ORAL HEALTH MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2012

Dr Londiwe Sibisi, Community Dentistry Department, Wits School of Oral Health Sciences writes: ‘The Wits Community Dentistry Team Celebrated Oral Health Month in style! September is National Oral Health Month. The aim of the commemoratory month is to create awareness in communities of the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy mouth and to promote good oral health practices in order to minimise the risk of future dental problems.

National Oral Health Day was celebrated on 12 September 2012 at Forest Town School which is a school for children with special needs. Learners were entertained with educational talks, singing, and a puppet show presented by Wits Oral Hygiene students. The children were also treated to some oral health aids such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, stickers and brushing timers.

To encourage a holistic and integrated approach to health care, this year’s event was a collaboration between the Wits Dental School, the Gauteng Department of Health, the Department of Education, and the Department of Sports and Recreation, whereby the Department of Sport and Recreation treated the children to some sporting kits and gear to encourage their physical activity.

WHAT WOULD STEVE SAY? THE 2012 STEVE BIKO BIOETHICS LECTURE

12 September 2012 marked 35 years since the brutal death of Steve Biko while in detention under the apartheid regime. The Steve Biko Bioethics Lecture, entitled *What would Steve say?*, addressed healthcare service delivery in South Africa through the lens of Biko’s philosophies.
The lecture was given by Professor Rogers Ragaven with a response by Dr Saths Cooper, both contemporaries of and fellow activists with Steve Biko.

Professor Ragaven spoke of Biko’s student days as a medical student at the University of Natal and his involvement in student activism. He gave important insight into Biko: the man, and the student, also presenting the audience with the context which shaped Biko and his philosophies which included experiencing the failure of health care delivery firsthand in the Happy Valley Clinic, and King Edward VIII Hospital. The appalling conditions in these hospitals and clinics spurred him on to a critical enquiry into the political system which allowed for such abuse of human dignity in the healthcare sector.

Dr Cooper’s looked at the term ‘service delivery’ which is euphemistic and connotes a serious lack of care and ability in the healthcare system today. Making reference to the similarities between Sharpeville (1960), and the recent events at Marikana, he called into question the legitimacy of liberation movements in our democracy, arguing that if Biko had been alive, politics today would be qualitatively different.

The session was chaired by Professor Joe Veriava with a vote of thanks by the Head of School of Clinical Medicine, Professor Mac Lukhele. The lecture drew a large crowd including the Vice Chancellor, members of Faculty, students and members of the community such as Advocate George Bizos, and Leigh Gunkel-Keuler, Pfizer’s Public Affairs Director.

WITS ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

Photograph: OrthoWits50 dinner at Wits Club: Professors MT Ramokgopa Acting Head, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Wits, MC, GA Versfeld, S Biddulph, EEG Lautenbach, Mr Kayum Ahmed, Guest Speaker, Professors M Lukhele, Head, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, EHW Erken, Chairman of OrthoWitsAlumni, AJF Robertson

Professor Billy Ramokgopa, Acting Head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, writes: ‘The Orthopaedic Surgery Department celebrated its 50th anniversary on 15 September 2012. This was a momentous occasion that involved a series of activities on that day initiated and co-ordinated by our alumni under the leadership of Emeritus Professor Einhard Erken. Different generations of alumni drawn from the last five decades graced the event. It commenced in the early morning with lectures focusing on Cerebral Palsy which were held in the Marie Curie Lecture Theatre at Medical School, followed by a lighter afternoon hosted by Professor Erken at the Hope School for the disabled in Westcliff where various speakers shared nostalgic moments, events and experiences of the immediate and long past years. Memorabilia in the form of ties and scarves amongst other items were issued to mark the event.

