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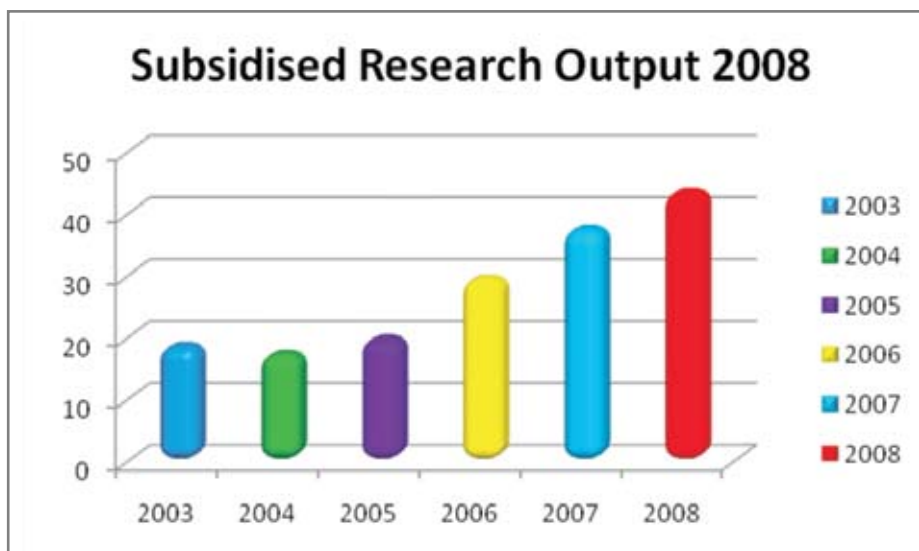
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Focus Area: Social Transformation Newsletter

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Focus Area - Social Transformation



Compare the above diagrammatic representation for the increase in Research Output over the past 5 years.

The core business of the Focus Area: Social Transformation contains two main foci, namely Post-graduate and Research output. In both areas positive development has been achieved over the past 28 months.

A reduction in post-graduate output (a University/Campus problem) was experienced in 2007 thereby indicating major challenges with the development of new curricula and tuition models. Since 2008 a vast amount of students have been accepted into the programme (approximately 134 are registered for 2009) and it is the opinion of the Research Director that this will set the trend for the establishment of assured growth within this area for years to come.

Research output has drastically improved since 2006 and has grown further during 2007. [Accredited publications: 2003 – 18; 2004 – 17.33; 2005 – 19.8; 2006 – 29.5; 2007 – 37; 2008 – 43.5]. Article output per academic 2006 – 0.72; 2007 – 0.9 and 2008 – 1.09. This reflects an improvement on the average for 2006 (0.4) and 2007 (0.45). The Focus Area

still falls within the required 0.8 - 1.5 articles per member.

Research Output: 2008

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| Total publications: | 55.5 |
| Accredited journals: | 43.5 |
| International conference presentations: | 17 |
| National conference presentations: | 25 |

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Message from the Director



Since my appointment as Research Director in October 2006 (approximately 31 months ago), there was a period of dramatic and sometimes uncomfortable

change within The Focus Area: Social Transformation (FA-ST). The constructive nature of these changes provided solid foundations on which the FA can build in the 3 years that is left of my term as

Director. These foundations refer to:

- Sound administrative and management practices.
- The establishment of a newly "focused" research program with relevant sub-programmes.
- The creation of a culture of research and innovation.
- A newly designed post-graduate program with new foci and method of instruction.
- Research networking on both national and international levels.

These foundations provide the FA with the opportunity to become a well established and highly regarded research unit within the faculty, university and the country. A number of

achievements are already visible, some of which are listed in this Newsletter.

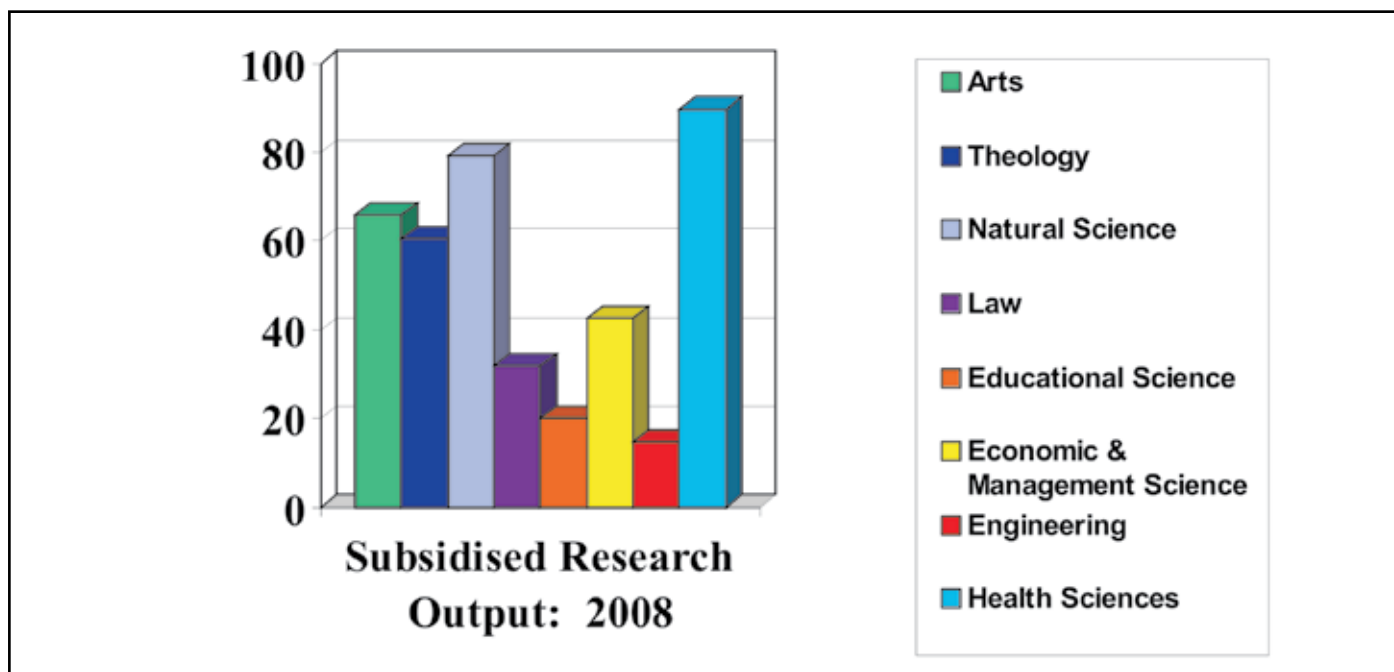
I would like to thank all colleagues for their contribution to FA-ST, as well as the management institutions, who supported us to make 2008/9 the most successful year in the history of this FA. At a later stage in this year the management of the FA will meet for a strategic session to further develop the profile of the FA and to concentrate on long-term sustainability of research programmes; research capacity building; and creating a balance between post-graduate research and general research output.

