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**WELCOME!**

Welcome to the first issue of *Health Sciences Review* for 2016. The purpose of the Review is to share news about the Wits Faculty of Health Sciences: recent events, staff appointments, promotions and awards, information about forthcoming lectures and courses, and invitations to special events. News about our students and alumni and snippets of historical interest are also included from time to time.

The newsletter appears every month around mid-month. Please use this as your means of publicising anything you would like to share within the Faculty.

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You will receive an email entitled **Welcome to the "health.sciences.review" mailing list**. Do not forget to look for this email in your spam folder if you do not find it in your normal folder. Reply to the email and you will have been subscribed to this publication.

We receive constant requests for previous issues of *Health Sciences Review*. These can be accessed via the Faculty's website. Go to: Faculty/Reports/Health Sciences Review. We would like to hear from you in this regard and suggestions for improvement are gladly welcomed.

We wish you all a productive and rewarding year!

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**RECENT EVENTS**

**INTEGRATING SURGERY AND ANAESTHESIA INTO THE GLOBAL HEALTH AGENDA**



Historically considered an expensive, inefficient and limited public health care initiative, the place of surgery as the 'forgotten step-child' of public health now leaves almost 5 billion individuals worldwide unable to access safe, affordable surgery when needed. In his keynote address at the National Forum on Surgery and Anaesthesia held at Wits, Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Mathume J Phaahla, acknowledged that the ideal of a long and healthy life for all South Africans cannot be achieved without improved access to safe

surgery and anaesthesia, a goal necessitating improvements in existing infrastructure, information systems, financial management and leadership. This marked the introduction of a groundbreaking event – the launch of a sustained Global Surgery movement aimed at stimulating discussion on and conceptualise the future of Surgery and Anaesthesia in South Africa.

The launch of the Forum coincided with the South African launch of the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery (LCoGS). The vision of the LCoGS is: Universal access to safe, high quality and affordable surgical and anaesthetic care when needed. Integrating surgical care provision into the primary health care model is a vital component of providing universal access. This goal is a moral and economic priority in the developing world. It is estimated that failure to provide safe, accessible and effective surgical and anaesthetic services may cost lower and middle income countries (LMICs) up to \$12.3 trillion dollars in lost productivity, translating into 2% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth annually between 2015 and 2030, if left unaddressed.

A recent World Health Organization resolution identifies surgery as an essential component of health care provision. This resolution puts the responsibility of improving surgical care on governments and makes provision for the monitoring of these improvements. There is also a responsibility of all stakeholders in healthcare to work towards the goals of the resolution. This was a guiding principle in the deliberations of the meeting held from 7 to 9 December 2015.

Research by the LCoGS identifies six key areas that impact on access to surgery in LMICs: Access to timely surgery, specialist workforce density, surgical volume, peri-operative mortality rate, impoverishing and catastrophic expenditure which all represent significant barriers to surgical care. Data analysis by the LCoGS reveals a shortage of approximately 2 million specialist health care providers in order to reach the goal of an SAO of 40/100000 in LMICs by 2030. Human resources constraints are a well recognised shackle to the delivery of safe and effective health care. Responding to the shortage of health care professionals in South Africa, consideration must be given to the notion of task sharing. Training of clinical associates with the skills to provide surgical care is everyone's responsibility. This cadre of health workers should be considered in our human resources for health planning, as well as an ongoing review of the current syllabus for undergraduate medical training geared toward the training of efficient generalists. Academic institutions, colleges of medicine and professional associations should all be seeking ways to enhance the surgical workforce through, for example, defining the required competencies.

Developing a national surgical plan in South Africa is an essential next step. Assessment of population needs, burden of disease and health system strengthening is essential to developing this plan. This will provide an opportunity for innovation in service delivery, training and research. Strengthening the district hospitals must be a core component of this plan.

The convening of the National Forum on Global Surgery reflects the first steps towards the identification of the surgical challenges to providing universal access and the development of a national surgical plan in South Africa.