An evening gala dinner, hosted by the current Head of Orthopaedic Surgery, Professor Mkhululi Lukhele, was a fitting end to the day’s activities. The dinner drew an eminent guest speaker, Mr Kayum Ahmed, who is the current CEO of the SA Human Rights Commission and the evening was further filled with a speech by Professor Lukhele who talked about the current state of the Wits Orthopaedic Surgery Department. Dr Jose van Niekerk, one of the earliest alumni and an orthopaedic historian, took us down the illustrious and enriching memory lane of orthopaedic surgery. One of our most successful younger alumni, Dr Andrew Barrow, who won both the Smith & Nephew and ABC Orthopaedic Travelling Fellowships, also shared his thoughts about his experiences and views on the future.’
Professor Ian Couper and Dr Audrey Gibbs write: 'The Centre for Rural Health was recently privileged to host an international conference on “non-physician clinicians” at Wits Medical School. The International Academy of Physician Associate Educators (IAPAE) held their 5th annual conference from 16-18 September 2012, assisted by the Twinning Center (American International Health Alliance) which plays an important role in supporting our Clinical Associate Programme. 53 delegates from a number of countries including USA, Netherlands, England, Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda and Ghana attended the conference, as well as delegates from other South African universities, the World Health Organization and the Department of Health.

Informative and educational plenaries and workshops revealed many similar experiences and challenges across the world in programmes training associate clinicians, the generic term agreed upon for midlevel medical workers. Some of the visitors stayed on for the Wits research day on 19th September, with very positive feedback. Many also visited local teaching sites (Germiston and Kopanong Hospitals) and were very complimentary about our Clinical Associate students and the hospital teaching staff. As one US delegate said: “Being a part of this conference was an honour and tremendously inspiring! The energy, vision and amazing work being done by you all is remarkable!”

Promising on-going connections and networking were initiated with potential long term benefits for the South African Clinical Associate Programmes, particularly in terms of enhanced links in Africa.

Photograph: Delegates at the IAPAE meeting

WITS90 TREASURES EXHIBITION ON SHOW AT THE WITS ART MUSEUM 20 SEPTEMBER to 15 OCTOBER 2012

Wits is the custodian of some of the world’s priceless treasures and on the occasion of its 90th anniversary, Wits displayed some of these treasures at the Wits Art Museum from 20 September to 15 October 2012. These included the Taung Skull, the Sediba fossils, the world’s oldest dinosaur eggs, rare African art, a scroll by the artist Dumile Feni, one of the world’s oldest Bibles, Former President Nelson Mandela’s handwritten notes from the Rivonia Trial, Robert Sobukwe’s original letters; Herbert Baker watercolours, excerpts from the Sol Plaatje collection; old blueprints of the Union buildings and the Johannesburg Art Gallery; rock art; a slave register and clay tablets (ca 3000 – 2000 BC). The Faculty’s museums participated in this exhibition. The Adler Museum of Medicine’s contribution included an iron lung used in South Africa during the 1950s poliomyelitis epidemic, a Brenthurst clamp, a microscope and a medicine chest while the Anatomy Museum displayed animal skeletons and human death masks among other items. Read more about the treasures on display. All Wits’ museums were open on National Heritage Day and attracted hundreds of visitors to all campuses.

Photograph: Professor Helen Laburn, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) enjoying the Adler Museum of Medicine’s Medicine Chest on display
Mrs Poovy Govender writes: The Faculty Hosted an Alumni Reunion Dinner on 18 September at the Wanderers Club, Illovo, Johannesburg. Alumni of all years from all disciplines, and other invited guests and current senior students, and presidents and deputy presidents of Student Councils came together and shared and reminisced, and celebrated Wits 90 years of academic excellence.

Dr Max Price, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, and former Dean of the Faculty enlightened us with his knowledge and experiences of “Wits 90 years of Medical Education”. He took us on an historical journey of the early days of the medical education, its location, its programmes to our current location in Parktown, and spoke of how the disciplines and programmes have changed over the many, many years.