Kind regards

Prof André Duvenhage

Research Director: Social Transformation

Subsidised Research Output: 2008/2009



The graph above reflects the subsidised research output of the different faculties on the Potchefstroom Campus.

Currently there are 22 Research Entities at the Potchefstroom Campus of the NWU. The Focus Area: Social Transformation is doing extremely well against the measured research output of other Research entities.

According to data from the Institutional Office (28/04/2009), the following Research entities have the highest subsidised research output on the Potchefstroom Campus:

- Unit for Reformed Theology and the Development of the South African

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| Society | 65.17 |
| • Africa Unit for Transdisciplinary Health Research | 45.31 |
| • Social Transformation | 43.50 |
| • Unit for Languages and Literature in the South African Context | 40.00 |

Registered Masters and PhD Students: 2009

| SCHOOL | MASTERS | PhD | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----|-------|
| Social and Government Studies | 80 | 16 | 96 |
| Communication Studies | 24 | 6 | 30 |
| Philosophy | 6 | 2 | 8 |

New Programmes in Development and Management

The following programmes in Development and Management have been approved and will be implemented in 2010:

Master of Development and Management:

- (i) Disaster Studies (L873P)
- (ii) Water Studies (L874P/V)
- (iii) Corporate Social Responsibility (L875P)
- (iv) Public Management and Governance (L876P)

- (v) Governance and Political Transformation (L877P)

Philosophiae Doctor in Development and Management:

- (i) Disaster Studies (L941P)
- (ii) Water Studies (L942P/L942V)
- (iii) Corporate Social Responsibility (L943P)
- (iv) Public Management and Governance (L944P)
- (v) Governance and Political Transformation (L945P)

The following NEW programmes will be implemented in 2010:

- Master of Arts in Industrial Sociology
- Philosophiae Doctor in Industrial Sociology

Name Change to "Social Transformation"

The name of the Focus Area has changed from Sustainable Social Development (SSD) to Social Transformation (ST). Sustainable Social Development (SSD) will be kept as one of the sub-programmes within FA-ST.

The motivation for the change in focus from Sustainable Social Development (SSD) to Social Transformation (ST) was motivated by the following considerations:

- Social Transformation as a research context is more comprehensive and generic than Sustainable Social Development accommodating all the identified disciplines and sub-

disciplines reflected in identified sub-programmes.

- The generic aspects related to Social Transformation (renewal, restructuring, revitalisation and reprogramming) are more applicable and relevant to disciplines and sub-disciplines involved in the FA. ST is more trans-disciplinary making it more applicable to the FA research concept.
- ST rather than SSD encapsulates the current idiom related to change and progression.

- ST is more marketable because it appeals not only to the South African political ideological framework but also to the African Continent and the world in general.
- ST forms a core component of the Research Regime in South Africa and outside our borders.
- ST is a more accurate reflection and contextualisation of research endeavours and output as well as research conducted within the FA in general.

Navorsingsdirekteur: Politieke analis tydens die 2009-verkiesing

Prof André Duvenhage het gedurende die week van die verkiesing as politieke analis van SABC-Televisie en verskeie Radiostasies opgetree. Tydens die week is 35 onderhoude met ongeveer 12 stasies gevoer.

Sommige stasies het ook na die buiteland uitgesaai. Hy het die volgende gesê oor sy analyses tydens die verkiesing: "Hoewel verkiesings altyd 'n element van onvoorspelbaarheid met hom saamdra, het ek tog gevoel dat die analyses in die algemeen nie te vêr uit die kol was nie". Prof. Duvenhage beskryf dit as 'n groot voorreg om tydens die

*'n Gedenkuitgawe
van die Joernaal vir
Eietydse Geskiedenis
oor die 2009-
verkiesing word vir
2010 beplan.*

week by die hoofverkiesingsentrum te Mafikeng te kon sit en met verskeie

politieke rolspelers te kon skakel. Hierdie ervaring is ook nie verlore vir navorsing nie aangesien 'n publikasie oor die 2009-verkiesing beplan word. Prof. Duvenhage en Prof. Pieter Coetzer van UV sal as redakteurs optree van 'n gedenkuitgawe van die Joernaal vir Eietydse Geskiedenis wat vir 2010 beplan word. Vier artikels sal deur personeel van die NWU gelewer word uit 'n totaal van sowat 12 bydraes van Suid Afrikaanse akademici. Verskeie openbare aanbiedings ten opsigte van die verkiesing en ook op ander terreine van die politiek is ook gedurende 2009 gelewer.

Focusing on: Political studies

Alexander Chou, the Information Officer of the Taipei Liaison Office in South Africa, visited students and personnel of Political Studies at NWU, Potchefstroom Campus, on Wednesday the 25th March 2009.

Mr Chou has worked in Taiwan's public service for the past 20 years. He holds a Bachelors degree in Journalism and a Masters degree in "Sino-American Relations" from the Chinese Culture University in Taipei. Before coming to South Africa, Mr Chou was the editor of the weekly government newspaper Taiwan Journal.

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The theme for Mr Chou's presentation was "Recent Developments in Relations across the Taiwan Strait".

Before delving into the current state of cross-strait relations, Mr Chou elucidated some of the historical events leading up to the present. This allowed NWU staff and students to gain some insight into the complex situation that Taiwan finds herself in today.

The presentation commenced with the screening of a documentary film in DVD format titled "Taiwan: where Mountains meet the Sea".

Achievements in the Focus Area



Prof. Kobus du Pisani

At the end of 2008 Prof. Kobus du Pisani of the Subject Group History and Ancient Culture in the School for Social and Government Studies became the first NRF-rated researcher in the Focus Area, when he received a C-rating. This means that he is acknowledged as "an established researcher with a sustained recent

record of productivity" in the field of Historical Studies, and is recognised by his peers as having:

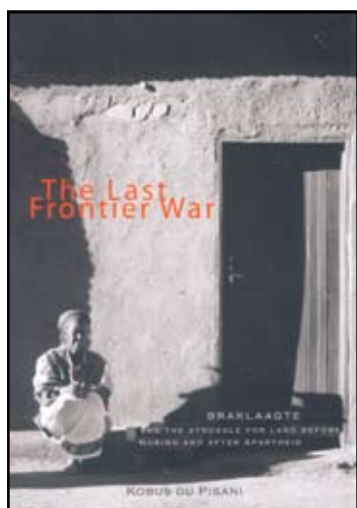
- produced a body of quality work, the core of which has coherence and attests to ongoing engagement with the field.
- demonstrated the ability to

conceptualise problems and apply research methods to investigating them.