Photographs: Professor Martin Smith, Academic Head of the Department of Surgery and Assistant Head of School of Clinical Medicine; Dr Emmanuel Makasa, guest speaker from the Zambian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Dr Mathume J Phaahla, Professor John Meara, Miller Visiting Professor and guest speaker, Director, Program in Global Surgery and Social Change, Boston Children's Hospital; Professor Smith; Dr Makasa; Professor Mkhululi Lukhele, Head, School of Clinical Medicine; Professor Martin Veller, Dean, Wits Faculty of Health Sciences

## **MOLECULAR BIOSCIENCES RESEARCH THRUST RESEARCH DAY 2015**





The MBRT 2015 Organisers write: 'The annual cross-faculty Molecular Biosciences Research Thrust (MBRT) Research Day provides an opportunity for postdoctoral and postgraduate students from the Faculties of Science and Health Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand, to showcase their research in Molecular Biosciences.'

This year's event took place on 3 December 2016 and attracted over 100 delegates. Professor Penny Moore from the Centre for HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) was this year's plenary speaker and presented an excellent talk entitled: *HIV vaccines: learning lessons from infections*, in which she discussed the role of potent neutralising antibodies in response to HIV infection and their potential use in the development of an HIV vaccine. There were 12 oral presentations and 49 posters on display at this year's event. These covered diverse molecular biology topics including viral-host interactions, protein structure and function analyses, genetic and epigenetic variation in diseases of lifestyle and metabolic reprogramming in cancer cells.



On the day, presenters competed in both the oral and posters categories for top positions. Congratulations to all our winners:

PRIZE	NAME	AFFLIATION	TITLE
<b>Oral Presentation</b>			
Gold	Rebecca van Dorsten	Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), NICD	Engineering single chain variable fragments (scFv) of broadly neutralizing antibodies to HIV
Silver	Thandiswa Ngcungcu	Division of Human Genetics & Sydney Brenner Institute of Molecular Bioscience (SBIMB)	Non-coding variants segregate with disease in South African families with Keratolytic Winter Erythema (KWE)
Bronze	Tyrone Otgaar	Department of Genetics	The role of LRP/LR and telomerase on the ageing process
<b>Poster Presentation</b>			
Gold	Samantha Nicholson	Antiviral Gene Therapy Research Unit	Anti-HBV talens delivered by recombinant Adeno-Associated Viral Vectors (RAAV) efficiently inhibit HBV replication in vivo and in vitro.
Silver	Britt Hanson	HIV Pathogenesis Research Unit	Generation of a paired-guide SACAS9 nickase system for HIV-1 provirus eradication
Bronze	Melissa Chengalroyen	DST/NRF Centre of Excellence for Biomedical TB Research, NHLS	The detection and quantification of differentially culturable bacilli in patients with active tuberculosis

The Research Day was organised by Dr Mark Killick (Faculty of Health Sciences) and Dr Raymond Motadi (Faculty of Science) with administrative assistance from Miss Charissa Mynhardt and Miss Michelle Ungerer. The event is supported by funding from the URC and additional sponsorship from industry. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.'

Photographs: MBRT Research Day 2015; Prize Winners: Melissa Chengalroyen, Thandiswa Ngcungcu, Samantha Nicholson, Rebecca van Dorsten, Tyrone Otgaar and Britt Hanson

## NURSING PLEDGE OF SERVICE AND LAMP LIGHTING CEREMONY

On 9 December 2015 the Department of Nursing Education hosted its annual pledge of service and lamp lighting ceremony. This is always a special event in the calendar of the Department and is shared by invited guests and family and friends of nursing students. This year the new lecture hall in the Leseding Building on the Wits Education campus was the venue. This made it possible to invite all the students in the Department to share in the event and to motivate them to keep their final goal of graduation in sight.



Amongst the guests attending were the Dean, Professor Martin Veller, Head of the School of Therapeutic Sciences, Professor Judy Bruce and Faculty Registrar Sandra Benn. There were representatives from the Gauteng Department of Health and from the private health sector, namely Netcare and Life Health.