A buffet dinner catering for all palettes was enjoyed at elegantly adorned tables and many toasts were shared. In addition, current Student Council Presidents and Vice Presidents, and a representative group of the 2012 graduating class were also invited to this prestigious event.

Whilst the students enjoyed the experience of being amongst very senior and well-respected medical professionals, some of whom graduated in the 1940s and 1950s, alumni were happy to meet and talk to colleagues that they have not met for many years. Photo displays and albums of Tin Temple, Hospital Hill and groups of students in various settings gave alumni an opportunity to “glance back” and created talking points.

Dr Keith Heimann (MBBCh 1961) shared X-rays dating decades back and presented Professor Yosuf (Joe) Veriava with a silver salver which was presented to his dad and which reads: “To Dr & Mrs H L Heimann, 13th November 1948. TO COMMEMORATE THE FULFILMENT OF TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF LOYAL AND SYMPATHETIC SERVICE DEVOTED TO OUR PROFESSION BY DR HENRY HEIMANN TO WHOSE TEACHING WE OWE SO MUCH. HIS PAST AND PRESENT HOUSEMEN BESTOW THIS TOKEN IN ESTEEM AND RESPECT”.

The silver salver has numerous signatures, among them; Helen Weinbreun (1929); I Freed (1929); A Seeff (1931); S Spiro (1935); M M Slabbert (1941); A M Rudolph (1946); T Kruger (1948); Sylvia Goldberg (1947); L H Klugman (1948); and will be housed in the Adler Museum of Medicine.

Alumni also had the opportunity to join over 700 delegates at the Faculty Research Day on the 19 September – an event which showcases the Faculty’s research endeavour.

The reunion culminated with a tour by Professor Ron Clarke around the Sterkfontein Excavation Site and a presentation by him on the role of the late Professor Phillip Tobias in palaeoanthropology, the re-opening of the Sterkfontein site in 1966, and Professor Tobias’ contributions globally.

Some post reunion comments:

Thank you for a most enjoyable evening. Roger and I so enjoyed ourselves, meeting up with old friends and colleagues and the evening was beautifully organised by you. Thank you again. Roger and Penny Edge

Please convey my sincere appreciation to Professor Wadie for the concept and hosting of the Alumni Reunion Dinner on the 18th September. The evening was a great success and certainly enjoyed by all colleagues that I conversed and caught up with after many years. Thanks for the excellent organisation of the event. It is only when you retire that you really start to realise the importance of all Wits does for the Alumni, and makes me proud to still be part of Wits University. Gail Wilson
WITS DEPARTMENT OF NURSING EDUCATION CELEBRATES 75 YEARS!

The Department of Nursing Education celebrated 75 years of excellence in nursing education on the 28 September 2012. The Department pioneered university education for nurses in South Africa since the first Diploma in nursing was offered in 1937. The Department traces its birth back to when nurses were struggling to increase standards, training and respect for the profession. To commemorate the event the Department hosted a celebration at the Olives and Plates Conference Centre.

Alumni, representatives from associated Nursing Colleges, other universities, University Management, representatives from Gauteng Department of Health, members of staff and students, as well as family members of the late Professor Barbara Robertson, former head of the Department of Nursing Education attended the celebration. The event culminated the launch of the publication “History of Nursing at Wits” authored by Dr Simonne Horwitz.

Dr Gayle Langley introduced Professor Lize Maree, Head of Department of Nursing Education, who gave a précis of the current state of the Department and proposed changes envisaged in Nursing Education.

Dr Catherine Burns, based at the University’s research institute WISER, delivered the key note address. Her teaching research and publications centre on modern African history with a specific focus on medical ethics, gender, medical and health history. The address was scholarly, provocative and meticulously researched and created a buzz of excitement amongst the delegates.

Professor Alan Rothberg delivered an address focusing on the Nursing Department in the past and where it is today within the Faculty of Health Sciences. He wryly commented on some of the challenging points posed by Professor Burns.

