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Dear REC Members


We are very pleased to circulate this issue of the ARESA Newsletter to you. We highlight here some of the important activities of the ARESA Bioethics Leadership Program for the past 6 months. Specifically, this issue of the newsletter contains the introduction of our new ARESA PhD candidates.

As part of their leadership training, the ARESA PhD students (current and new) will organize the next ARESA Seminar to be held on 10 and 11 September 2020 in Cape Town. Please save the dates. More information to follow.

We wish you happy reading!

Welcome to our new ARESA PhD candidates: Victor Chalwe, Tiwonge Mtande, Joseph Ochieng and Boitumelo Mokgatla.




Dr Victor Chalwe
Zambia 




Ms Tiwonge Mtande
Malawi 



Dr Joseph Ochieng
Uganda 



Ms Boitumelo Mokgatla
Botswana 

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PhD candidates: 2020-2022

Dr Victor Chalwe is a Zambian medical doctor, Associate Professor of Health Sciences and Public Health Specialist. He has 19 years of health experience including more than 16 years of research experience serving as Co-Investigator or Principal Investigator on over 30 malaria and HIV/TB studies.

Victor has worked as the Head of the Clinical Sciences Department (2003-2011), at the Institute for Medical Research and Training. In 2011 – 2013 he was appointed as a Deputy Director in the Zambian Army and in 2014 he was appointed as an Acting Director – Public Health and Research at the Provincial Health Office in Luapula, Zambia. He was also a Public Health Specialist (2015-2017). In August 2017, he was appointed as the Deputy Director for the National Health Research Authority.

Dr Chalwe is currently an Associate Professor at Chreso University, Lusaka, Zambia.

Proposed PhD Research

The ethics of biological sample transfer in sub-Saharan Africa.

Ms Tiwonge Mtande holds an MSocSc (Research Ethics) from the University of KwaZulu-Natal and a BSc degree (Biology & Demography) from the University of Malawi, Chancellor College. She has over a decade of working experience on various University of North Carolina (UNC) research ethics projects in Malawi. Tiwonge has worked as a quality control officer for a clinical trial on prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT). This work has been integral in guiding the World Health Organization recommendations on Option B+ strategy for PMTCT. Later she worked as a regulatory officer managing the ethical and regulatory aspects of drug and vaccine trials conducted by the Project. She developed her interest in bioethics while working as a regulatory officer.

Ms Tiwonge is currently employed as a study coordinator for a randomized trial in Lilongwe, which is evaluating male engagement strategies in HIV services.

Proposed PhD Research

Mapping the ethical and regulatory considerations for responsible conduct of pragmatic randomized clinical trials in Malawi.

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Dr Joseph Ochieng is a medical doctor trained at Makerere University. He also has an MSc in Anatomy. He also has a Masters of Health Sciences in Bioethics from the University of Toronto, Canada. He is an Associate Professor and former Head of the Department of Anatomy, Makerere University at the College of Health Sciences. Joseph has more than 16 years' experience in bioethics and research ethics implementation activities in Uganda. He was a member of the drafting committee that revised the Uganda national guidelines for conduct of research involving humans as participants in 2007 and 2014.

He is currently chairing the national task force that is revising the 2014 National Guidelines for conduct of research involving humans as research participants. He is also part of the team formulating the initial national guidelines for conducting research involving animal as research subjects as well as the national guidelines for biobanking.

Proposed PhD Research

Ethical, legal and social issues associated with return of results during genetics and genomics research in Uganda.

Ms Boitumelo Mokgatla is the Associate Global Director for Advocacy, Policy and Regulatory Affairs at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI). Prior to joining IAVI, she was the Africa Programs Director for the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED) where she also coordinated the Mapping African Research Ethics and Medicines Regulatory Capacity (MARC Initiative). Prior to joining COHRED, Boitumelo served as an occupational therapist at Botswana's main referral hospital. Through these positions, she has worked extensively with the governments of

twenty-two Sub Saharan African countries, with national and international research institutions, in public private partnerships, and civil society organizations providing policy advocacy and regulatory affairs leadership and advice on HIV, TB, Malaria and neglected tropical diseases' research including clinical trials.

Proposed PhD Research

Artificial Intelligence in healthcare and research in Africa: ethical challenges.

VISIT FROM NIH FOGARTY FELLOWS MBARARA UNIVERSITY, UGANDA

A delegation from the Research Ethics Education Unit at Mbarara University visited the Centre from 11-15 November 2019. The delegates included the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, scientists, researchers and curriculum development specialists. The unit has received funding to develop a Master's programme in research ethics and wished to benchmark their curriculum against the Centre's ARESA PGDip and PhD programmes. The delegates met with the ARESA bioethics leadership doctoral candidates to discuss their challenges and milestones achieved.



PhD candidates at the ADA and ARESA Induction Module 2020



Our new PhD candidates attended the African Doctoral Academy (ADA) and the 2020 ARESA induction module. At the induction, the candidates were welcomed by the Director of the Center for Medical Ethics and Law, Prof. Keymanthri Moodley. Dr Jyothi Chabilall the head of the doctoral office gave a presentation regarding the various options for PhD registration. Mr Yusuf Ras gave the PhD candidates library orientation and resources that are available for students.

Newly appointed REASA president, Prof Minrie Greeff also joined via Skype and introduced the candidates to opportunities that lie ahead as REASA members. Prof Mershen Pillay from the University of KwaZulu-Natal also shared his expert advice on what it requires to excel as a doctoral candidate.