Nursing students are awarded stripes as distinguishing devices to denote their year of study. These were awarded to all students who have met the academic and clinical requirements for their year. Individual prizes were also awarded to students who had excelled in the clinical arena. Johnson and Johnson introduced a new floating trophy this year for the top overall student in the third year of study and this was awarded to Dylan Quiroga.

The students are asked to vote for the nursing sisters who have acted as mentors within the clinical field. The recipient of these mentorship awards are always met with great enthusiasm as they are the practising professionals who go the extra mile for our students. Acknowledgement of these mentors forges stronger links between the University and the hospitals and is of vital importance for the success of our course.

Professor Laetitia Rispel was the keynote speaker and she addressed the graduands with a message that emphasised the importance of the caring role of the nurse. She urged them to ensure that they care for their patients, their colleagues and themselves with equal gravity.

The graduands' reply was given by Refilwe Morifi and was a delightfully warm speech that highlighted the comradery amongst the students that had seen them through the tough times that all students of health sciences face along their journey to graduation.

The main event was the lamp lighting ceremony and pledge of service. Each graduand held a lit lamp in the darkened hall and recited the pledge of service, led by Professor Maree after which they signed a copy of the pledge that they could keep. This pledge differs from the Hippocratic Oath, that they would make the following day in the Great Hall, in that it emphasises the special relationship that a nurse has with their patients.

Tea was served after the service. One father commented on how meaningful he had found the ceremony. His daughter was a first year award winner and he had not known what to expect. Next year's lamp lighting and pledge service will be as keenly anticipated by department members, students and friends alike.

Photographs: Professor Lize Maree, Head of the Department of Nursing Education, with Melissa Joubert, Dylan Quiroga and Phumla Twala; (bottom row): Professor Maree with Dylan Quiroga, Anika Fourie, a representative from 3M, Thabang Mokoena; Melissa Joubert, Sandisiwe Nkosi, Agnes Franz; Sanisiwe Nkosi

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

### **SOME PLAIN SPEAKING FROM THE HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (MEDICAL)**

Yes, this information is from the Chair of the Committee, one, to judge from complaints we get, is neither popular nor understood. It is an independent committee that operates by law (National Health Act of 2003) and national regulations (Ethics in Health Research, Principles, Processes and Structures, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Department of Health, 2015).

There are 38 of us on the committee (all volunteers) in order to provide diversity and a suitable quorum for each meeting. Eighteen are in the health professions, 14 are from other professions and six are from outside Wits. Four of the 38 members are co-chairs with exactly the same powers as the chair.

The main complaint that we get is slow service. This is true and is due to staff overload. We have two full-time administrators on the staff of the Wits Research Office; the minimal number to speed up service is four (the University of Minnesota in the USA have 14 staff to manage the same work load as ours). I have motivated for more staff but due to financial stringency at Wits this has recently been declined and there is no likelihood of change. All we can do is to raise money for temporary staff. Remember too, the committee members are busy as well in their occupations.

Here is an idea of the administrative workload. This year (2015) we have scrutinised 837 new full applications for general research. Based on previous audits, approximately 30% are approved at first evaluation, 66% require modification and 4% are not approved. Those applications requiring modification have to be seen at least once more by the full committee or by an appointed member of the committee. This means that the total number of new full applications to be dealt with during the year is actually 1389. To this must be added to multiple amendments, case reports, and waivers from ethics review; there are some 40 telephonic queries per day, at least 200 emails per week, servicing the Biobank Ethics Committee plus two other committees, writing meeting minutes and letters / clearances to applicants as well as fetching documents from Archives on the East Campus. The administrators have to manually insert details of the applications into the ethics database and update this database along the way. Telephonic and face to face queries alone take some 5 hours per day leaving only 3 hours for actual administrative work.

We have investigated an online system that Wits has (Info-Ed) – it is unsuitable for our purpose. A custom system is now being produced through the kindness of the Wits Health Consortium with a hoped-for completion deadline of May 2016; we hope this may improve matters somewhat. There is an expectation from applicants that their application will immediately be approved at the first meeting, and within a day or two they will be holding a clearance certificate in their hand. This is a pipe dream given the work load mentioned. Incidentally, complaints about waiting is a world-wide phenomenon.