Dr Adele Tjale gave an overview of the publication and thanked the author and all contributors. Dr Langley then thanked all guests for coming (some from afar) and brought the proceeding to a close.

ENDING THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC: FROM SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES TO PUBLIC HEALTH, 8 OCTOBER 2012

Anthony S Fauci, MD, is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr Fauci’s career at NIAID has spanned four decades and yielded innumerable contributions to infectious disease pathogenesis and treatment research. His pioneering studies of HIV pathogenesis and the human immune response have greatly advanced the understanding of HIV/AIDS disease mechanisms and have proven crucial for the development of efficacious therapies.

Dr Fauci was the 13th most-cited scientist among the 2.5 to 3 million authors in all disciplines throughout the world who published articles in scientific journals during a twenty year time frame from 1983 to 2002. He was also the world’s 10th most-cited HIV/AIDS researcher in the period 1996-2006. He has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards for his scientific accomplishments, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Medal of Science, the George M Kober Medal of the Association of American Physicians, the Mary Woodard Lasker Award for Public Service, the Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research, and 38 honorary doctoral degrees from universities in the United States and abroad.
The Faculty Research Office presented a lecture by Professor Peter Agre, 2003 Chemistry Nobel Laureate and Director of the Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute. The lecture was entitled *Aquaporin Water Channels – from Atomic Structure to Malaria*.

The purpose of Agre’s visit was to collaborate with the Malaria Entomology Research Unit at Wits on a project funded by the US National Institutes of Health to establish an International Centre of Excellence in Malaria Research (ICEMR). The Centre is in the process of being established in Zambia with Professor Maureen Coetzee, Director of the Malaria Entomology Research Unit at Wits, as the South African co-principle investigator. Her group’s role in the project is to study insecticide resistance in the malaria mosquitoes and to assist with training where needed.

During his visit Agre also visited the malaria research laboratories headed by Professors Theresa Coetzer (Haematology & Molecular Medicine) and Robyn van Zyl (Pharmacology).

Agre’s honours include election to the National Academy of Sciences in 2000, the Institute of Medicine in 2005, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2003, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2003 ‘for the discovery of water channels’ and the American Philosophical Society in 2004.

Professor Agre believes that science, technology and health play a comprehensive role in diplomacy and he has always supported the expansion of scientific cooperation. In particular, he is passionate about involving and inspiring young people to excel in scientific endeavour.

Photograph: Professors Maureen Coetzee, Peter Agre, Helen Laburn, Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Research) and Bev Kramer

**THE MORALITY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH: 16 OCTOBER 2011**

The Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics arranged a most interesting lecture entitled *The morality of scientific research*, by Dr Jack Watters, Pfizer’s Vice President for External Medical Affairs, responsible for relations with medical societies, academic institutions and government health bodies around the globe. Dr Watters presented a lecture informed by 30 years of experience in the Pharmaceutical Industry and a passion for development of new therapies which can be used for the greater good of society. He argued for the importance of testing new therapies in as broad a context as possible, so as to ensure that the needs of as many as possible are met. Recognizing that research is a highly moral endeavour, he placed the onus on researchers to be open to discussion and remain constantly engaged with the ethical questions that arise. He expressed his hope that he had displayed this commitment to moral enquiry throughout his own career, and his belief in the importance of encouraging researchers to do the same, concluding by thanking the audience and the Centre for the opportunity to do just that in the delivery of his lecture.

Photograph: Dr Kevin Behrens, Professor Ames Dhai, Dr Jack Watters
AFRICA HOSTS ITS 3rd RESEARCH ETHICS & GCP WORKSHOP: CONDUCTING RESEARCH RESPONSIBLY, 11-12 October 2012

The Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics ran its 3rd Research Ethics & Good Clinical Practice Workshop: Conducting Research Responsibilities in Nairobi, Kenya on 11 and 12 October 2012. There were 78 delegates from 6 countries on the continent, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Benin, Uganda and Botswana.

