 'n wenner. Jy het 'n keuse van verskillende tipes brode – van plaasbrood tot rogbrood. En vir die vulsels is daar interessante kombinasies van onder meer ham, hoender, mosterd, verskeie kase en geroosterde groente.

Van Dinsdae tot Vrydae sit hulle vir middagete ook 'n buffet-ete voor met 'n groot verskeidenheid van disse – van slaaie tot pasteie.

Nook is Maandae gesluit, maar van Dinsdag tot Sondag is hulle oop vanaf 07:30 tot laatmiddag.

Kyk

'n Interessante installasie-uitstalling is tans in die US Galery te sien. *Accumulation of Disorder* is 'n skepping van die jong Suid-Afrikaanse kunstenaar Lionel Smit. Dit duur tot 12 Januarie 2013.

Smit is in 1982 in Pretoria gebore, maar werk deesdae in Kaapstad. Hy geniet reeds aansienlike internasionale en plaaslike aansien, en sy werk is opgeneem in beide korporatiewe én private versamelings, waaronder die Europese Beleggingsbank en Rand Merchant Bank.

Onlangs het hy ook 'n suksesvolle uitstalling in Londen aangebied.

Smit gebruik die oppervlak

Die vakansietyd is op hande en daar is meer ure vir musiekkonserte bywoon, na kunsuitstallings gaan en rustige middagetes in die son geniet. Gaan beleef die South Africa Sopranos by die Oude Libertas-amfiteater, loer in by die US Galery vir 'n uitstalling van innoverende kunswerke, of geniet middagete in die hart van Stellenbosch.

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The summer concerts at the Oude Libertas Amphitheatre in Stellenbosch have kicked off. From now until the end of the first quarter of 2013, Oude Libertas presents a variety of concerts – from classical to pop music and dance to theatre.

One of the highlights on this year's programme is the South African Sopranos, brainchild of well-known cabaret artist, director and Stellenbosch University alumnus, Niël Rademan.

The South African Sopranos is made up of five young opera singers: Ernestine Stuurman, Janelle Visagie, Jo-Nette le Kay, Minette du Toit-Pearce (left, bottom) and Vanessa Tait-Jones (left, top). Du Toit-Pearce is currently a voice lecturer at SU's Music Department, while Tait-Jones is a part-time singing teacher at the Conserve.

They have all earned success on the stage singing in the opera productions

of Cape Town Opera, amongst others, and also as soloists in performances of oratorios and other sacred works.

The South African Sopranos perform a wide variety of musical styles, from operas and operettas to musicals. Also included in their programme are popular songs from around the world.

The singers are accompanied by pianist Elna van der Merwe.

The concert is at 18:30 on Sunday, 9 December. You are welcome to bring a picnic basket along and have supper on the lawn next to the amphitheatre. For bookings or more information, send an email to niel@nielrademan.com or book at Computicket.

Also, go to www.oudelibertas.co.za and read more about the other concerts, which include performances by Rocco de Villiers, Anna Davel and Brandon October.

as medium, wat ontwikkel het in ekspressiewe skilderkuns op beeldhouwerke, wat as't ware die doek vorm.

Accumulation of Disorder val saam met die sogenaamde "einde van die wêreld" soos voorspel deur die Maja-kalender vir Desember 2012. As jy die galery binnestap, word jy begroet deur meer as 70 koppe sonder identiteit wat almal verstar lyk. Die talle koppe verteenwoordig wanorde, wat Smit se visie van die eindtyd uitbeeld.

Deur sy uitbeelding van hierdie wanorde probeer Smit die teenstrydighede konfronteer van die toestand van die wêreld in die tyd waarin ons leef wat deur politiek, 'n verbruikerskultuur en wanorder oorheers word.

Die installasie skep 'n tipiese beeld van Westerse verbruikerskultuur en ons obsessie met "nuwigheide" en mag. Die behoefte aan mag word voorgestel deur die formaat van die installasie,

deurdat die werke in 'n sirkel geplaas is. Aspekte van identiteit word ook in Smit se kuns aangespreek.

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Be *sun-wise* this holiday

The sunny summer days are here, and most people spend hours at the beach. But be careful, the warm African sun can be dangerous. Here are some tips on how to protect your skin from the sun's harmful rays.