Delays can be shortened by applicants reducing the number of applications that require modification. Why are modifications required? Well, incomplete or sloppy form filling is a major cause; for example questions asked in the application form to help the committee make a decision are not completed, signatures are not provided (the application is a legal document requiring these), documents that are said to accompany an application are not attached, some supervisors and heads of departments often sign applications without doing a quality control check. We understand that they too are under pressure with workload and it's so much easier to sign. The commonest problems are poor informed consent documents and missing information.

It's up to the applicant to do things properly, please read the information pages at the back of the application form for guidance. Our requests are:

- please put your application in early, we recommend two months before planned data collection;
- please complete the application form properly and have someone with experience check this;
- please ensure that all necessary documents accompany the application.

**PETER CLEATON-JONES, CHAIR HREC (MEDICAL)**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### WORLD AIDS DAY CONVERSATION

Wits Reproductive Health & HIV Institute's senior researchers received excellent coverage during the week of "World Aids Day".

This included articles by:

Dr Lee Fairlie: 'What's needed in the final push to eliminate new cases of HIV in children'

<http://theconversation.com/whats-needed-in-the-final-push-to-eliminate-new-cases-of-hiv-in-children-51686>

Dr Jonathan's Stadler: 'What drove women to lie in the VOICE clinical trial'

<http://theconversation.com/what-drove-women-to-lie-in-an-hiv-clinical-trial-in-southern-africa-51143>

Abigail Hatcher: 'HIV can be prevented in babies if their mothers are kept safe'

<https://theconversation.com/hiv-can-be-prevented-in-babies-if-their-mothers-are-kept-safe-51494>

Professor Francois Venter, Dr Saiqa Mullick and Dr Sinead Delany Moretlwe: 'South Africa has excelled in treating HIV – Prevention remains a disaster'

[https://theconversation.com/south-africa-has-excelled-in-treating-hiv-prevention-remains-a-disaster-51501?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+December+1+2015+-+3908&utm\\_content=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+December+1+2015+-+3908+CID\\_d399ca9e18183f16338a3d3be95ff376&utm\\_source=campaign\\_monitor\\_africa&utm\\_term=South+Africa+has+excelled+in+treating+HIV+Prevention+remains+a+disaster](https://theconversation.com/south-africa-has-excelled-in-treating-hiv-prevention-remains-a-disaster-51501?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+December+1+2015+-+3908&utm_content=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+December+1+2015+-+3908+CID_d399ca9e18183f16338a3d3be95ff376&utm_source=campaign_monitor_africa&utm_term=South+Africa+has+excelled+in+treating+HIV+Prevention+remains+a+disaster)

### PROFESSOR HELEN REES APPOINTED TO SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES



Professor Helen Rees, Director of the Wits Reproductive Health & HIV Institute, has been appointed to the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Health Regulations Review Committee (IHR) to help strengthen the global response to international health emergencies and to facilitate the development of an Ebola vaccine. Against the backdrop of the Ebola outbreak and the world's failure to respond adequately to this global health emergency, there is now an urgent focus, led by the UN Secretary General and WHO, to strengthen the global response to infectious diseases and other global health emergencies.

Professor Rees is also chairperson of the WHO Emergency Committee on Polio and chairperson of the WHO SAGE Ebola Vaccine Committee making recommendations on the utilisation of Ebola vaccines. She has also chaired the WHO Afro Region Task Force on Immunisation since 2013. To read more about the IHR go to <http://www.who.int/ihr/review-committee-2016/en/>

Professor Rees also published an article on how 'Multi-purpose prevention technologies offer women hope of empowerment'. Current sexual and reproductive prevention methods have significantly improved the health and well-being of women and their families, but they are not enough. Professor Helen Rees and Bethany Young Holt, Executive Director of CAMI Health, discuss how multi-purpose prevention technologies (MPTs) will offer women better, more effective tools through which they can plan pregnancies, space children, avoid the dangers of unsafe abortions, protect themselves from HIV and other STIs. <http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2015/11/02/mpts-combine-contraception-with-hiv-and-other-sti-prevention/>

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### OBITUARY: PROFESSOR EMERITIS AUBREY SHEIHAM (12 SEPTEMBER 1936-24 NOVEMBER 2015)



Professor Aubrey Sheiham was an epidemiologist with a global reputation in the field of oral health research. He focused on diet, smoking and social determinants to improve people's oral health.