With this rating Prof. Du Pisani joins about 49 other researchers in South Africa with NRF-ratings in the field of Historical Studies. There are just over 100 NRF-rated researchers at the North-West University. The rating was based on Prof. Du Pisani's research output mainly in the form of articles in accredited journals, chapters in books and research reports in the 2000-2007 period. His research in this period focused on gender history (specifically the history of Afrikaner masculinities in the twentieth century) and environmental history (in particular the evolution of the concept of sustainable development).

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'The last frontier war'



A new book by an accredited researcher in the focus area has been published. The title of the book written by Professor Kobus du Pisani of the Subject Group History and Ancient Culture is **The last frontier war: Braklaagte and the struggle for land before, during and after apartheid**.

It tells the story of how a black community in rural South Africa, the Bahurutshé ba ga Moiloa, managed to hold on to the farm which they purchased in 1908. Braklaagte, the farm north of Zeerust on the road to Gaborone, was in terms of the South

African land acts a "black spot" in "white" South Africa. Throughout the apartheid period the community of Lekubu, the village they established at Braklaagte, resisted attempts by the white-controlled government to forcefully remove them from their land. When the apartheid regime failed to effect the forced removal of the community under the resolute leadership of their kgosana, John Lekoloane Sebogodi, they were first expropriated and later forcefully incorporated into the Bophuthatswana homeland, thus losing their South African citizenship. (continue on p5)

African Centre for Disaster Studies

Views from the Frontline Project

The ACDS was appointed in November 2008 to serve as the coordinating organisation for South Africa and Southern Africa in a global research project aimed at assessing the extent to which the Hyogo Framework for Action, an international convention providing guidelines for disaster risk reduction globally, has been implemented. The ACDS' responsibilities in this regard include the coordination of various South African civil society organisations in the collection of data in South Africa, producing a report for South Africa and collecting reports from various other Southern African countries in order to draw up a regional report.

Writing Week

The ACDS hosted a writing week at Nature's Valley in the Western Cape from the 20th to the 24th of April 2009. The objective of this "retreat" was to create a conducive environment where researchers and post-graduate students could work on papers, articles and dissertations for the purpose of publication. Prof Kobus du Pisani from the subject group History and Ancient



In this photo (f.l.t.r.): Prof Kobus du Pisani, Tigere Chagutah, Ms Hanika Froneman, Mr Christo Coetzee & Mr Gideon van Riet.

Cultures assisted junior researchers with the finer details of publishing in peer-review and accredited journals. In total, five articles were submitted for publication with another three articles to be completed during the course of 2009.

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The people of Braklaagte lived through serious violence before being reincorporated into a reunified South Africa in 1994. The purpose of the book is not to tell the Braklaagte story for its own sake, but to interpret the narrative in the context of the discourses of South African historiography. This is achieved by focusing on three issues: the role of ethnicity and traditional leadership in apartheid South Africa, the relationship between insecurity of tenure and rural poverty, and the Braklaagte experience as proof of African agency in the face of oppression. The book is the 8th title in the SAVUSA series. SAVUSA, based at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, publishes scientific yet accessible texts on historical and contemporary issues in Southern Africa, written mostly by Southern African scholars. This title is jointly published by Rozenberg Publishers in Amsterdam (ISBN 978 90 3610 090 8) and UNISA Press in Pretoria (ISBN 978 1 86888 562 6).

The cover photo was taken in Lekubu by Professor Du Pisani's daughter Michelle, a professional photographer.

2nd African Regional Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction Consultative Meeting

The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction of the United Nations (UN/ISDR) in Africa hosted the 2nd African Regional Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction Consultative Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya from 5-7 May 2009. The objective of the Consultative Meeting was to review progress made by African countries, regional and sub-regional organisation with the implementation

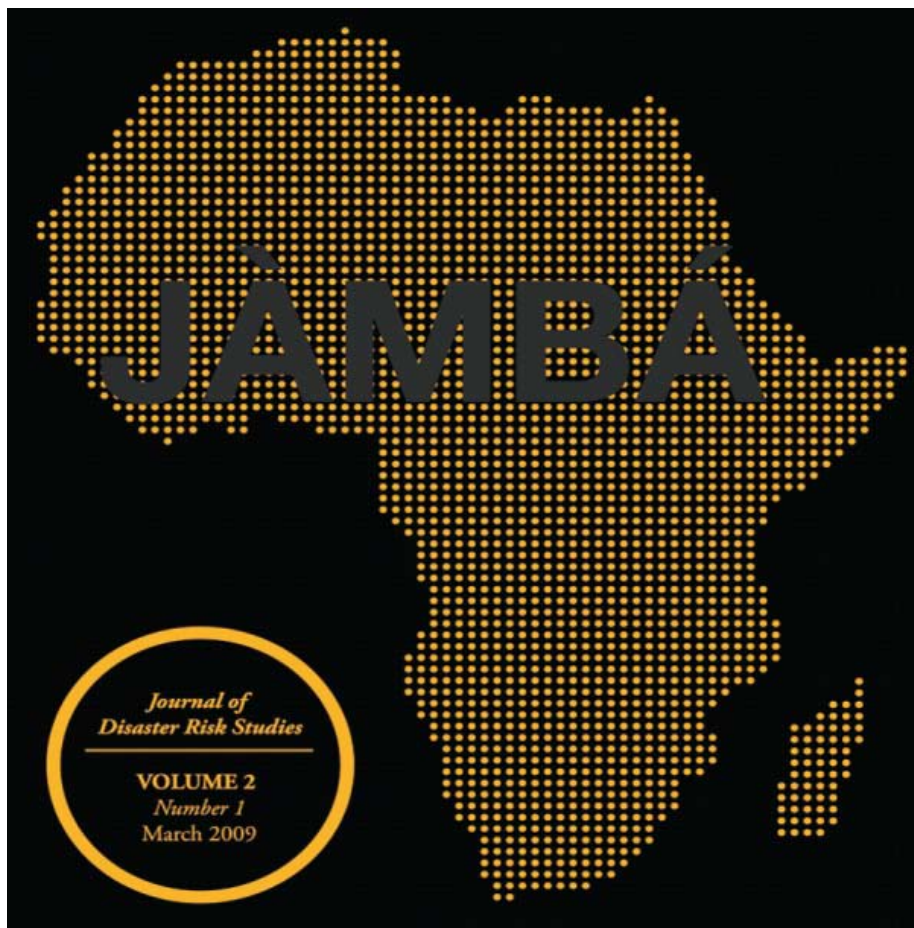
of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). This framework, signed by over 160 countries in Kobe, Japan in 2005 aims to provide a plan of action for the reduction of disaster risks globally. Prof Dewald van Niekerk of the African Centre for Disaster Studies, NWU was invited to deliver a Keynote Address on: "Knowledge, innovation and disaster risk education as vehicles to build resilience of people".