For more tips and information go to: www.cansa.org.za/sunsmart, or phone CANSA's toll-free line on 0800 22 66 22.



After a long year of work, work and more work, most of us look forward to that well-deserved summer holiday, which will inevitably include a day (or a few days) at the beach and loads of outdoor activities. But as most of us know, there is nothing quite like a bad sunburn to ruin a perfectly amazing holiday.

Experts agree that continuous episodes of sunburn – the result of over-exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays – can eventually lead to skin cancer.

Also, keep in mind that it is not just the beachgoers who should be wary of sunburn. Those of you who will be taking on the slopes of Aspen for a spot of skiing, sun-safe rules still apply because the high altitude means you will be much closer to the sun's damaging UV rays.

According to the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA), our country has the second highest incidence of skin cancer in the world after Australia. Skin cancer is also one of the most common forms of cancer in sunny old SA. And if you are one of those people who think that only light-skinned people can get sunburn or skin cancer – think again.

Dr Willie Visser of the Department of Dermatology at SU's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences says it is a myth that people with darker skin can't get cancer.

"People with darker skins have more pigment that protects them from the sun and the incidence of skin cancer is also lower, but they are still at risk."

According to Visser some people also believe that sunbeds are a better alternative to the sun, but this is not

true. "No person should ever use a sunbed. Sunbeds are strongly linked to the development of melanoma (a very dangerous type of skin cancer) and even contribute to severe ageing of the skin."

So what can you do to stay safe in the sun and avoid sunburn? Here are a few tips:

- Limit outside activities between 11:00 and 15:00 – this is considered the hottest time of the day.
- Always wear sunscreen – preferably a water-resistant, high-factor sunblock (SPF rating 30 or higher) and reapply every two hours as well as after swimming.
- Remember to also protect your lips by using a lip balm.
- Wear loose-fitting clothes, preferably darker colours.
- Wear good quality sunglasses and a wide-brim sunhat – they are not just fashion accessories but also protect your face and eyes from harmful UV rays.
- Don't spend the entire day in the sun. Seek out the shade wherever possible even if you're wearing sunscreen.
- Take extra care of babies and young children in the sun as their skin is delicate and more likely to burn. According to CANSA just two serious sunburns before the age of 18 can dramatically increase young children's risk of getting skin cancer later in life.

'n Vrou aan die stuur

Dr Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel van die US se Fakulteit Teologie is gekies as die eerste vrou om moderator van die Verenigende Gereformeerde Kerk in Suider-Afrika (VGKSA) te wees. Sy vertel aan ALEC BASSON watter uitdagings lê vir haar voor.

"Ek was totaal verbaas om as vrou in 'n tipies manlike domein in dié posisie verkies te word," sê dr Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel van die Fakulteit Teologie oor haar onlangse verkiesing as moderator van die VGKSA.

"Dit sê baie van die ontwikkeling in die kerk en die grense wat deurbreek word. Hoewel ek nie gedroom het om eendag moderator te word nie, bly dit steeds vir my 'n besondere mylpaal."

Plaatjies-Van Huffel is die eerste vrou wat só 'n posisie in een van die groot Suider-Afrikaanse kerke beklee. Waaroor sy veral dankbaar is, is dat haar verkiesing as moderator op regmatige wyse geskied het, en nie omdat daar in die kerk 'n gevoel was dat 'n vrou al lankal dié amp moes beklee het nie.

Dié boorling van Prieska in die Noord-Kaap het reeds verskeie grense in die kerk oorgesteek. In 1992 was sy die eerste vrou om as predikant in die NG Kerk-familie georden te word. Verder het sy ook al as aktuaris (kerkregskundige) van die Streeksinode Kaapland en as vise-moderator van die Algemene Sinode van die VGKSA gedien.

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Plaatjies-Van Huffel sê sy wil in haar ampstermyn gemeentes help om anders te begin dink oor kwessies soos kerkeenheid tussen die VGKSA en die NG Kerk, die Belhar-belydenis, asook gays wat predikante wil word.

Sy kies egter haar woorde versigtig om hieroor te praat. "Ingeligte debat oor die kwessies is nodig in die kerk, en lidmate moet gehelp word om die Bybel binne 'n eietydse konteks beter te interpreteer en te verstaan. Die VGKSA is nie homofobies nie, maar kan nie op die oomblik eensydig besluit om homoseksuele persone te legitimeer of as predikante te orden nie."