He made himself unpopular by reviewing the evidence for the six-monthly dental check-up which he concluded may well do more harm than good and that there was evidence of overtreatment and of dentists intervening too quickly to fill a tooth; once a filling is placed it is highly likely to be replaced and as a consequence become larger and more complex over time. For his efforts he was threatened with being reported to the General Dental Council for bringing the profession into disrepute. He quietly stayed true to his principles. Ultimately he was proved right, and in 2004 Nice (the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) published guidelines that fully endorsed his critique.

In promoting oral health, he researched in three complementary directions: diet, emphasising the importance for oral health of diets low in sugar; prevention and the importance of the social determinants of oral health.

He was born in Graaff-Reinet and was educated in Graaff-Reinet and in Cape Town, and studied dentistry at Wits, graduating in 1957. In 1958 he went to London, and after a few years at the London Hospital Medical College moved to UCL in 1984 as professor of dental public health. By the time of his retirement in 2001 as professor emeritus he had 264 publications to his name. After his 'retirement' he published a further 242 papers. He supervised 52 PhD students from 20 countries.

Professor Sheiham received many awards, including honorary doctorates from the University of Athens and the University of the Western Cape. In 2015 he received the Distinguished Scientist Global Oral Health research award from the International Association of Dental Research.

Married to the philosopher Helena Cronin, they were keen supporters of research by the Wits School of Public Health into the social determinants of health inequality and donated R8.8 million to Wits in 2015.

<https://www.gate5.co.za/read/26159/qv/37364172/135461035/24758/j>

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/dec/07/aubrey-sheiham>

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### **INVITATIONS AND DATES TO DIARISE**



## **Welcome Day & Oath Taking Ceremony for Students in the Health Professions**

You are cordially invited to attend the  
Hippocratic Oath Taking Ceremony (modified version)

Date: **22 January 2016**

Time: 14:30 for 15:00

Venue: Wits Great Hall

Kindly RSVP to Mrs K Naidoo on [Kasturi.Naidoo@wits.ac.za](mailto:Kasturi.Naidoo@wits.ac.za)

*NB: Only 2 guests allowed per student taking oath*

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOTING

### Transformation in an Unequal Society: What is the Goal?

#### Guest Speakers

Professor A Habib, Vice-Chancellor, University of the Witwatersrand  
Dr M Price, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Town  
Professor D Kgwadi, Vice-Chancellor, North West University  
Professor M Tom, Vice-Chancellor, University of Fort Hare

Date: **17 March 2016**

Time: 17:30

Venue: Linder Auditorium, Wits School of Education, 27 St Andrews Road, Parktown

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#### FACULTY TEACHING AND LEARNING SYMPOSIUM 2016

##### First Announcement

The Faculty's 7<sup>th</sup> Teaching and Learning Symposium takes place on **13 April 2016**.  
Diarise this date now! Further details will follow shortly.

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#### FACULTY RESEARCH DAY 2016

The Faculty of Health Sciences 2016 Research Day is scheduled for **1 September 2016**. An official call for abstract submission will be sent out shortly. The deadline for abstracts submission is **29 April 2016**. Please circulate this message to all relevant individuals within your Schools, Departments and entities.

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#### COURSES/WORKSHOPS



##### INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHORT COURSES PROGRAMME 2016



##### WHO SHOULD ENROLL?

- The programme is generally open to all qualified health care professionals and comprises 4 individual short courses.
- Other graduates with an interest in the subject matter may also apply.
- For the Research Ethics course, members of Research Ethics Committees and researchers in the health field are especially welcome to apply.