Presentations to the National Disaster Management Centre

On Wednesday the 13th of May 2009 Willem Hoogstad and Gideon van Riet presented the findings of two NDMC commissioned research projects to the provincial disaster management committee, including Disaster managers from all nine provinces, at the NDMC's offices in Pretoria.

The projects entitled: ***The link between development planning***

and disaster risk management in selected municipalities and the optimal placement of the disaster management function within district, metropolitan and provincial government structures in South Africa, are the first of five such research projects commissioned by the NDMC. All of these projects have been completed and their findings will be presented in due course.



The ACDS recently published the first printed edition of Jàmbá, a peer-reviewed journal launched in 2006. The journal was initially intended as an e-journal, but the journal laid dormant for over a year, due to funding and logistical difficulties. However, in October 2008 the National Disaster Management Centre agreed to fund

the journal for a period of three years. Authors of published articles are now remunerated to the amount of R5000.00 for research articles and R1000.00 for book reviews. An additional two editions are planned for 2009. For further information: <http://acds.co.za/index.php?page=jamba>.

North-West Provincial Disaster Risk Management Plan for the 2009 Confederations Cup & 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup

The North West Provincial Disaster Management Centre has appointed the ACDS, to compile a central, integrated and coordinated disaster risk management plan for the 2009 Confederations Cup and 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup.

This project is aimed at combining all existing and planned strategic planning documents within the province, which will address disaster risk management related issues for both events. The project aims to develop a comprehensive

document addressing all the related shortcomings and requirements for the two events within the province. The end product of this project will be submitted to the National Disaster Risk Management Centre, the National FIFA Confederations Cup & World Cup Planning Committee, as well as the Minister of Local Government in the province. The document will also serve as a standard guideline to all relevant stakeholders participating in disaster management and public security within the province.

CAPE WINELANDS

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY: Disaster Risk Management Policy Framework

The ACDS recently won a tender from the Cape Winelands District Municipality for the revision and updating of their Disaster Risk Management Policy Framework. The aim of the project is to align the existing Disaster Risk Management Policy of the District with that of the Western Cape Province and National Disaster Management Framework.

Visit by Lund University to ACDS



Prof Henrik Tehler visited the ACDS from 11-15 May 2009 in order to discuss future collaboration. The ACDS and the Fire Safety Engineering and Systems Safety Department at Lund University, Sweden has recently received a grant of SEK1 050 000.00 for young researchers from the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT).

The aim of the 3-year collaboration is to establish a strong network for post-graduate research and education. The project aims to mutually exchange post-graduate students (Masters and PhD), lecturers and researchers in order to build the body of knowledge of disaster risk reduction through a common research focus.

Bojanala District Municipality Disaster Risk Management Plan for the 2009 Confederations Cup & 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup

The Bojanala District Municipality (Rustenburg area) will be one of the main host districts, with Rustenburg as a host city for both the Confederations Cup and FIFA World Cup.

The ACDS has been appointed by the Bojanala District Municipality to compile a coordinated and integrated disaster risk management plan for both events. The aim of this project is to assist the host city,

The end product of this project will be submitted to the National Disaster Risk Management Centre, the national FIFA Confederations Cup & World Cup planning committee as well as the minister of local government in the province.

Rustenburg Local Municipality, in compiling and developing disaster risk management plans, as well as developing a broad-based, integrated and coordinated disaster risk management plan for the district municipality.

This plan will focus specifically on the district and ensure that a central guideline exists from which all disaster management related entities can work.

The G.I.R.R.L. Project



Kylah-Forbes Biggs with girls from the community

Following the success and interest derived from the implementation of the original G.I.R.R.L. (Girls in Risk Reduction Leadership) Project (2008) funded through a Provention Consortium Young Researcher's Grant, the African Centre for Disaster Studies has decided to help support further activities. With current funding through the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, the project will be replicated to benefit more girls in the Maquassi Hills and Ventersdorp region this year. The project endeavours to address some of the inherent problems related to

the social vulnerability of adolescent girls living in conditions associated with informal settlements or poor rural communities in South Africa through the provision of concise, locally-relevant information and the encouraged development of effective decision-making skills. Based on principles inherent within Disaster Risk Reduction, it also involves complex activities designed to reduce vulnerability and minimise adverse hazardous effects.

The G.I.R.R.L. Project is a comprehensive capacity building programme that has been designed to address the social root causes

of vulnerability within the target group as a means of improving their resilience. Decision-making; team-building; physical and sexual health; mental well-being; first-aid; fire safety; community-based disaster management and effective communication were identified as focal areas for information and training.

The benefits to the participants, community and stakeholders are vast in scope and range. Individually, the target group of girls has gained training and skills development, which has helped to improve self-esteem and has provided personal empowerment. The community has been beneficiaries, receiving local resource persons, who are able to provide social support services for residents (i.e. counselling). Project stakeholders have been able to provide recommendations based on their knowledge and expertise to the shaping of the project and as a result it will help them to facilitate their organisational objectives. Overall the community as a whole benefits from the ability of girls to help make positive changes in their lives and behaviour that reduces their vulnerability, which in turn has a broader social impact - improving community resilience.

Research Focus: Prof. Eric Nealer

Prof. Nealer's current research is on the nature and extent of potable water supply in and by municipalities. In most instances, the respective municipalities and registered water service providers are identified, but private sector enterprises also feature. Prof. Nealer is of the opinion that when it comes to the more effective, efficient, equal, economic and sustainable supplies of potable water to their ever-expanding residential areas, municipalities seriously need assistance regarding more diverse and complex technical issues such as the geo-hydrology, engineers-geology and town-planning of their individual geographically demarcated municipal areas.

As legislated in acts such as the Water Services Act 108 of 1997, the National Water Act 36 of 1998, the Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 and the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act 13 of 2005 the abovementioned objectives should be facilitated by use of inter alia, the following aspects:

- Existing knowledge, skills, data and information regarding potable water supply to the country's grass-roots level of governance and public service delivery should be identified, audited, demarcated, and evaluated effectively. Where a lack of knowledge or skills is identified, the matter should be addressed as soon as possible and the necessary procured;
- A holistic and integrated environmental management approach to the physical as well as man-changed environment must be inculcated in all municipal government sphere service delivery;
- With reference to all water-related public services (potable water supply, storm water and sanitation) the aforementioned should manifest according to the surface- and groundwater drainage region areas as identified and mapped by the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF);
- Municipalities which are forced to obtain, abstract, transport and store (dam) their potable water from nearby (hopefully up-stream... because water and pollution always flow down-

stream) water catchment areas, ought to adjust the delimitation of their geographically demarcated municipal areas according to DWAF's water drainage regions to bring about more effective municipal planning and service rendering;

- The occurrence and possible dangers such as cracks, ponors (ground surface subsidences) and sinkholes of dolomite (karst) rock formations regarding potable water abstraction and management near and in developing urban areas (Rand-area including Potchefstroom!), should be acknowledged, surveyed and managed accordingly; and
- The hidden synergy of trans-disciplinary research, learning from each other and 'bridge building' between Public Management and

Governance with other subject disciplines such as Geography, Town and Regional Planning, Environmental Management, Hydrology, Geo-Hydrology, Engineers-Geology, Political Studies, Disaster and Risk Reduction, Sociology, History and Anthropology should be exploited to the full.

