

February 2016

RECENT EVENTS

BOOK LAUNCH AT THE ADLER MUSEUM OF MEDICINE

Dr Luvuyo Dondolo, Curator of the Adler Museum of Medicine, writes: 'On 15 January 2016, the Adler Museum of Medicine hosted the launch of a book: *Married to Medicine: Dr Mary Gordon: Pioneer Woman Physician and Humanist* by Professor Jack Metz and Gordon Metz. The book profiles the life history of the late Dr Mary Gordon who played a significant role in the sphere of medicine in South Africa and in countries in the Middle East including Israel, Palestine and Cyprus. She broke new ground in the field of medicine and created a new ethos within the medicine fraternity. Her life can be interpreted in three dimensions: the pioneer woman physician, a dedicated medical doctor, a care giver and a selfless humanist. The fact that she cared for the needy, prioritised her profession and participated in two World Wars as a medical doctor, and practiced her calling in the concentration camps, demonstrate her love for the profession. Further, she was the embodiment of selfless, caring and high social values as she once said: "Life is a battle not for yourself, but for what you believe is right and truthful and necessary". These social values are more relevant in the present day than they were in the past.



The publishing of this book indicates the value of the information housed in the Adler Museum Archives. The archives, which were started by Dr Cyril Adler as integral part of the Museum, conserve and preserve the history of health sciences, and have information that covers a range of topics in health sciences. The archives have evolved and the information has been grouped into biographical and subject archives.

The book launch exemplifies the relationship between the Museum and the Metz family. This relationship can be traced from Dr Cyril Adler and Dr Mary Gordon as Dr Adler was one of her students. Recently, Professor Jack Metz donated Dr Mary Gordon's collection which is made up of several useful documents. It is these volumes of documents that made possible this publication. The Museum supported the publishing of the book not merely because it provided the sources that paved the way for writing of the book, but most importantly, because it is in line with the operations, vision and strategic direction of the Museum.'

Photograph: Professor Martin Veller, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Jack Metz, Gordon Metz, Dr Luvuyo Dondolo, Curator of the Adler Museum of Medicine

FACULTY WELCOMES STUDENTS INTO PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On 22 January 2016 the Great Hall was bursting at the seams as students from the Faculty were invited to take a modified oath committing themselves to the ancient traditions of professionalism in the health sciences. Students from the second years of Nursing, OT, PT, Pharmacy, Medicine, Biokinetics and the BHSC as well as first year dental students and clinical associates attended, together with a large contingent of parents. The Faculty highlights this event as one of the important ones in which we interact with the parents and greater community of our students. The Dean, Professor Martin Veller, welcomed students, reminding them of their call to professionalism by committing themselves always to do the best that they can. Mrs Denise Nicholson, Scholarly Communications Librarian, spoke to students of the importance of integrity and honesty in the pursuit of their goals of graduation and practice. Professor Thakor Parbhoo, Assistant Dean: Student Support, reminded students of the extensive support offered by



the Faculty and encouraged students to engage more vigorously with the office for the whole range of support activities. Mr Thabo Muhango, chair of the Health Sciences Students' Council, welcomed the students as well using a story which characterised studying in this Faculty as being less of a walk in the park than a run in the park with someone chasing after you. Adjunct Professor Lionel Green-Thompson, Assistant Dean of Teaching and Learning, directed the programme and reminded students that as they encountered patients – alive or dead – they should always treat them with the utmost respect because their learning is written on the vulnerable bodies of those who come seeking help and offering themselves to be used in the growth of a new generation of health professionals.

Photograph: file picture, 2014 occasion

DERMATOPATHOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

The twelfth annual Johannesburg Dermatopathology Symposium took place in the Faculty of Health Sciences on 23 January 2016. The meeting, which was convened by Honorary Professor Wayne Grayson of the School of Pathology, was a great success and was attended by pathologists and dermatologists from all over South Africa. Topics covered included disorders of keratinisation, clinico-pathological correlation in dermatopathology, communicable diseases with skin manifestations, the dermatopathology of HIV/AIDS, and anogenital mucocutaneous infections.