The objectives of the 2 day workshop were to expose researchers, Regulatory Authorities (RA) and Research Ethics Committee (REC) members to current issues and critical thoughts in clinical trial research in an effort to promote their development as researchers and reviewers that are competent in research ethics; and to familiarize REC members with the ethics review and administration process.

The workshop was funded by an unrestricted education grant from Pfizer. The Good Clinical Practice component of the workshop was delivered by the Investigator Training Programme team of Pfizer.

Photograph: Professor Ames Dhai delivering a presentation at the workshop

ADLER MUSEUM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

Professor Ahmed Wadee and Dr Joseph Teeger, a founder member of the Museum, cut the cake; staff past and present with the Dean: Dr Lelong Immelman, Ms Rochelle Keene, Professor Ahmed Wadee, Mr Sepeke Sekwele, Ms Cheryl-Anne Cromie; Mr Sagie Pillay, CEO of the NHLS, Professor Hendrik Koomhof and Dr Barry Kistnasamy

Dr Roland Saunders, Professor Charles Isaacson with Dr Norman Blumberg, a Wits graduate from the class of 1951 who is presently visiting South Africa from the USA; Mrs Pauline Nossel whose late husband, Norman, was a great supporter and benefactor of the Museum; present Board members Dr Ann Wanless and Ms Alba Letts with Dr Joseph Teeger; Professor Tony Davies, Board member and Co-Editor of the Adler Museum Bulletin

Faculty and museum staff, past and present Board members, alumni, early donors and friends celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Adler Museum of Medicine in style on 18 October 2012.
The Museum collection was established by Dr Cyril and Mrs Esther Adler in 1962. Dr Adler (MBBCh 1933) and his wife Esther collected items of medical interest during the time he ran a medical practice, while Esther Adler had majored in history in her BA degree. It was established in April 1962 when the Museum of the History of Medicine was launched in the Wits Great Hall. The main speaker of the evening was Major-General AJ Orenstein, whose address, Mine eyes have seen, launched the new museum as the ‘History of Medicine Museum’. The event was jointly sponsored by the Medical Graduates’ Association (MGA) and the Chamber of Mines. An annual eponymous lecture is named after Major General Orenstein.

In 1964 the Museum was moved to an apartment provided by Wits adjacent to the Medical School in Esselen Street, Hillbrow and, when it outgrew that, the South African Institute for Medical Research (SAIMR), offered the Adlers the Director’s House on its grounds in Hospital Street, Hospital Hill, Johannesburg to where it moved in 1966. The Museum was generously housed and supported by the SAIMR for close on 35 years: a long association indeed! In June 1974 the Museum was officially handed over to Wits and was renamed the Adler Museum of the History of Medicine as a token of the esteem in which the founders were held by the University. The Museum was taken over by the Faculty of Health Sciences with the support of the Dean, Professor Max Price, and opened in August 2002 at Medical School, co-inciding with its 40th anniversary.

An exhibition documenting the History of the Museum is on show in the Museum: do come and visit!

5 YEAR HIGHLIGHTS: STEVE BIKO CENTRE FOR BIOETHICS

The Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics was launched in 2007 and stands as a symbol of the Faculty’s commitment to ethics and professionalism in healthcare teaching and practice. To record the Centre’s first 5 years a brochure entitled 5 Year Highlights has been produced.

In the past 5 years, the Centre has developed a reputation for promoting ethics and professionalism in healthcare through teaching, research, influencing policy, human rights advocacy and community outreach. Through its activities, the Centre is held in high esteem nationally, on the continent and globally.

The Centre’s commitment to ethics and professionalism is greatly enabled by its dedicated staff, Faculty support and funders like Pfizer who have made the production of this brochure possible.

The brochure may be viewed on the Centre’s website, www.wits.ac.za/bioethics.