Prof. Nealer would therefore like to assist municipalities in acknowledging the essence of usable and relevant knowledge and skills in Public Management and Governance and that the technical field of Geo-Hydrology, with reference to the holistic and integrated management of potable water supply, is only a rock science and not 'rocket science'...

The following two figures are indicative of the locus of his research area:



FIGURE 1: Hydrological cycle



MAP 1: Topographical map of the wall-to-wall Municipalities and the Karst areas in South Africa

CSR in the SADC Mining Sector

Prof. Freek Cronjé is continuing his research work in the mining sector; the current focus thereof is on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the SADC mining sector. The Bench Marks Foundation, based in Johannesburg, is a prominent research partner in the work of Prof. Cronjé.

The main aim of the research is the setting and evaluating of CSR benchmarks for mining companies in Africa against specific standardising criteria, e.g. the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), the King Reports, ISO standards, International Labour Organisation (ILO) standards, Millennium Development Goals, sector specific legislation, as well as other international best practice benchmarks. Conceptually the research is embedded within the three dimensions of sustainable development namely the economic, environmental and social dimension. The well-being of the communities surrounding the mining operations is a very strong focus point of the research. Prof. Cronjé, through the Focus Area and in collaboration with the Bench Marks Foundation, is in the process of setting up a research unit

at the Potchefstroom Campus with its main aim being collaborative research projects (university/private sector/government/civil society) as well as the involvement of post-graduate students in CSR projects. From 2010, students

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can also register for a CSR curriculum within the course work Masters in Development and Management.

To date, the research has covered basically every main sector in the country, namely coal, diamonds, gold, platinum and uranium. As already indicated, research work is also being done "higher" up in SADC; a report on the diamond industry in Botswana will be launched shortly. Prof. Cronjé departed during May to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to investigate the social impact

on a proposed gold mining project of a company (Ashanti Goldfields Kilo) on surrounding communities. The proposed mining site is situated close to the town of MongBwalu in the North Eastern part of the DRC. Dr Lukamba,



Prof. Freek Cronjé & Dr Lukamba Muhiya Tshombe

a post-doc at the Focus Area and originally from the DRC, accompanied Prof. Cronjé as translator. Apart from the Bench Marks Foundation, this specific project is being done with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) – an organisation based in London and working in sixty countries worldwide.

CSR Networking

Prof. Cronjé visited various institutions in the U.K. during the month of June in order to present their CSR research work and to establish networks. Several presentations were made. All the institutions indicated that they wish to extend their CSR networks into Africa. The following is on the agenda:

- University of Kent, Canterbury.
- CSR Centre, Management School, University of Sheffield.
- Institute for Socio-management, University of Stirling, Scotland.
- Oxford Brookes University, Oxford.
- SAID Business School, University of Oxford.
- Kingston University, Surrey.



Concession 40: Mining (Anglo Gold Ashanti), Itury district.



Group discussion with the staff of Anglo Gold Ashanti and the forum representative of the community



Artisanal goldmining activities in Concession 40



Artisanal goldmining activities in MongBwalu



Lake Albert

Prof. Michael Heyns: Nuwe Direkteur van die Skool vir Filosofie



Prof Michael Heyns
Direkteur: Skool vir Filosofie

Prof. Michael Heyns het die belangrikste gedeelte van sy filosofiese vorming aan die Puk deurloop en is in die proses gevorm deur 'n filosofie wat klem lê op 'n integrale Christelike perspektief deur

Prof. Heyns se navorsingsbelangstelling is tans in die Kultuurfilosofie met temas soos multikulturalisme, kosmopolitanisme en sekularisme as die hoofdis.

Proff. Jan Taljaard, Bennie van der Walt, Theo van der Merwe en Elaine Botha. Hy het sy PhD in Filosofie aan die Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam gedoen o.l.v. Prof. Johan van der Hoeven wat ewe-eens die idee van 'n integrale Christelike perspektief verder versterk het. Hy het wel ook 'n teologiese opleiding ondergaan wat deur die Universiteit van Pretoria gepleeg is. Sy navorsingsbelangstelling is tans in die Kultuurfilosofie met temas soos multikulturalisme, kosmopolitanisme en sekularisme as die hoofdis.

Prof. Michael is getroud met Marita wat Organisasiegedrag by die PBS (Potchefstroom Besigheidskool) doseer. Hulle het twee meisiekinders Helé en Nuette wat onderskeidelik skoolgaan in Gimnasium en Mooirivier Laerskool.

Sentrum vir Geloof en Wetenskap (SGW)

Doel van die SGW

Soos alle sentrums aan die NWU is die bedoeling van die SGW ook om die beskikbare kapasiteit van veral die Skool vir Filosofie in samewerking met buite-instansies en persone aan te wend vir akademiese werksaamhede oor fakulteits- en selfs kampusgrense heen.

Opleiding van nuutbenoemde akademiese personeel

Huidiglik fokus hierdie akademiese werksaamhede veral op die ontwikkeling van die kapasiteit van NWU-personeel op die gebied van die meta-teoretiese grondslae van die wetenskappe deur die opleiding van nuutbenoemde akademiese personeel in die hantering van die grondslae kwessies in hul wetenskappe. Hierdie kursus word vir personeel van al drie die kampusse van die NWU aangebied. Die kursus vind hierdie jaar in twee sessies op die Potchefstroom en Mafikeng-kampusse plaas waarvan die eerste tussen 2 en 11 Junie gedoen word en die tweede tussen 27 Oktober en 6 November. Die aanbieder is Prof. Hannes van der Walt wat voorheen die dekaan van die Fakulteit Opvoedkunde was. Prof.

van der Walt is 'n gesoute filosoof en 'n baie bekwame aanbieder. Onder sy leiding is die kursus vir nuwe dosente in die grondslae en etiese kwessies van hul vakgebiede die afgelope aantal jare tot groot hoogtes uitgebou.