The international guest speaker was Professor Dieter Metze, Professor of Dermatology and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Münster in Germany. Professor Metze is also President of the International Committee of Dermatopathology, and Secretary and President-Elect of the International Society of Dermatopathology. The local invited speaker was Professor Lucille Blumberg, Associate Professor of Medical Microbiology at the University of Stellenbosch and Deputy Director of the National Institute for Communicable Diseases of the National Health Laboratory Service in Johannesburg. The Symposium was co-chaired by Professor Phillip McKee, former Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of the Division of Dermatopathology in the Department of Pathology, Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard Medical School in Boston, USA.

Dr Peter King of the Division of Anatomical Pathology was the recipient of the Cathy Beukes Memorial Award. This award was presented to Dr King in recognition of his lifetime of dedicated service to the teaching of Pathology. *Editor: We warmly congratulate him on this well-deserved award.*

Photograph: Professor Dieter Metze of the University of Münster (right) pictured here with Professor Wayne Grayson of the School of Pathology (left) at the symposium

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR VISIT THE FACULTY



The Wits Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adam Habib, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Finance, Transformation and Advancement, visited the Faculty on 1 February 2016 to give an update on events following the #Fees must Fall protests last year. A key message was that the period had been difficult to navigate. This year started with challenges to registration to which the Senior Executive Team had responded by creating processes to protect the academic project. Questions from the floor related to issues of transformation as well as student communication and engagement.

Photographs: Professors Martin Veller, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, Adam Habib, Wits Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Tawana Kupe, Wits Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Finance, Transformation and Advancement

PRESENTATION BY JUDGE NEELS CLAASSEN, 3 February 2016

Advocate Yolande Guidozi writes: 'The title of the presentation was: *Mediation as an alternative solution to medical malpractice court claims*. This is a topic close to many health professionals' hearts, being extremely relevant at the moment because of both the escalating number of medico-legal cases waiting to be heard and the high costs associated with them. Judge Claassen pointed out that the Medical Protection Society suggests that an increase of nearly 550% has occurred over the last 10 years. The end result of the rising medico-legal claims is the consequent increase in insurance premiums, resulting in insurance becoming prohibitively expensive for the health practitioner. This in turn is causing health professionals to leave the profession.



Judge Claassen confirmed that there is indeed a crisis in the healthcare industry as acknowledged by Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, the Minister of Health, at a Medico-Legal Summit during March 2015 and suggested that mediation is a much quicker and more efficient way to resolve many of the disputes rather than a drawn out court hearing or arbitration. These processes tend to be traumatic for the health professional and are costly in time and money. He listed the reasons why patients institute court claims, including being influenced by lawyers' advertisements offering legal services on a contingency basis and patients developing a greater awareness of their rights. Twelve disadvantages of litigation were then discussed and finally the numerous advantages of mediation presented, such as its informality and the opportunity for better and more intimate communication with each party, often resulting in a positive outcome at considerably less cost in a much shorter period of time. Another major advantage is that the whole mediation process is confidential, so the risk of harm to one's reputation is avoided, in contrast to a public court hearing where the media may be present, too.

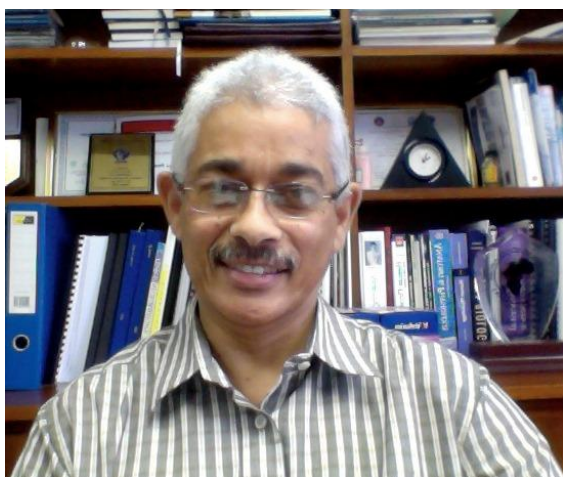
Finally, Judge Claassen explained what the process of mediation actually entails and said that if the parties are unhappy with the mediation they are still free to approach the court as long as the mediation has not been completed. Once a settlement has been reached it is final. There is no opportunity for a party to appeal the outcome or to request a hearing in a different forum.