Plaatjies-Van Huffel meen hoewel daar reeds lank oor kerkeenheid gepraat word, sal dit nie sommer gou 'n werklikheid word nie. "Ek het nie 'n absolute droom dat kerkeenheid in my leeftyd sal realiseer nie. Ons sal baie omsigtig met toekomstige kerkeenheid moet omgaan."

Oor die geskil rondom die NG Kerk se aanvaarding van die Belhar-belydenis sê sy: "Geen kerk kan gedwing word om 'n belydenisskrif te aanvaar nie."



Dr Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel

Plaatjies-Van Huffel praat passievol oor die rol van vroue in die kerk. "Vroue se vaardighede moet raakgesien word, en hulle moet ook 'n gelyke kans hê om in leierskapsposisies geplaas te kan word. Dit is belangrik dat vroue in hul gemeenskappe en gemeentes denkraamwerke help skuif.

"Ek wil juis magsdiskoerse in die kerk help verander en toesien dat die kerk bydra tot die skep van 'n meer menswaardige samelewing," voeg sy by.

Plaatjies-Van Huffel wil haar ook beywer vir 'n kerk wat meer sigbaar is in die nuwe Suid-Afrika.

"Die kerk moet weer sy profetiese stem in post-apartheid Suid-Afrika laat hoor en, soos in die verlede, sosiaal-etiese kwessies in die land help aanspreek. Dit was vir te lank na binne gerig."

En dan sal sy ook graag wil sien dat jongmense in die kerk bemagtig word om op grond van die Bybel probleme in die samelewing te help oplos.



Prof Mark Tomlinson van die Departement Sielkunde in die Fakulteit Lettere en Sosiale Wetenskappe het op 13 November sy intrede, getiteld "Toxic Poverty" – *Improving maternal, infant and child health in contexts of high adversity*, gelewer. Hier is Tomlinson saam met prof Sulina Green, Visedekaan van Lettere en Sosiale Wetenskappe, en prof Eugene Cloete, Viserektor: Navorsing en Innovasie.

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Op 19 November, Prof Leon de Kock of the Department of English delivered his inaugural lecture titled *The Confessio of an Academic Ahab: Or, how I sank my own disciplinary ship*. Pictured here with De Kock are Prof Hennie Kotzé, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and Prof Eugene Cloete, Vice-Rector: Research and Innovation.

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Vierde uitgawe van gewilde onderwysboek

Die vierde uitgawe van prof Arend Carl (foto regs onder), Visedekaan (Onderrig) in die Fakulteit Opvoedkunde, se boek *Teacher Empowerment through curriculum development: Theory into practice* het pas by Juta verskyn.

Dat die vierde uitgawe reeds verskyn, wys hoe gewild hierdie boek by onderwysers en studente is.

"My navorsingsfokus is kurrikulumstudie en spesifiek die rol van kurrikulum-agente in die proses van kurrikulumontwikkeling," verduidelik Carl. "My belangstellingsveld fokus dan ook op die rol van die onderwyser as kurrikulum-agent, want suksesvolle kurrikulum-implementering hang af van wat die onderwyser met daardie kurrikulum in die klaskamer doen."

Carl meen onderwysers word vandag voortdurend aan kurrikulumveranderinge blootgestel en dit is nodig dat hulle toegerus word om daardie funksie te kan verrig.

Sedert die boek se eerste uitgawe in 1995 word hierdie kwessie van onderwyserbetrokkenheid by kurrikulumontwikkeling voortdurend onder die soeklig geplaas ten einde beter te probeer verstaan hoe onderwysers by kurrikulumontwikkeling

betrokke kan wees.

"Dis deur die kurrikulum dat ons ons kinders se potensiaal ontsluit, so daar is in werklikheid geweldige krag in die kurrikulum. Dit is essensieel dat onderwysers bemagtig word om hul rolle as kurrikulum-agente met verantwoordelikheid uit te voer.

"Die kurrikulum gaan in die eerste plek nie oor beleidmakers en onderwysers nie; die kind móét in die kern daarvan wees," sê Carl.



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