Aanbied van colloquiums en lesings rondom grondslae-kwessies

Die tweede bedrywigheid waarmee die sentrum ditself veral hierdie jaar sal besighou is die aanbied van colloquiums en lesings rondom grondslae-kwessies. Die belangrikste hiervan is twee Stokerlesings waarin twee van die oud-lede van die Skool vir Filosofie naamlik Proff. Elaine Botha en Bennie van der Walt vereer sal word vir hul werk op die terrein van die filosofie en in die besonder hul bevordering van 'n Christelike perspektief in die wetenskap. Daar word ook beplan om enkele lesings te doen waarin deelgeneem word aan die internasionale herinnering hierdie jaar van die invloed van die denke van Johannes Calvyn en Charles Darwin. Die SGW bied ook die jaarlikse Puk-forum aan wat hierdie jaar in samewerking met die fakulteit Natuurwetenskappe 'n geleentheid gaan gee aan Prof. George Ellis van UCT om te praat oor

die verhouding tussen wetenskap en geloof. Prof. Ellis is 'n A-geëvalueerde navorser wat al die internasionale Templeton Prize for Science and Faith ontvang het.



Tydens die Skool vir Filosofie se jaarlikse huldigingsfunksie is (v.l.n.r.) Leandri Kleinhans, Hanika Froneman en Johanita Kirsten as die drie toppresterders aangewys. Hulle ontvang elk 'n J.P van der Merwe-prys, wat 'n kontantbedrag insluit.

SGW het 'n uitgebreide netwerk van kontakte

Die SGW hou ook 'n uitgebreide netwerk van kontakte en samewerking in stand met akademiese instellings wat vanuit 'n integraal Christelike perspektief na die wetenskap kyk. Hieronder tel die Vrije Universiteit, Calvin College, Dort College, Redeemer College, Karoli Gaspar Reformed University, Daystar University, IAPCHE, die Sentrum voor Reformatoriese Wijsbegeerte, ens. Hierdie kontakte spruit uit die histories Christelike karakter van veral die Puk-kampus en is steeds belangrik vir die spesifieke karakter van die Potchefstroomkampus van die NWU.

Navorsingsgenote

Die SGW het afgelope aantal jare ook begin om navorsing oor grondslae-kwessies te stimuleer. Vir hierdie doel is drie navorsingsgenote aangestel naamlik Proff. Bennie van der Walt en Elaine Botha en Dr. Renato Coletto. Al drie hierdie navorsers is baie produktief en hul navorsing belooft om ook hierdie jaar weer 'n hele aantal publikasies op te lewer.

Subprogram: Grondslae-Navorsing

Die meerderheid dosente van die Skool vir Filosofie het hul gewig ingegooi by die Fokusarea: Sosiale Transformasie se Subprogram vir Grondslae-Navorsing wat op die been gebring is om ook aan die filosowe 'n navorsingstuiste te bied. Die feit dat een van die SGW se hoofdoelwitte is om grondslae-navorsing in die vakwetenskappe te stimuleer, beteken dat daar 'n besonder noue verhouding tussen die Skool vir Filosofie, die Fokusarea Sosiale Transformasie en die SGW moet bestaan. Die presiese aard van hierdie noue verhouding sal in die loop van hierdie jaar verder deur die hoofde van die Fokusarea, SGW en Skool vir Filosofie uitgepluis word. Dit is egter iets wat in praktyk reeds 'n bepaalde momentum gekry het maar in die toekoms verder uitgebou behoort te word. Laasgenoemde sal waarskynlik gebeur wanneer twee vakante poste in die Skool vir Filosofie gevul word.

MPhil graad

Die MPhil graad wat deur die Skool vir Filosofie aangebied word, se bedoeling is veral om wetenskaplikes en professionele persone te help om genoegsame filosofiese agtergrond te verwerf sodat hulle met bekwaamheid die grondslae van hul vakke kan beheers en naspur. Hierdie program sal in die toekoms waarskynlik 'n integrale deel begin uitmaak van die SGW se bedrywighede in samewerking met die Fokusarea.

Stokerlesing opgedra aan Prof. Elaine Botha



Prof. Elaine Botha het die 7de Mei 2009 opgetree as gasspreker by die Stokerlesing, aangebied deur die Skool vir Filosofie. Die lesing was uiters geslaagd en 'n groot gehoor was teenwoordig.

Die Stokerlesing was met spesiale erkenning en waardering opgedra aan haar vir haar jarelange bydrae en betrokkenheid nasionaal en internasionaal by Filosofie aan die destydse PU vir CHO asook tans nog as navorsingsgenoot by die Skool vir Filosofie aan die NWU om artikels te skryf. Prof. Elaine Botha het die hoofdeel van haar akademiese opleiding aan die Potchefstroomse Universiteit vir Christelike Hoër Onderwys ondergaan.

In 1975 word sy benoem tot professor in die Departement

Wetenskapsleer en Interfakultêre Wysbegeerte. Sy tree op as hoof van die departement Filosofie vanaf 1990 tot 1995 waarna sy met vervroegde pensioen gaan nadat sy vir meer as 25 jaar as professor diens gedoen het aan die PU vir CHO. Haar aanvanklike opleiding was in Maatskaplike Sorg en Kultuurkunde. Die titel van die lesing was: REISGENADE: VASMEERPLEKKE VAN 'N REISENDE FILOSOOF/ TRAVELLING MERCIES: MOORINGS OF AN ITINERANT PHILOSOPHER.

Histories is daar 'n groot verskeidenheid weë waarlangs gesoek is na die intrinsieke relasie tussen geloof en wetenskap. Sommige weë het geblyk dwaalweë te wees, ander betreklik simplisties en ander weer so ingewikkeld dat talle die weg kwytgeraak het. Erens langs hierdie weë betree elke akademikus al soekende bewustelik of onbewustelik die weg en vind algaande 'n stel pelgrims wat op soek is na dieselfde Heilige Graal. Die soeker vorm geleidelik 'n tradisie waarbinne ander opgeneem of uitgesluit word en wat dan alou aan 'n nuwe generasie oorgedra word in die vorm van 'n kurrikulum. In baie van die tradisies bestaan daar sterk meningsverskil oor die rol wat filosofie en/of teologie in die kurrikulum behoort te speel. (Uittreksel uit die abstrak.)

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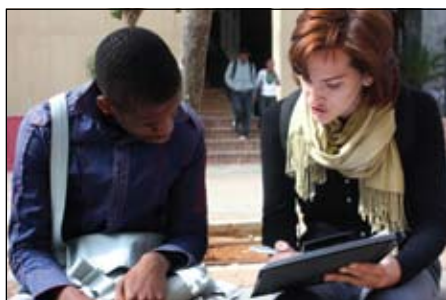
School of Communication Studies hosting the 2009 Annual National Communication Conference

As part of the School of Communication Studies celebration of 50 years of communication education, the Sub-Programme - Communication in a Transforming South African Society, has also embarked on a series of research related activities.

