



The New INVESTEC Lounge on the 4th Floor

Welcome to our November update and I hope you find this helpful. Our aim is to ensure that we keep our SCM members up to date with events as they unfold. If you have any suggestions, constructive feedback about how we can improve or add value to our update, please feel free to email: dlovan@ukzn.ac.za

SCHOOL NEWS

RESULTS OF THE 2018 INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

The results of the survey have been shared with the College Management. The following positive points were noted:

1. Within UKZN, our medical students have had the biggest positive turnaround from being detractors to promoting and supporting UKZN.
2. College of Health Sciences staff are the most satisfied with communications
3. Our College Facebook page has been flagged as the best. (one comment: It's the only FB page at UKZN that keeps us updated at all times with fresh content)

There are university wide areas for improvement but we are really doing well so congratulations to all of us. Let's keep the momentum going.

APPOINTMENT OF HOD'S

We are experiencing challenges in filling the Oncology HOD post, but we shall continue to headhunt.

POSITIVE STORIES

Profesor Bonga Chiliza HOD of Psychiatry and Professor Thumbi Ndungu are the recipients of the Clinical Scientist Awards and have been recognised for their outstanding contribution to research in South Africa. We congratulate them and are very proud of their achievements.

UNDERGRAD MATTERS

• Cuban Collaboration

More students are expected in 2019 however the numbers have not been confirmed yet. We shall keep you posted. A meeting is planned with DOH and the other schools to review this year's feedback.

• Young scholar attends 34th World Congress on Internal Medicine (WCIM)

Dr Kapil Naran was supported to attend the above congress in Cape Town. "The whole experience was certainly an eye-opener for me as it was my first time attending an internal medicine conference. Networking was a different dimension altogether and somewhat overwhelming as I was honoured to constantly meet with specialists and subspecialists from all corners of the globe. I thank Prof Dlova and UKZN for sponsoring me to attend this magnificent event! I aim to utilise this experience and some of the contacts, I was so fortunate to have gained, to not only improve my scientific understanding of clinical concepts and research but to more importantly infuse a passion for research amongst undergraduates, and in doing so further establish potential opportunities for my fellow medical students."

POSTGRAD MATTERS

CHS Registrar Awards Evening

The CHS inaugural awards evening for registrars took place on 23 November 2018 at an elegant function at the Investec office suite in Umhlanga. The guest of honour was Dr Vuyane Mhlomi who grew up in Khayelitsha, and studied Medicine at the University of Cape Town was awarded his medical degree with first class honours. At the age of 29, he completed his Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil/PhD) after two and half years, at the University of Oxford. In 2017, he was awarded the prestigious Pershing Square Scholarship to study a Master in Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Oxford and was selected by the University for Poets & Quants as one of top 100 most promising MBA graduates in the world. Dr Mhlomi's inspiring address captured the hearts of all, especially the registrars, who were enthralled by his phenomenal success despite his humble upbringing, vision and youthful passion to transform healthcare in our country.

In 2018, 65 registrars successfully completed their CMSA final specialist examinations and a further 7 passed their subspecialist examinations. A total of 95 registrars also graduated with their MMED degrees in 2018. In paying tribute to our successful graduates, Dr Ramlall, Academic Leader of the Registrar Training Programme, challenged our new graduates to remain in the public sector, mentor their juniors and strengthen both our academic and clinical training platforms. Echoing the messages of the DVC-CHS, Prof Ncama and guest speaker Dr Mhlomi, young graduates were urged to 'be the change' and usher in a new era of excellence and caring -for self and colleagues-in the medical fraternity.

Certificates were awarded to successful Fellows, Certificands, and Masters of Medicine. The top three MMed research projects were awarded as follows:

1 st Prize	Dr Stefné Verwey	Anaesthetics	Supervised by Dr PD Gopalan
2 nd Prize	Dr Sandra Maphumulo	Medical Microbiology	Supervised by Dr Khine Sweswe-Han
3 rd Prize	Dr Gillian Lawrie	Dermatology	Supervised by Prof Dlova

The recipients of the Good Fellow awards, which are peer nominated, were

- Dr Unathi Ngxamngxa-Chemical Pathology
- Dr Slindile Madlala-Neurosurgery

The highlight of the evening was the celebration of two 'firsts' for KZN and SA.

We are extremely proud of Dr Lindiwe Sidali, the first African female cardiothoracic surgeon in SA and Dr Atisha Maharaj, the first female gynae-oncologist in KZN. We extend our heartiest congratulations to all the successful

registrars, the consultants who taught and trained them as well as their research supervisors. Well done to All!

The CHS also extends their gratitude to the Investec team for their vision and investment in the training and development of our young specialists. Impressed by the success of the event, they have pledged their commitment to a similar function in 2019.



1st Annual Registrar Gala Dinner held at Investec offices in Umhlanga

REGISTRAR THROUGHPUT

The low and slow conversion rate of registrars to specialists remains a concern and a priority. The table below captures the UKZN pass rates for the CMSA final fellowship and certificate examinations per semester and annually from 2014-2018....a 5 year average pass rate of 52.2%. The HPCSA accreditation visit scheduled for 8-16 August 2019 affords all Disciplines the opportunity to review their training and assessment programmes with a view to improving our pass rates. A workshop will be scheduled for mid-January 2019 for all postgraduate co-ordinators to develop a discipline-specific standardised minimum training and assessment schedule which will inform the registrar academic monitoring and support system to be introduced in 2019. Proposed templates will be circulated in mid-December 2018.

	1 st Semester 2014	%	2 nd Se- mester 2014		1 st Se- mester 2015	%	2 nd Se- mester 2015		1 st Se- mester 2016	%	2 nd Se- mester 2016		1 st Se- mester 2017	%	2 nd Se- mes- ter 2017		1 st Se- mester 2018	%	2 nd Se- mester 2018	%
Semester pass	39/90	43	67/110	61	61/125	49	102/177	58	79/133	59	57/109	52	78/128	61	40/85	47	35/79	44	37/89	42
Year pass	106/200		53%		163/302		54%		136/242		56%		118/213		55%		72/168		43%	

CAMPUS MANAGEMENT

• Cleaning of Windows

There have unfortunately been some delays in finding the appropriate supplier and a breakdown in communication between the College and CMS. Things are back on track now and the Manager: Finance is finalising the procurement process with CMS. Work should begin soon.

• Renovation of the PS Staff Lounge

The staff lounge has been upgraded in line with our aims of creating a conducive and habitable environment for our staff.

• Renovating of Students rest room

This has also had a face lift and a TV will be purchased to allow students to unwind in a relaxed environment in between and after their lectures

• Gym update

Working committee has been appointed and a carefully phased, integrated health and wellbeing model for both students and staff will be finalised for implementation in 2019

• Main Entrance

We are also working at a face lift for our main entrance to the school of clinical medicine.

UKZN/DOH JHE Agreement

Work in progress and we have reached an agreement on the outstanding amount that needs to be settled between UKZN and DOH since 2016. The next meeting will be on the 4th December. We shall keep you posted.