##### FORMAT

- Each short course is run over a week.
- Attendance from Monday to Friday during office hours is a requirement for obtaining a certificate.

##### CERTIFICATE

- Based on attendance and a test, successful candidates will be awarded a Wits Certificate of Competence per short course.
- The courses do NOT count as credits towards any degree.

##### ETHICS CPD POINTS

- Candidates who complete the courses Foundations of Bioethics, Foundations of

Health Law and Advanced Health Ethics will receive ethics CPD points.

- (Note: this does not apply to the Research Ethics course)

##### COSTS

- Each short course costs R 5 000.
- Refreshments and meals are not included in the fee.

##### 2016 COURSE DATES

- Foundations of Bioethics (25 - 30 Jan)
- Foundations of Health Law (1 - 5 Feb)
- Advanced Health Ethics (8 - 12 Feb)
- Research Ethics: Conducting Research Responsibly (15 - 19 Feb)

##### APPLICATION CLOSING DATE:

**15 January 2016**

##### FOR ENQUIRIES OR TO APPLY:

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For more information about the Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics go to: <http://www.wits.ac.za/bioethics>

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<b>1. Good Clinical Practice Refresher – Clinical Staff</b> <b>Course cost:</b> R1150.00 incl VAT    WHC Divisions: R750.00		
<b>JOHANNESBURG</b> WHC, 8 Blackwood Avenue, Parktown	<b>DURBAN</b> 18 Burlington Dr, Westville	<b>CAPE TOWN</b> Tygerberg Hospital
<b>19 January</b> (Tues) 12:00–16:00 <b>10 February</b> (Wed) 12:00-16:00 <b>1 March</b> (Tues) 12:00-16:00	<b>5 February</b> (Friday) 08:30-12:30 <b>13 April</b> (Friday) 08:30-12:30 <b>22 July</b> (Friday) 08:30-12:30	<b>26 February</b> (Friday) 08:30-12:30 <b>23 June</b> (Thursday) 08:30-12:30 <b>27 October</b> (Thursday) 08:30-12:30

<b>2. Good Clinical Practice Basic Course – Clinical Staff</b> <b>Course cost:</b> R2850.00 incl VAT    WHC Divisions: R1900.00		
<b>JOHANNESBURG</b> WHC, 8 Blackwood Avenue, Parktown	<b>DURBAN</b> 18 Burlington Dr, Westville	<b>CAPE TOWN</b>
<b>20 &amp; 21 January</b> (Wed pm/ Thurs all day) <b>11 &amp; 12 February</b> (Thurs all day/Fri am) <b>2 &amp; 3 March</b> (Wed all day/Thurs am)	<b>3 &amp; 4 February</b> (Wed pm &Thurs all day) <b>13 &amp; 14 April</b> (Wed pm & Thurs all day) <b>20 &amp; 21 July</b> (Wed pm & Thurs all day)	No dates planned

<b>3. Good Clinical Practice Refresher for Non-Clinical Support Staff</b> <b>Course cost:</b> R1150.00 incl VAT    WHC Divisions: R750.00		
<b>JOHANNESBURG</b> WHC, 8 Blackwood Avenue, Parktown	<b>DURBAN</b> 18 Burlington Dr, Westville	<b>CAPE TOWN</b>
<b>19 February</b> (Tues) 08:30-12:30 <b>7 April</b> (Thurs) 08:30-12:30	By special arrangement – groups of 20+	n/a

<b>4. Good Clinical Practice – Basic Course for Non-Clinical Support Staff</b> <b>Course cost:</b> R2200.00 incl VAT    WHC Divisions: R1600.00		
<b>JOHANNESBURG</b> WHC, 8 Blackwood Avenue, Parktown	<b>DURBAN</b>	<b>CAPE TOWN</b>
<b>4 November</b> (Wed) 08:30-16:00 <b>9 February</b> 2016 (Tues) 08:30-16:00 <b>5 April</b> (Tues) 08:30- 6:00	By special arrangement – groups of 20+	n/a