The presentation was well supported. Many people asked interesting questions at the end, confirming that it was definitely worthwhile having attended.'

Photograph: Judge Neels Claassen, Advocate Yolande Guidozi

WELCOME!

NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL OF PHYSIOLOGY: PROFESSOR WILLIAM (WILLIE) DANIELS



The School of Physiology is the largest entity teaching physiology in South Africa, and probably on the continent. It plays a significant role in the training of physiologists and some of its graduates hold prestigious appointments in South Africa and throughout the world. There is a diverse range of research taking place within various different research entities in the School which is known for the quality of its teaching and research and includes top-rated scientists and experts renowned worldwide in their fields. The School teaches undergraduate and postgraduate students of both human and animal physiology.

We were delighted to interview the new Head of the School of Physiology, Professor William (Willie) Daniels. Professor Daniels was born in Faure outside Somerset

West in the Western Cape. He matriculated at Bellville South Senior Secondary School and studied at the University of the Western Cape for his undergraduate degree, majoring in botany and biochemistry. His Masters degree was in Medical Biochemistry and his PhD in Chemical Pathology, obtained from the University of Stellenbosch. He also holds an MBA from Stellenbosch University. He continued his postdoctoral studies at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio, USA.

Professor Daniels' research is in the field of neuroscience and he is currently investigating two areas: cognitive impairment associated with HIV infection, and drug addiction. Both these areas are major concerns in society and their prevalence has escalated significantly over the past decade. His interest in these conditions focuses on their pathophysiology and in particular, the underlying neurochemical mechanisms that drive these abnormalities. Understanding the development of these pathologies should lead to more efficient therapeutic strategies and subsequent improved treatment outcomes.

What do you think the biggest challenge will be for you in taking over as Head of School?

There are no really big operational challenges. The School has been well led previously, with good systems and staff in place. Perhaps transforming the staff composition will be a huge challenge as is the case elsewhere in the country.

How will you overcome this challenge?

There is a programme (Associate-Lectureship) that allows us to grow our own timber. We need to enhance this programme. In addition, we should put in a greater effort during the recruitment process to attract the appropriate candidates for positions in the School.

Your work has been very research orientated, but as Head of School your focus may have to change.

No, my research is important for me as I think that staying academically active is good for the soul. I have been a Dean before and still managed to maintain a reasonably active research life through effective delegation. My new colleagues are wonderful people, they respect my research aspirations and I know that we are going to work well together so that everyone can have job satisfaction.

How do you relax?

I enjoy watching movies, play a little bit on my guitar and entertain friends.

We wish Professor Daniels well for his term of office!

CONGRATULATIONS!

PRICELESS SA RECEIVES R20 MILLION FROM BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION



The recently announced grant from the BMGF for the International Decision Support Initiative (iDSI) is great news for many countries which are dealing with difficult health policy choices involved on the journey towards Universal Health Coverage. For the first time, the collective experience of academics, policy makers, and think tanks around the world who are actively involved in the day-to-day of priority setting in health is being harnessed at scale to provide targeted support and partnership to low and middle income countries. This is particularly important and timely for South Africa, whose policy makers are making bold moves towards addressing health inequalities and improving quality through the implementation of UHC under a National Health Insurance plan. The entire grant is the biggest ever from the Gates Foundation for health services and PRICELESS SA (based at the School of Public Health) is the core iDSI partner in South Africa (www.priceless.ac.za). Other core partners are NICE international, HITAP in Thailand, York University in the UK and the Center for Global Development in Washington DC. The grant to PRICELESS is worth approximately R20 million over the next 3 years.

The Director of PRICELESS SA, Professor Karen Hofman, notes: "The iDSI grant will enable us to continue to support the Ministry of Health, Treasury and other health policy makers in South Africa on the implementation of NHI. Learning from countries such as Thailand and the UK, we will actively work with partners to build on the existing knowledge and skills base in the country and seek to develop capacity in areas such as decision analysis, information systems, and institutional management, including the processes of decision making which lie at the heart of sustainable UHC. We have a great team at PRICELESS and could not be where we are today without strong support from the School of Public Health. Once we have established a good base in South Africa, we will go beyond our borders and provide assistance to policy makers in sub-Saharan Africa, sharing with them our successes and failures as they too move towards UHC. We consider that iDSI has the potential to be a major contributor to improved health outcomes and health equity on the African continent, and we look forward to continuing our involvement in this innovative global partnership."

