Welcome to the first issue of Health Sciences Review for 2013. The purpose of the Review is to share news of what is going on in the Faculty. This includes recent events, staff appointments, promotions and awards, information about forthcoming lectures and courses, and invitations to special events. The newsletter is published monthly around mid-month. Please use it to publicise anything you would like to share within the Faculty.

If you would like to submit news, correct your email address or add a name to our distribution list, please contact us at: Telephone: 011 717 2067; Email: adler.museum@wits.ac.za.

We receive constant requests for previous issues of Health Sciences Review. Please note that all previous issues can be accessed via the Faculty’s website. Go to: Faculty/Reports/Health Sciences Review.

We wish everyone a productive and rewarding year!

Editors: Rochelle Keene and Cheryl-Anne Cromie

RECENT EVENTS

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING EDUCATION PLEDGE OF SERVICE CEREMONY 2012

On 10 December 2012, fourteen Bachelor of Nursing graduands took the Nursing Pledge of Service at a moving ceremony held in the Marie Curie Lecture Theatre. We wish our graduands well as they embark on their nursing careers.

The guest speaker for the event was Dr Hendrik Johannes Loubser who gave a forceful and inspiring talk. Dr Loubser is a University of Stellenbosch medical graduate who practiced as a GP for 17 years. In that time he became aware that healthcare professionals do not understand the sciences of human functionality. This led him to do Masters (UNISA) and Doctorate degrees (Wits) in Nursing, because he firmly believes that the Nursing Science, if practiced correctly, is the key to the new revolution in healthcare delivery. He believes that nursing is the glue that keeps healthcare intact. Currently he develops nursing measures to advance the nursing process into an empirical science.

Various dignitaries, parents and guests attended the event and clinical awards were presented to outstanding students. Certificates of appreciation were presented to various clinical facilitators representing institutions.
The School of Oral Health Sciences held a farewell function for students who were graduating on 11 December 2012. Bachelor of Dental Science and Diploma of Oral Hygiene graduands, their families and friends who supported the graduands while they were students, attended the function which was held in the Adler Museum of Medicine. The function was organized by the Oral Hygiene Division and was also attended by most academic staff of Oral Health Sciences. It was opened and guests were welcomed by the Head of School, Professor P Hlongwa. The guest speaker was Dr K Makwakwa and words of professional wisdom were conveyed to the students by Professor L Shangase.

The Head of School, Prof Phumzile Hlongwa, congratulated the graduates and reminded them that “Wits has placed them at the edge to be able to fly and not to fail.”

Photograph: Students and staff at the farewell function

REGISTRATION DAY!

Students in the Faculty were the first at Wits to be registered on the new Student Information Management System (SIMS) student system which the University has implemented. We are delighted to say that all went well and the smiling students were swiftly and warmly dealt with by members of staff.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR COLIN RICHARDS (1954 – 2012)

We were profoundly saddened by the death of Professor Colin Richards (1954-2012) in December 2012. He is widely remembered in the Faculty. Professor Richards was for over 13 years the medical illustrator in the Faculty's Graphics Design Unit, during which time he studied fine art through UNISA. He subsequently became a lecturer and professor in the Wits Department of Fine Art and more recently at the Michaelis School of Fine Art at UCT. He was widely known and held in the highest esteem for his formidable intellect. He was a brilliant teacher, incisive critic and one of the foremost contemporary artists in this country. He was registered with the Health Professionals Council of South Africa as an art therapist and was instrumental in developing interest in art therapy here.

Starting in the Faculty in 1977, one of his first jobs was to label a set of photographs given to him by forensic pathologist Hillel Shapiro. It was only several years later, when working on an exhibition entitled Faultlines curated by Jane Taylor and held at the Castle in Cape Town in 1987, that he discovered that these were postmortem photographs of Steve Bantu Biko, the black consciousness activist who was tortured and neglected in prison and died in detention of injuries sustained. It was a deeply disturbing experience for him.

He subsequently created one of South Africa’s most important series of political artworks, the so-called ‘Biko’ series, which is now in the collection of the South African National Gallery (SANG). He made a second version of the work for the Adler Museum of Medicine in 2008. His untimely death renders this significant artwork extremely poignant for the Faculty.

PROFESSOR GAVIN MOONEY (1943 – 2012)

Professor Gavin Mooney, Ethics Alive 2012 guest speaker, and his wife Dr Del Weston, passed away tragically at their home in Tasmania, Australia on 18 December 2012.

Professor Mooney was a health economist who published extensively on issues of healthcare equity in his career that spanned over 40 years. He had a particular interest in political economy, Aboriginal health, equity and ethics and was an advocate for ‘Citizens Juries’. He was internationally recognised for his expertise in health economics and in 2009 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Cape Town as “one of the founding fathers of health economics”. In 2010 he ran his first marathon to raise over $8000 for refugees in South Africa who were affected by the xenophobic attacks of May 2008.

In 2011 he participated in the South African NHI Conference, “National Health Insurance: Lessons for South Africa”, as part of the panel of key international speakers to share his experiences on key aspects related to NHI in developed, low and middle income countries.

In 2012 Professor Mooney spent a week at the Faculty sharing his knowledge on the morality of healthcare equity whilst imparting sound data on the national economic benefits of a healthy population. Following his interactions with the Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics he commissioned a collaboration between the Centre and the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health on International Perspectives on “Public Health Equity” (December 2012).

He is remembered for his jovial manner and his profound commitment towards justice in healthcare for all people globally. He will be greatly missed.
INVITATIONS!

PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES!!

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

WELCOME DAY CEREMONY

You are cordially invited to attend the Welcome Day Ceremony for 2nd year Health Sciences Students and the taking of the Hippocratic Oath (modified version).