Photograph: Staff of the Centre and Leigh Gunkel-Keuler (standing, second left), Pfizer Director of Public Affairs, Policy & Communications, with copies of the brochure.

AND NEWS FROM THE STUDENTS …

MSC TRADE FAIR

From 20 to 24 August 2012, the Medical Students’ Council (MSC) held its Annual Trade Fair. The fourth floor of the Wits Medical School was lined with stalls, giving health sciences students and others the opportunity to stock up on medical equipment and to explore what is offered to them by different banks and companies. Besides, among others, the popular Tanc and Welsh Allyn equipment stalls, the fair also hosted organisations such as MSF for student interest, the Wits Paeds Fund for support and a Medical Zulu Textbook stall for interested students.

The week was concluded with a lunch for companies in the Adler Museum of Medicine.
WITS STUDENTS SURGICAL SOCIETY
~ Promoting the art, science and practice of surgery

Tania Temlett and John Wulz write:

The Wits Students Surgical Society offers an exhilarating platform for medical students and young, aspiring medical specialists who are fascinated by the intricate art and science of surgery. The society facilitates prestigious guest lectures from prominent figures in the surgical world every two months and hosts other events such as surgical skill-focused workshops for junior and senior years. This year the society’s committee has extended its influence into an outreach programme in Alexandra, a mass student debate and involve some of its members in the 94.7 Cycle Challenge to raise funds for the SMILE Foundation.

The final lecture of 2012 was held on 1 October. It focused on the Smile Foundation and the wonderful work they do. Dr EA Christofides, reconstructive surgeon, had the students riveted with his explanation of how each type of craniosynostosis is corrected and the before and after photographs showed the profound improvement these procedures made to a child’s quality of life. The lecture was then followed by the Society’s end of year cocktail function held in the Adler Museum of Medicine. Members enjoyed an elegant evening with eats and drinks supplied by Olives and Plates in an environment steeped in medical history. Special thanks to Cheryl Cromie for her hospitality and assistance at our cocktail function and to Olives and Plates for the delicious snacks!

PROJECT IQRA

The Muslim Students Association Union, representing 18 campuses across 8 cities in South Africa, launched of their newest endeavour earlier this year - Project IQra. The MSA have successfully managed to merge massive and enthusiastic student involvement with that of charitable initiatives within our local communities.

For the past 8 years, MSA bodies across the country have successfully been running the Ramadhaan Humanitarian Project initiatives. This year, the MSA undertook a new venture: recognising the importance of knowledge and the lack of adequate facilities to acquiring this knowledge that so many of the youth of our country suffer from, Project IQra was launched.

It is an initiative aimed at uplifting communities through the enrichment of their secondary and tertiary education. The project focuses on underprivileged grade 11 learners by equipping them and their schools with adequate materials and knowledge to assist them in progressing through their studies. Power packs are provided to both future Matric learners and their schools.

The Project took place from 17-22 September 2012. 171 ‘individual packs’ for 171 grade 11 learners of Zakariyya Park Combined School were packed, each consisting of a school bag; study-guides; a ruler; pens; bursary and university information. These were taken to the school and handed given to students. The schools were also given a ‘school pack’ consisting of a laptop, a projector and other teaching aids, which will assist in educating the students and providing more efficient lessons. A Careers Day was organised facilitating the transition of these youth to a tertiary education. This was hosted at Wits Main Campus on 21 September 2012.
CONGRATULATIONS!

2012 VICE-CHANCELLOR’S RESEARCH AWARD WINNER

The 2012 Vice-Chancellor’s Research Award was won by Professor Helen Rees, Director of the Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute. The award is worth R250 000 and may be spent on any academic purpose.

The Award will be handed to Professor Rees at the annual Council Dinner to be held on 20 October 2012.

Congratulations!

BMA BOARD OF SCIENCE CHAIRMAN’S CHOICE WINNER GOES TO ...