Together with the Department of Communication on the Mafikeng Campus, the School of Communication Studies on the Potchefstroom Campus is hosting the 2009 Annual National Communication Conference, SACOMM. Large components of colleagues are submitting proposals for papers at the conference as part of the Sub-Programme's effort to increase its research output.

Colleagues indicating that they are going to participate in the SACOMM conference include: Prof. Johannes Froneman, Prof. Lynnette Fourie, Dr Lida Holtzhausen, Mr Steven Bosch, Mr GP van Rheede van Oudtshoorn, Ms Marlene Wiggill, Ms Elbé Kloppers and Ms Hannelie Otto. Furthermore, some of the honours students are going to present student papers.

The celebration activities include a special edition of the journal **Koers**. Articles in this edition cover a wide spectrum of communication issues and include topics such as corporate social investment, debates on participatory development communication and teaching journalism at Christian Institutions.



Ms Otto, with the help of honours students, is currently administering quantitative questionnaires on all three campuses of the NWU in order to explore students' political knowledge and media usage patterns.

Research projects in the Sub-Programme: Communication in a Transforming South African Society

Three research projects are currently underway in the sub program:

The relationship between employees' perceptions of company values and employer-employee relationships at the NWU

Background

Companies are continually finding themselves in a position where they are encouraged to manage their corporate identities, in order to manage their reputation with regard to their stakeholders. Although a company's logo, name and architecture are valuable assets, what the company represents through its values and company objectives is of even more importance. It is thus essential to know how employees perceive these non-visual symbolic elements to be able to manage effective employer-employee relationships.

Aim of the project

Given that the NWU has recently undergone a process of amalgamation and that the three campuses united under one logo, this study will determine the nature of the NWU's employer-employee relationships and employees' perceptions of the institution's new established corporate identity.

Management of the project

Dr Lida Holtzhausen is the project leader and is assisted by Prof Lynnette Fourie. The research is supported by the offices of Mrs Phumzile Mmope (Executive Director: Corporate Affairs and Relations from the Institutional office), Dr Themba Mosia (Institutional Registrar of the North-West University, Institutional Office) as well as Dr Theuns Eloff (Vice-chancellor of the North-West University).

The project was launched last year and is currently in the data collection phase and should be finalised by the end of September 2009. In this regard, an

abstract for a conference presentation has already been submitted and an article is also envisaged.

Election campaign 2009

Prof. Fourie heads up the project on the 2009 election campaign and team members include Ms Hannelie Otto and Mr GP van Rheede van Oudtshoorn.

This project has two foci, the one being on campaign communication itself, while the other is more concerned with the outcome of the election campaign in terms of political knowledge gained.

In terms of the campaign media, Mr Van Rheede van Oudtshoorn is investigating the party rhetoric by means of discourse analysis of inclusive and exclusive communication. Prof. Fourie is analysing the content of political radio and television advertisements in order to determine the suitability thereof in the context of a developing democracy.

Regarding the role of election campaigns in political knowledge, Ms Otto, with the help of honours students, is currently administering quantitative questionnaires on all three campuses of the NWU in order to explore students' political knowledge and media usage patterns. This part of the project forms part of the honours students' research project.

At least two conference papers and three articles should emanate from this project.

Communication in the non-profit sector

A third project is proposed for the second part of the year focusing on communication in the non-profit sector under leadership of Ms Marlene Wiggill. The aim of the project will be to investigate the role of strategic communication management in the improvement of development projects run by NPOs. At least two conference papers and two articles should emanate from this project.

Office for Short Courses and Development

Inception of the Office

The establishment of the Office for Short Courses and Development in January 2009 was motivated by the need for a "vehicle" in the School of Social and Government Studies to facilitate short course programmes through alternative modes of delivery. The Office is responsible to conceptualise, design and facilitate the development and presentation of the credit-bearing short course programmes and modules that are aligned to the formal academic programmes of the School. The School of Social and Government Studies, through the Office for Short Courses and development, is strategically positioned to support public sector initiatives that seek to address the unique knowledge and skills challenges that confront the developmental state, specifically the public sector, in South and Southern Africa. Short course programmes are certified by the North-West University or endorsed by one or more of various tertiary institutions in the respective consortia led by North-West University or in partnerships with such institutions. Programmes facilitated by the Office for Short Courses and Development include:

The Executive Development Programme (EDP)

The North-West University was awarded with two tenders by Palama (Public Administration Leadership and Management Academy) to conduct project management for the full-scale role out of the Executive Development Programme (EDP) in six of the nine provinces in South Africa. The Executive Development Programme (EDP) is a 10-module programme that is aligned to the Senior Management Services (SMS) competency framework. It aims to equip senior managers (Directors and Chief Directors) with the skills and competencies required to perform effectively in their day-to-day operations. The target audience comprises: Public sector Senior Management Service (SMS) members on salary levels 13 and 14; and Public sector Middle Management Service (MMS) members that participated in the Accelerated Development Programme (ADP).



Prof. Annette Combrink (Campus Rector: NWU-Puk), Dr Mark Orkin (Director-General: Palama), Proff. Leon Fourie (Executive Dean: Management Sciences – Representing Vaal University of Technology) and Christo van Loggerenberg (Vice-Chancellor: Academic representing the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University) at the official ceremony in Pretoria.



NWU-PUK staff and Palama officials at the signing of the contracts awarded by Palama to NWU include: Proff. Johan Zaaiman (Director for the School of Social and Government Studies), Mariëtte Lowes (Vice-Rector Academic: NWU-PUK), Mark Orkin (Director-General: Palama), Annette Combrink (Campus Rector: NWU-PUK), Jan Swanepoel (Dean: Faculty of Arts), Gerrit van der Walldt (Public Management and Governance – Potchefstroom Campus), Ms Louise Lekan (Chief Director: Palama), Mr Willem Mostert (Manager: Office for Short Courses and Development) and Ms Marli Moolman (Project Administrator)

Programme framework

The EDP is presented over a minimum period of 12 months – one module of three days each in a cycle of five weeks. Learners are supported by an e-learning platform for the duration of the programme.

It is recommended that 5 weeks be allowed between modules in order for learners to complete and submit Formative and Summative assignments. (Schedules can be customised according to clients' preferences.) The Executive Development Programme is structured as follows:

Six Core modules on NQF Level 7) (Total: 119 Credits) (5 Modules at 20 and 1 at 19 Credits); After successful

completion of these core modules, a learner receives the Postgraduate Short Course Certificate in Executive Leadership (Learners may exit the Executive Development Programme at this point.).