Photograph: Professor Karen Hofman and Yot Teerawattanon, Director of HITAP, Thailand, at the January 2016 iDSI launch at the Prince Mahidol Award Conference in Bangkok link: <http://www.hitap.net/en/>

MR THABISO TSHABALALA: THE MOST INFLUENTIAL LECTURER OF THE YEAR!

At the recent Medical Students' Council (MSC) awards ceremony, Mr Thabiso Tshabalala from the School of Anatomical Sciences was recognised as "The most influential lecturer of the year 2015 (MBBCh I and II)". This prestigious title goes to a lecturer nominated and voted for by the medical students. Mr Tshabalala teaches histology and embryology to the medical students (ANAT 2020) as well as to the therapeutic sciences and dentistry students (TSD). He won the award based on his teaching of the medics.



To be nominated for this prestigious award one must have shown evidence of excellence in facilitating student learning and also show commitment that goes beyond classroom teaching.

Mr Tshabalala is a Witsie through and through. He received all his tertiary education from Wits (BSc, BSc Hons and MSc). His supervisor for the MSc was Professor Beverly Kramer. He is currently studying towards a PhD degree under the supervision of Professor Paul Manger. The title of his PhD thesis is: "The development of the visual system in typical and atypical rodent species." He joined the School of Anatomical Sciences in 2006.

Congratulations Mr Tshabalala! Well done!

NEWS FROM THE STUDENTS

PREGNANCY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS WEEK



'I never knew that a nurse can do that', was one of the many comments made by participants at the Pregnancy Education and Awareness Week held from 25 to 28 January 2016 at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital and on the Wits Health Sciences Campus in Parktown.

The Wits Department of Nursing Education together with the Bachelor of Nursing final year students hosted this event which is endorsed by the National Department of Health. The exhibition showcased pregnancy awareness which strengthens pregnancy education and places emphasis on the important issues of

promoting healthy pregnancy and safe motherhood. This year's theme was focused on the role of the midwife during pregnancy, labour and the post-delivery period. The displays provided information ranging from antenatal care, the birthing process, and postnatal care.

Bachelor of Nursing students answered questions relating to the role of the midwife, pregnancy and safe motherhood. Participants had the opportunity to play the role of a midwife through interactive activities such as suturing skills, PV examinations, plotting the partogram and many others. Male participants had the opportunity to place an empathy belly around them, which mimics the feeling of being pregnant. One male participant said: 'I didn't know it [pregnancy] was this hard'. Participants left the exhibition with samples of toiletries and pregnancy awareness reading material. Report by Thabang Mokoena (BNurs IV)



Photographs: Final year BNurs IV students: the team at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital; (above): Temoso Ngobeni and Kanyisa Mutwa demonstrating the birthing process to expectant mothers; Final year BNurs IV students: the team at the Wits Health Sciences Campus



Invitation

2016 Ethics Alive Symposium

TRANSFORMATION IN AN UNEQUAL SOCIETY

What is the goal?

Thursday, 17 March 2016 **Date**

Linder Auditorium,
Parktown Education Campus **Venue**

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

17h30	Registration and Refreshments
18h00	Opening and Welcome: Chair
18h10	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Max Price• Professor Dan Kgwadi• Dr Mvuyo Tom• Professor Adam Habib
19h10	Faculty Transformation Pledge Presented
19h20	Panel Discussion
19h50	Presentations of Ethics Alive Undergraduate Bioethics Competition Prize Winners
20h00	Closure

COURSES/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS



Workshops / Seminars offered in March/April 2016

10th March 2016: Useful information for the newly appointed academics
13:30-16:00: GEMP Boardroom (3N08)

18 March 2016: Journal Club
12:00-13:00: GEMP Boardroom (3N08)

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

19-21 April 2016: Health Science Educators Course
08:15-16:00 daily: GEMP Boardroom (3N08)

Please contact Norman Motlhabani for bookings:
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And

Professor Patricia Mc Inerney for more information: 011 717 2073 or Patricia.McInerney@wits.ac.za



Call for Applications: Advanced Clinical HIV Management Course at Wits RHI

Are you a clinician looking to advance your HIV Management skills? Look no further!