The *Manual of Definitive Surgical Trauma Care*, 3rd edition by Kenneth D Boffard has just been announced as the winner of the first prize in the surgical category of the British Medical Association medical book awards 2012. In addition, the book was given the special BMA Board of Science Chairman’s Choice Award for a book of special merit. What is so exciting about this is that a South African book has never been awarded this honour before. Additionally, it is the first manual to have received this level of recognition.

This book placed above the benchmark surgical textbooks from both the USA and UK. The manual, for the trainee and qualified surgeon, covers every aspect of surgical trauma care and has been updated to incorporate recent developments. Its reviewer commented: ‘This book fills a gap in the market. In view of major trauma reconfiguration in the UK, this book should be recommended reading for all general surgeons and emergency department consultants.’

Professor Baroness Hollins, FRCPsych, FRCPCH, FRCP, the President of the BMA, presented these awards at a reception at BMA House on 12 September 2012. Congratulations!

INVITATIONS

Professor Ahmed Wadee, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and the Board of Control of the Adler Museum of Medicine take much pleasure in inviting you to attend

**The 2012 AJ Orenstein Memorial Lecture**

Towards the clinician-led management team: a strategy for fixing hospitals?

which will be presented by

Prof. Karl von Holdt
Director of the Society, Work and Development Institute (SWDI), WITS

Date: Monday 29 October 2012
Time: 18:00
Venue: Auditorium, Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital, Wits Medical School, 7 York Road, Parktown

Refreshments will be served after the lecture
RSVP (acceptances): adler.museum@wits.ac.za
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The lecture is CPD accredited
MSF SA IS ON CAMPUS FROM 22 – 24 OCTOBER WITH A DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING, BOOK LAUNCH & PUBLIC DEBATE

Day 1 FREE Film Screening and Discussion
Date: 22 October 2012
Time: 18h00
Venue: The Adler Museum of Medicine, 7 York Road, Parktown, Johannesburg

We’re screening Access to the Danger Zone – a documentary narrated by Daniel Day-Lewis – about victims of war & their need for humanitarian aid. It shows the dangers & difficulties humanitarian workers deal with daily while helping people in distress in the world’s most dangerous places: Afghanistan, Eastern DRC & Somalia.

Day 2 FREE Book launch and public debate
Date: 23 October 2012
Time: 18h00
Venue: The Adler Museum of Medicine, 7 York Road, Parktown, Johannesburg

We’re launching Humanitarian Negotiations Revealed – a book that sets out to deliberately puncture a number of myths, which place humanitarianism above politics. It is a candid examination of the compromises MSF made – some successfully others less so – to try and help the people suffering most in the world today.

Day 3 MSF Live lunchtime interaction
Date: 24 October 2012
Time: 12h30
Venue: The Medical School Cafeteria, 7 York Road, Parktown, Johannesburg

This event offers a candid look at our fieldwork through the eyes of our Fieldworkers who will describe their work and experiences working to provide life-saving care.

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MEDICINS SANS FRONTIERES
DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS
The Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics invites you to a Faculty Lecture  
entitled  
The Human Factor and the Healthcare Professional: Challenges and Recommendations  
By Guy Hirst

Only high-achievers with a strong work ethic will ever qualify and practice as clinicians. Research indicates that such admirable qualities do not make us immune from making individual errors, especially when working at the 'cutting edge' of such a complex system as healthcare. Other industries have risen to the challenge and accepted that individual human error is ubiquitous. An error management strategy based around effective teamwork and communication skills can offer a practical and cost-effective solution to dealing with the human disposition to error.

This presentation will look at some of the current research surrounding human error and attempt to offer some practical solutions that are simple to introduce into the workplace. Examples of how other industries, in particular commercial aviation, have changed their culture will be discussed.