Learners who aspire to qualify for the Masters in Public Administration (MPA) may, upon successful completion of the Postgraduate Short Course Certificate in Executive Leadership formally apply for admission to the Masters in Public Administration (MPA) and, if approved, attend a compulsory one day Research Methodology session (1 Credit, NQF Level 7).

Learners then proceed with the four elective modules as the course work component of the

Masters curriculum (NQF Level 8) (80 Credits) and a Mini-dissertation (100 Credits). Learners will be required to complete the Mini-dissertation, the research proposal of which learners would have: Submitted a topic (aligned to the identified strategic challenge) to an academic panel. If approved by the committee and after a study leader has been allocated the learner must commence with and submit the mini-dissertation as the summative assignment for the module on Research Methodology for SMS in the public sector.

After successful completion of the Mini-dissertation, learners will receive a Masters degree in Public Administration (MPA).

National Certificate in Municipal Governance

The School of Social and Government Studies at the North-West University in partnership with the SANLAM Centre for Public Management and Governance at the University of Johannesburg and the South African Local Government Association offers an innovative NQF-accredited National Certificate in Municipal Governance (NCMG).

The Programme is certified by the University of Johannesburg and endorsed by the North-West University.

This local governance capacity-building programme was developed by the SANLAM Centre for Public Management and Governance at the University of Johannesburg in cooperation with SALGA and the Local Government SETA.

After a comprehensive interactive consultative process, the programme has been fully accredited by SAQA at NQF level 5 (SAQA QUALID: 60529), on the basis of unit standards for local governance registered through the Local Government SETA. The programme is therefore fully

compliant with the requirements of the Skills Levies Act.

The Certificate is conferred by the University of Johannesburg and endorsed by the North-West University. The target audience for this programme includes municipal councillors and municipal officials who need to expand or update their knowledge and skills in the field of local governance, in order to improve the quality of municipal decisions and actions aimed at the delivery of local government services.

Programme goals and envisaged outcomes

The programme aims to:

- enhance knowledge and the understanding of the context and dynamics of general developmental local governance in South Africa;
- improve personal development within the context of a public

service ethos and access to more advanced education and training opportunities, and the strengthening of local government professionalism;

- acquiring/enhancing advanced competencies in different areas of Municipal Governance to improve the quality of local

government service delivery;

- and improved marketability and employability of learners not only within the operational functioning of local government in South Africa, but especially in other public sector agencies and in the private sector.

More about: Colloquia

The following colloquia have already been delivered in 2009:

| DATE | NAME OF PRESENTER | THEME |
|------------|------------------------|--|
| 19/02/2009 | André Duvenhage | Die 2009-verkiesing - 'n voorskou |
| 26/03/2009 | Johan Zaaiman | NWU Sosial Kohesie oudit: Terugvoering |
| 11/06/2009 | Lukamba Muhiya Tshombe | A Normative Model for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Southern African Development Community |
| 18/06/2009 | Pieter Heydenrych | Beyond the democratic transition: Shifting ideologies, globalisation and the prospects of consolidating democracy in Africa. |



Prof. André Duvenhage



Prof. Gerrit van der Waldt

The following colloquia will be delivered in 2009:

| DATE | NAME OF PRESENTER | THEME |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 13/08/2009 | Johan Kirsten | Die Israel-Arabiese konflik |
| July/Aug 2009 | Eric Nealer | Nature and extent of potable water supply to Potchefstroom |
| August 2009 | Freek Cronjé | CSR in the mining sector |
| 03/09/2009 | Luni Vermeulen | Human Resource Management |
| 17/09/2009 | Willen Hoogstad/ Gideon van Riet | To be announced |
| Sept 2009 | Gerrit van der Waldt | Project-based service delivery: Uncovering Organisational Tensions |
| 08/10/2009 | Kobus du Pisani | Water management in the Bahurutshe heartland. |
| 29/10/2009 | Gerrit van der Walt | Teorieë vir die ontleding van plaaslike demokrasie |
| 12/11/2009 | Jacques Rothmann | Changing Conceptualisations of Fatherhood |



Prof. Freek Cronjé



Mr Jacques Rothmann



Dr Lukamba Muhiya Tshombe



Mr Willem Hoogstad



Mr Gideon van Riet



Prof. Johan Kirsten



Prof. Eric Nealer



Prof. Dewald van Niekerk



Prof. Kobus du Pisani



Prof. Johan Zaaiman



Ms Luni Vermeulen



Mr Pieter Heydenrych

Geskeduleerde Nasionale en Internasionale Konferensies

Scheduled National and International Conferences

Colleagues will deliver papers on the following scheduled National and International Conferences during the year 2009:

| PRESENTER | DATE | CONFERENCE |
|----------------------------|------------------|---|
| T. Swanepoel | 6-8 March | AEJMC Midwinter Conference, Oklahoma University, VSA |
| E. Nealer | 12-15 May | SASAE Conference, Potchefstroom |
| F. Cronjé | June | Different CSR presentations at institutions in the UK |
| T. Doms | 28 June - 2 July | SASA Congress |
| J. Rothmann | 28 June - 2 July | SASA Congress |
| J. Zaaiman | 28 June - 2 July | SASA Congress |
| F. Cronjé | 28 June - 2 July | SASA Congress |
| L. Vermeulen | 7-11 July | International Conference GBATA: Prague, Czech Republic |
| P. Heydenrych | 12-16 July | International Political Science Association Congress: Santiago, Chile |
| J. Zaaiman | 12-16 July | International Political Science Association Congress: Santiago, Chile |
| L.M. Tshombe | 3-8 August | Conference: Brazil |
| J.A. du Pisani | 4-8 August | First World Congress of Environmental History: Kopenhagen |
| G. van der Waldt | 9-10 September | ASSADPAM, Stellenbosch |
| E. Nealer | 9-11 September | Water Resources Management Conference: Malta |
| E.M. Kloppers | September | Congress: CSR, Cape Town |
| G. van der Waldt | 16-17 September | Third International Business Conference: Zanzibar Beach Resort |
| L. Fourie | 16-18 September | SAKOMM |
| L. Holtzhausen | 16-18 September | SAKOMM |
| E.M. Kloppers | 16-18 September | SAKOMM |
| M. Wiggill | 16-18 September | SAKOMM |
| S. Bosch | 16-18 September | SAKOMM |
| H. Otto | 16-18 September | SAKOMM |
| J.D. Froneman | 16-18 September | SAKOMM |
| G.P. van R. van Oudtshoorn | 16-18 September | SAKOMM |
| E. Nealer | 21-23 September | Environmental Health Risk Conference: New Forest, UK |
| M. Diedericks | 7-9 October | SAAPAM Conference: Port Elizabeth |
| E. Nealer | 7-9 October | SAAPAM Conference: Port Elizabeth |
| G. van der Waldt | 7-9 October | SAAPAM Conference: Port Elizabeth |