The HIV Management course is aimed at providing doctors with regional HIV treatment knowledge and expertise, by developing clinicians' abilities to effectively manage HIV complications and provide leadership in HIV prevention, treatment and care.

The course is full time, Monday to Friday, for two weeks (7h45 – 17h00) in Johannesburg.
Daily attendance is compulsory.

Dates for 2016:

- **09 – 20 May 2016**
- **07 – 18 November 2016**

Application dates: 08 February-04 March 2016

Selection criteria for applicants:

- A medical degree as a minimum level of acceptance
- Experience in the field of HIV management and treatment
- Willingness and ability to apply knowledge in current work situation and future career
- Meeting the above mentioned applicant profile
- Achieving minimum 70% in pre-assessment
- Selection committee decision

2016 FEES: The course fees are **ZAR 9800**

Fees are payable on official acceptance to the course.



"Attending this course was the best personal professional development decision I have made in years. An intensive 2-week course, including a mix of outstanding lectures, interactive sessions and practical stations, covering every clinical aspect of HIV care, presented by an array of experts, all active at the cutting edge of HIV care and research. On completion, I subsequently registered for and passed the College of Medicine of South Africa HIV Management Diploma."

Professor Eckhart Buchmann, respected Obstetric Clinician and Researcher, July 2015

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Should you meet the course minimum requirements for entry and are able to fund your participation, please request further information from the programme co-ordinator Tshepo Mashao using the following contact details: clinicalhivmanagementcourse@wrhi.ac.za or tmashao@wrhi.ac.za

AND FINALLY ...

THE TREE SAGA: EPISODE THREE



Mr Yusuf Dinath's recollections of tree planting at Medical School sent our roving reporter, Rob Stewart, Lab Manager, NHLS Infection Control Services Laboratory, scrambling back into the bushes with a pair of scissors in hand, where he found two wooden stumps with plaques. The one was referred to by Mr Dinath which was planted for Mrs E Cuthbert, Secretary in the Department of Surgery, and one was planted for Mrs Phyllis Hyde, who has since joined the conversation! Sadly, these are just stumps now as the trees have died.

Phyllis Hyde served under 10, yes ten!, Deans of Medical School. She is presently the Personal Assistant to Professor Keith Klugman at the NHLS. She writes: 'A tree with my name on it was planted at Medical School, and I think there was also one for Jocelyn Cuthbert. I'm not sure if these two trees have survived, but it would be interesting if your roving reporter could find out. These were not planted by Clive Rosendorff but I think they were planted just before I retired. There may also be trees planted in the names of Professor Tom Bothwell and John Milne.' Professor Emeritus John Milne does not recall any tree planted in his name. And from the fair Cape, Professor Emeritus Tom Bothwell also does not recall a tree planted for him although he remembers being at a ceremony where Professor Clive Rosendorff planted a tree.

Mrs Hyde goes on to say: 'I too was present at all the tree planting ceremonies and for your information I served under the following Deans during the years 1977-1996: Professors François Daubenton, Bob Charlton, Phillip Tobias, Saul Zwi, Morris McGregor, Clive Rosendorff, John Milne, Tom Bothwell, George Hart and Max Price.' WOW! Surely a record!

AND REALLY FINALLY ... THE OXFORD DICTIONARIES "WORD" OF THE YEAR 2015



Every year Oxford Dictionaries announces its Word of the Year. It is a word or expression chosen to reflect the passing year in language which captures the ethos, mood, or preoccupations of that particular year. This year, instead of choosing a traditional word, Oxford Dictionaries chose a pictograph, the 'Face with Tears of Joy' emoji, to reflect the sharp increase in popularity of emoji across the world in 2015, with this one being the most heavily used one globally. *Emoji* is a loanword from Japanese defined as 'a small digital image or icon used to express an idea or emotion in electronic communication': *e* (picture) and *moji* (letter, character). How delightful!

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