ARESALUMINI NEWS

- Francis Masiye has been appointed as Assistant Director of Research Ethics and Integrity in the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies, Research and Outreach at the Malawi University of Science and Technology
- Prof Minrie Greeff has been newly elected as the chairperson of REASA and has recently retired as Head of the Faculty of Health Sciences Ethics Office at the North-West University since 2015, managing both human and animal research
- Ms Babazile Shongwe Ministry of Health eSwatini, Mbabane, Kingdom of eSwatini with partners from Senegal, South Africa, and Switzerland received a new EDCTP grant for the capacity development in Research Ethics.



Prof Keymanthri Moodley and Ms. Babazile Shongwe at the EDCTP Networking Meeting at the Africa Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Save the date

- REASA Bootcamp on 9 September 2020 at Crystal Towers Marriott Hotel, Cape Town
- ARESA Seminar on 10th - 11th September 2020 at Crystal Towers Marriott Hotel, Cape Town

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- 14th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law from May 11 - 14, 2020 Porto, Portugal.
- 15th International Association of Bioethics (IAB) World Congress of Bioethics from June 19 - 21, 2020 Philadelphia, USA.
- In 2020, the Centre for Medical Ethics & Law will host the International Clinical Ethics & Consultation Conference from 31 March - 3 April 2020.



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Beyond Borders: exploring new frontiers

CLOSING DATE FOR LATE REGISTRATIONS: 21 FEBRUARY 2020

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Conscientious objection in healthcare
- Euthanasia
- Termination of pregnancy
- Medical litigation
- Artificial intelligence and digital health
- Gender discrimination



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ICCEC 2020 Pre-Conference Workshop

All the currently registered ARESA PhD candidates will be presenting their research findings at the ICCEC 2020 conference and they will be participating in the Pre-Conference workshops.

Pre Conference Workshop 1: Paediatric Ethics

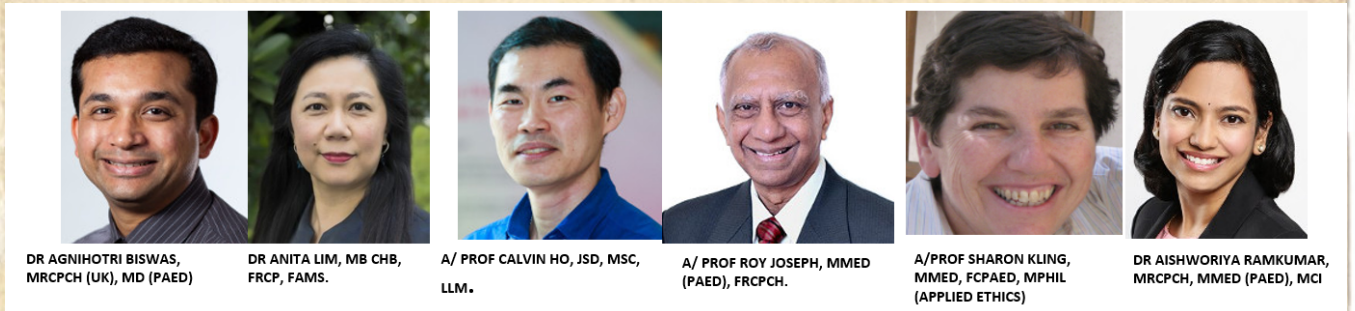
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Time: 09:00 – 16:00

Venue: Spier Conference Centre

International Delegate Rate: R400

South African Delegates and LMIC rate: R200



Pre Conference Workshop 2: Ethics in Patient Care

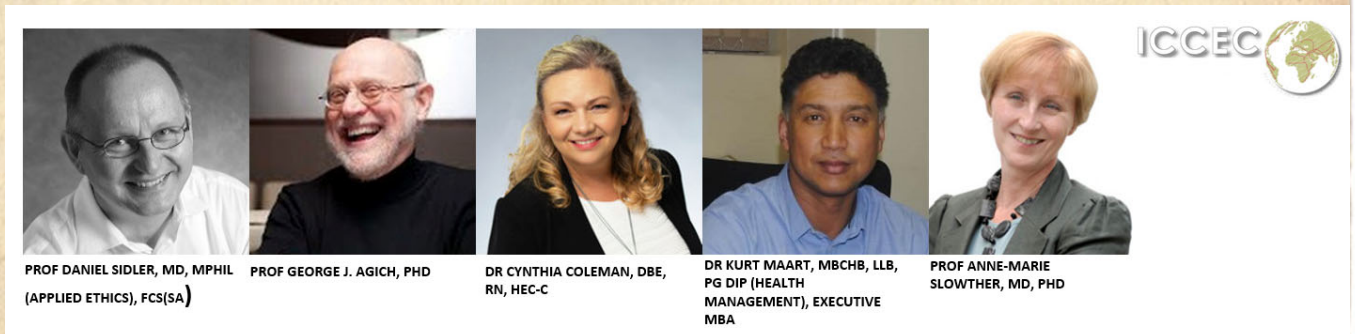
Date: Tuesday, 31 March 2019

Time: 10:00 – 15:00

Venue: Spier Conference Centre

International Delegate rate: R400

South African Delegates and LMIC rate: R200



For more details please click on the website link: <https://iccec2020.co.za/pre-conference-workshop/>

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