Date: 25 January 2013
Time: 14:30 for 15:00 pm
Venue: Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital Auditorium

Kindly RSVP: Mrs K Naidoo at Kasturi.naidoo@wits.ac.za

Wits Health Sciences Alumni Diaspora Programme

Invitation to a Lecture

PROFESSOR DUNCAN SAUNDERS

The first alumnus to participate in our 2013 Programme is Professor Duncan Saunders, who qualified from Wits with an MBBCh in 1975.

Professor Saunders from the School of Public Health, University of Alberta, is a generalist epidemiologist with interest in global health. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Society for International Health and on the Editorial Board of the Canadian Journal of Public Health.

Title of Seminar: The MDGs and beyond: Better the second time round?

Date: Wednesday, 23 January 2013
Time: 16:30
Venue: Adler Museum, Medical School

A cocktail party will follow after the lecture in the Adler Museum.

RSVP: Nomfundo.Sibiya@wits.ac.za by 21 January.
THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE AND
THE ADLER MUSEUM OF MEDICINE

invite you to a double bill:

Visions and Voices: Community Photography Exhibition

*Visions and Voices* is a series of community photographs focusing on environmental and living conditions in Bertrams, Hillbrow, Riverlea, Bramfishcerville and Hospital Hill. Twenty volunteers were selected from these communities and trained in basic photography.

The project is linked to the ongoing Health, Environment and Development (HEAD) study and was funded by the Wellcome Trust.

The exhibition will be on display in the Adler Museum from 1 to 28 February 2013.

The exhibition will be opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Ahmed Wadee, on **6 February 2013 at 16:00. ALL WELCOME!**

Health, Environment and Livelihoods:
Emerging public health challenges in Johannesburg

**Presentations by Professor Thea de Wet**

Professor of Anthropology and Development Studies and Director of the Centre for Anthropological Research at the University of Johannesburg

and

**Professor Angela Mathee**

Director of the MRC Environment & Health & Research Unit and Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Urban Health; a Visiting Professor at the University of Johannesburg and an Associate Professor at the University of the Witwatersrand

Findings from a cross-sectional study of socio-economic and health status in five Johannesburg housing settlements will be presented. The findings paint a picture of health inequities across the study sites and socio-economic conditions that undermine the prospects of protecting and promoting health. The authors suggest the need for a new approach to public health in areas of impoverishment in Johannesburg and elsewhere. The study is a collaboration between the MRC, the WHO collaborating Centre for Urban Health, Wits School of Public Health and others.

**Date:** Wednesday 6 February 2013  
**Time:** 14:30 – 16:00  
**Venue:** Adler Museum of Medicine, 4th floor, Medical School

**RSVP:** Anne: anne.wright@wits.ac.za  All welcome. CPD accredited.
ALUMNUS DIASPORA LECTURE
HOSTED BY
Professor Victor Mngomezulu
Head: Division of Diagnostic Radiology, School of Clinical Medicine

Presented by
PROFESSOR KELVIN HONG
Clinical Director of the Division of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Associate Professor of Radiology and Surgery, Fellowship Program Director, John Hopkins University Medical School

Lead author on textbook on “Percutaneous Tumor Ablation”

Title of lecture: “Role of Interventional Radiology in Locoregional Cancer Therapy: Focus on Thermal Ablation”

Date: Wednesday 30 January 2013
Time: 16:30
Venue: Division of Diagnostic Radiology, School of Clinical Medicine, Orange Block, Level 5, Room 350, Conference Room A

Enquiries: Ms Nomfundo Sibiya: Nomfundo.Sibiya@wits.ac.za

THE STEVE BIKO CENTRE FOR BIOETHICS
Invites You to Its First 2013 Faculty Lecture Entitled
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ‘DO NOT RESUSCITATE’ ORDERS: WHEN CAN THEY BE USED?
By
Professor David McQuoid-Mason

The Constitution and the National Health Act provide that nobody shall be refused emergency medical treatment. ‘Do not resuscitate’ (DNR) orders require that certain patients should not be given cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in order to save their lives. The question arises whether there is a conflict between these two requirements. To answer this question the following will be considered: the meaning of emergency medical treatment; the relationship between emergency medical treatment and DNR orders; the meaning of futile medical treatment; the relationship between DNR orders and euthanasia; and when DNR orders may be lawfully used.

Professor David McQuoid-Mason, BComm (Natal), LLB (Natal), LLM (London), PhD (Natal), Advocate of High Court of South Africa. Professor David McQuoid-Mason is a Professor of Law at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, a Fellow of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, and Visiting Professor at Strathclyde University, Scotland.

Date: Monday, 4 February 2013
Time: 13:00 – 14:00
Venue: Room 5A03, 5th Floor, Faculty of Health Sciences
RSVP: Tebogo Dithung: Email: Tebogo.dithung@wits.ac.za by 28 January 2013. CPD accredited
COURSES

Workshops / Seminars offered in Jan/Feb 2013

29 January 2013: Preparing for and giving a good lecture
14:00-16:00  CHSE Boardroom

12-14 February 2013 (three full days)
Health Science Educators Course
08:15-16:00 (daily)  CHSE Boardroom

06 February 2013: PBL Facilitators workshop
08:30-14:00  CHSE Boardroom

26 February 2013: Development of a teaching portfolio
14:00-16:00  CHSE Boardroom

22 February 2013: Journal Club
12:00-13:00  CHSE Boardroom

Please contact Norman Motlhabani for bookings: 011 717 2329 or gobotsamang.motlhabani@wits.ac.za and Professor Patricia McInerney for more information: 011 717 2073 or Patricia.McInerney@wits.ac.za
And finally ... some advice for the New Year:

**Anger management:**
When angry with someone, it helps to sit down and think about the problem...

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