Guy Hirst  
Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society (FRAeS)

Guy, an ‘Aviation Expert’ for ITV news network in the UK, was an airline pilot from 1973 to 2005. He spent 16 years of his career in research, training, and development in aviation. Since 2003, Guy has been instrumental in designing and presenting Human Factor (HF) courses in the healthcare environment on behalf of the Royal College of Surgeons, the new Institute of Innovation and Improvement and several NHS Strategic Health Authorities and Trusts. More recently he has been running programmes in association with the Medical Protection Society (MPS). Guy has also been involved in training and coaching applied human factors in several research studies notably on behalf of Great Ormond Street, John Radcliffe in partnership with Oxford University and The Health Foundation.

**Key dates for noting:**
- Abstract submission deadline: Wednesday, 31 October 2012
- Notification of review outcome: Monday, 15 November 2012
- Submission of finalised abstract: Monday, 22 November 2012

For further information and submission forms and guidelines please go to: [www.wits.ac.za/research/mbrt](http://www.wits.ac.za/research/mbrt) and click on NEWS AND EVENTS.
The Faculty Research Office in association with the Malaria Entomology Research Unit cordially invite you to a Hillel Friedland Postdoctoral Seminar entitled:

"Population Genetic Structure of the Major Malaria Vector Anopheles Funestus S.S. and Allied Species in Southern Africa"

By

Dr Kwang Shik Choi.

Date: 16 November 2012
Time: 12:30
Venue: Len Miller Lecture Theatre
RSVP: Mandisa.Habane@wits.ac.za on / before 12 November 2012
# Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting regarding the management of Cardiovascular Disease in women

**Venue**  |  Wits Medical School  
The Marie Curie Theater

**Date**  |  Tuesday 20th November 2012

**Time**  |  16h00 - 18h30

Registration from 15h00

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Dr Naomi Rapeport  
MBCH (Wits), FCOP (SA), FCPH (SA)

Assoc Professor Elena Libhaber  
ML, MSc, PhD (Wits)

Please RSVP before the end of business day 15th October 2012

This is a CPD accredited symposium

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PLEASE RSVP ACCEPTANCES TO:  
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Zanele.ngema@astrazeneca.com by 16 October 2012.
Dear SASHG members, colleagues and friends

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure to invite you to join us in Johannesburg for the 15th Biennial Congress of the Southern African Society for Human Genetics, from the 6th to 9th October 2013. We are planning this Congress in an urban setting, just opposite the Gautrain station in Sandton, to make it highly accessible to all our out of town, and country, delegates.

Our theme is Genetworking: Building bridges base by base and it is about promoting effective communication and interaction at many levels. Across our human genetics academic centres in South Africa, with our neighbouring countries, other African countries and the world at large. Fostering networking between our clinical geneticists, genetic counsellors, scientists, registrars, interns and students and reaching out to our peers globally. Connecting with our sister disciplines to explore genetic networks and functional pathways in health and disease.

As a run up to the main event, we extend a warm invitation to our students and postdoctoral fellows to make the most of the Young Researchers Forum to hone their skills in a supportive environment.

It is our plan to bring you a state-of-the-art congress and a fun filled social program. As they say about genomes – sequence once and read often – we hope that you will bookmark our webpage and check our updates regularly: www.sashg2013.co.za Please follow our “Genetworking” updates on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn for up to date information and to connect with likeminded individuals.

We look forward to welcoming you in Johannesburg next year.

Michèle Ramsay
Chair: Southern African Society for Human Genetics

WITS School of Public Health

Please save 24 January 2013 for our international public health conference

Building Capacity 4 Health

The conference is the inaugural event of the new state of the art building of the Wits School of Public Health, to be opened on 24 January 2013.

- How mismanagement or corruption in the health sector defrauds the public of its health.
- Research as a vehicle for social change
- Improving the health of South Africans
- Building the next generation of health leadership
- Financing the National Health Insurance System

Conference Date: Thursday 24 January 2013
Venue: New Wits School of Public Health Building, York Road, Parktown, Johannesburg, South Africa

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