<b>5. The ABC of Quality Control for Research Sites</b> <b>Course cost:</b> R2850.00 incl VAT    WHC Divisions: R1900.00		
<b>JOHANNESBURG</b> WHC, 8 Blackwood Avenue, Parktown	<b>DURBAN</b>	<b>CAPE TOWN</b>
<b>17 &amp; 18 May</b> (Tues all day & Wed am) <b>11 &amp; 12 October</b> (Tues all day/Wed am)	By special arrangement – groups of 20+	By special arrangement – groups of 20+

<b>6. Study Coordinator Course – 15,16,17 March 2016 – JHB, R3420 incl VAT – Please enquire</b>
<b>7. Research Modules – Reading a protocol, Informed Consent, Study documents – 24 February 2016 – Please enquire</b>

**About Academic Advance**

Academic Advance is a division of Wits Health Consortium (Pty) Ltd  
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 This ICH E6 GCP Investigator Site Training meets the Minimum Criteria for ICH GCP Investigator Site Personnel  
 Training identified by TransCelerate BioPharma as necessary to enable mutual recognition of GCP training among trial sponsors.



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# Craniofacial Identification Symposium

3 March 2016

School of Anatomical Sciences,  
University of the Witwatersrand



This symposium is aimed at both forensic practitioners and researchers with an interest in craniofacial identification, in order to review the state of the science, discuss the most recent developments and explore future research opportunities. Aspects such as craniofacial superimposition, photo identification, facial growth and facial approximation will be discussed.

The programme will be scheduled so that there is time for lectures by our expert presenters, but we also invite contributions from various specialists in the field. We therefore call any interested persons to submit an abstract of 300 words maximum by **31 January 2016**, for inclusion in the programme.

**Presenter:** Professor Caroline Wilkinson

**Director:** FaceLab, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, United Kingdom

**Venue:** School of Anatomical Sciences, Medical School,  
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

**Cost:** No cost - Sponsored by the National Research Foundation of South Africa (NRF; KIC)

**Registration:** Dr Tobias Houlton ([tobias.houlton@wits.ac.za](mailto:tobias.houlton@wits.ac.za))

**Abstract submission:** Abstracts should be emailed to Dr Tobias Houlton  
([tobias.houlton@wits.ac.za](mailto:tobias.houlton@wits.ac.za))

**Enquiries:** Professor Maryna Steyn ([maryna.steyn@wits.ac.za](mailto:maryna.steyn@wits.ac.za)) or Dr Tobias Houlton  
([tobias.houlton@wits.ac.za](mailto:tobias.houlton@wits.ac.za))



## Workshops / Seminars offered in Jan/Feb 2016

20 January 2016: Preparing and giving a good lecture  
14:00-16:00: GEMP Boardroom (3N08)

21 January 2016: Using Clickers  
14:00-16:00: GEMP Boardroom (3N08)

03 February 2016: PBL Facilitator Workshop  
08:30-14:00: GEMP Boardroom (3N08)

04 February 2016  
Development of a teaching portfolio  
14:00-16:00  
GEMP Boardroom (3N08)

9-11 February 2016: Health Science Educators Course  
08:15-16:00 daily: GEMP Boardroom (3N08)

Please contact Norman Motlhabani for bookings:  
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And

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### AND FINALLY ...

Our *SNIPPET OF HISTORY* in the December issue elicited this response from Mr Yusuf Dinath, former Senior Administrator in the Faculty, who writes:

'The latest *Health Sciences Review* has an item on the trees planted by Professors Hart and Tobias. I was privileged to serve both deans during my tenure as the Senior Administrator of the Medical Faculty (1980 - 2002). The idea of planting the trees was that of Mrs E Cuthbert, Secretary in the Department of Surgery. She was the Secretary to Professor [Bert] Myburgh. I was present when the trees were planted. I recall a third tree planted by Professor Clive Rosendorff.'

We thank Mr Dinath for this interesting addition to the report and ask anyone who recalls a third tree (or any others) being planted by Professor Rosendorff to contact us. Our roving reporter, Rob Stewart, Lab Manager, NHLS Infection Control Services Lab, is on the look-out for the third tree.

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