

SAFRI NEWSLETTER - JAN. 2014

Distance learning programme

Distance Learning Programme:

SAFRI has great pleasure in welcoming Susan Nicol to our Administrative staff. Susan who you have probably already heard from this year is going to be assisting us with the administration of the Distance Learning Programme.

She has a Maths teaching background so will quickly work out who has submitted their TMA's or not!



The 2014 Fellows have already started on their first assignment which is on Research and Evaluation (***Literature review and writing a research question***)

The 2013 Fellows have started on their first assignment which is on Student Assessment (***Designing an assessment system: Blueprinting***)

There will be a special session in the programme in March to deal with any problems you may be experiencing with using ***Moodle***, the new system from which the Distance Learning Programme is now operating.

The SAFRI Faculty are looking forward to meeting and welcoming both Susan and the New 2014 Fellows in March this year in person.

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WELCOME TO 2014 FELLOWS

We welcome the 2014 Fellows into the SAFRI Family

We have 16 new Fellows who will be joining SAFRI at the March 2014 meeting. Once again we are thrilled to have representatives from Lesotho, Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Botswana and South Africa.

We look forward to meeting the following Fellows and although the names are not familiar to us now we will soon learn their preferred names or nicknames, as we get to know each of them more personally.

2014 Fellows:

Madele du Plessis
Danelle Hess
Penny Keene
Jan Kuehne
Candice Lombardo
Vincent Mubangizi
Michael Mwandri
Deshini Naidoo

Thierry Ngoyi
Emily Nyaga
Ganiat Omoniyi-Esan
Grace Phalwane
Else Reeber
Mirriam Shawa
Heather Talberg
Lunelle Pienaar

Special points of interest:

- Distance Learning program changes
- New SAFRI Fellows
- SAAHE 2014
- SAFRI Fellows achievements
- Important news items from Fellows past and present



SAFRI - 2014

(Session 1 and 3 in Cape Town)

SAFRI Session 1: 5 March to 11 March

4 March	Faculty preparation day and the 2014 Fellows arrive during the course of the day.
5 - 8 March:	Full day sessions with lots of action and teamwork, 2013 Fellows arrive on the 8 March.
9 March:	Combined sessions with both 2013 and 2014 Fellows
10 March:	POSTER DAY 2013 Fellows present their posters and 2014 Fellows look and learn!
11 March:	2013 and 2014 Fellows have separate sessions.
12 March:	2014 Fellows leave
13 March:	2013 Fellows have one last session day
14 March:	2013 Fellows leave

We look forward to welcoming the new 2014 Fellows to the SAFRI Family on the 5 March and hope that the time together of working, learning and getting to know one another will be a truly memorable one!

Session 1 and 3 will take place in Cape Town at the Newlands Southern Sun Hotel, where the Faculty and Fellows will be accommodated as well as attend the sessions in the hotel's superb Conference facilities.

Poster Day I am sure will be the highlight for all of you as we watch with interest as the projects and posters are presented in preparation for the upcoming SAAHE Conference in June 2014

SAAHE - 2014

(University of the Western Cape)



Dr. Michael Rowe
(2010 SAFRI Fellow)
Chairperson of SAAHE
Organising Committee

The SAAHE Conference in 2014 is hosted by the University of the Western Cape in collaboration with CPT, UCT and Stellenbosch and will take place from the **26—28 June 2014**

The theme for this conference is **“Convergence >< Divergence”**

Although papers on all aspects of Health Professions Education are welcome, they are keen to receive papers aligned with this theme.

More information on the conference: **<http://bit.ly/saahe14-workshops>**

Proposals can be submitted at the above address.

Due date for Abstracts: **still to be decided**

SAFRI Session 5 which co-insides with SAAHE will run as follows:

Arrive: 24 June

Session 5: 25 June

SAAHE: 26 to 28 June

Closing ceremony and graduation: Evening of 28th June

Depart: 29 June

2012 Fellows - Please work on those projects and lets make SAAHE 2014 a very memorable one with great Presentations and Posters!

SAFRI NEWS ITEMS:

SAFRI is proud to include the following important news items received from Faculty and Fellows.

Please keep your news items coming in, so they can be included in our Newsletters.

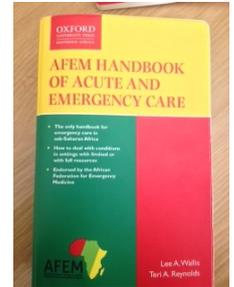
Publications:

Heike Geduld (SAFRI 2011 Fellow) South Africa

Heike has recently been a section editor for the newly released handbook of **Acute and Emergency Care**. Which is very African-centric according to Heike.

Looks like something all those involved in Emergency medicine should look out for!

Well done Heike!



Sindi Mthembu (SAFRI 2010 Fellow) South Africa

Sindi has recently been part of a book publication which sounds a must for all teachers!

Botma Y; Brysiewicz P; Chips J; Mthembu S and Phillips M. (2013). *“Creating stimulating learning opportunities”* 1st Edition. Pearson Education South Africa, Cape Town.

Great work Sindi!



Awards:

Marietjie van Rooyen (SAFRI Faculty) South Africa

Angelika Reinbrech-Schutte (SAFRI 2010 Fellow) South Africa

Marietjie and Angelika jointly won a prize titled “Projects that work”

Marietjie went on to present this project as part of the FAIMER initiative at the NETWORK conference in Thailand.



Frank Peters (SAFRI 2008 Fellow) South Africa

Ellenore Meyer (SAFRI 2011 Fellow) South Africa

Frank, Ellenore, Marietjie and Angelika formed a Family Medicine Team at the University of Pretoria and received one of the 5 national HELTASA teaching awards in 2013.

Wow, how is that for team work!!



Lianne Keiller (SAFRI 2012 Fellow) South Africa

Lianne presented her SAFRI project at the Centre for Health Professions Education's Poster Session at the Stellenbosch University Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences academic Year day and won first prize!

I am sure the new Fellows will want to know all your tips and secrets at the Poster Session that you share with some other famous Poster makers!

Well done on the first prize!



Awards contd.

Hannes Coetzee (SAFRI 2012 Fellow) South Africa

Hannes won first prize in the category *“New improved methods for engaging students”*

This took place at the University of the Free State Excellence in Teaching and Learning week in October 2013

I am sure many teachers could benefit from your findings on this topic and we hope you will share them with us at some point in the future!

Well done on obtaining first prize at the Teaching and Learning week in October.



New qualification

Michael Rowe (SAFRI 2010 Fellow) South Africa

Michael graduated with a PhD degree in March 2013.

The title of his thesis was “Blended learning in physiotherapy education: Designing and evaluating a technology-integrated approach”

Congratulations Michael on achieving a major milestone in your career!



Teaching and training:

A training story by Lastina Lwatula (SAFRI 2008) Zambia and Champion Nyoni (SAFRI 2013) Lesotho

“The Power of the Blue T-Shirt”

When they first met they never knew they were both SAFRI Fellows but found it so easy to work together.

Lastina managed to identify that Champion was a Fellow through the blue SAFRI T-shirt he was wearing and that started the ball rolling!

They have been working in areas of Faculty development and through the support of JHPIEGO (a non-governmental partner organization). They conducted a national training workshop together for Effective Teaching Skills in Teyateyaneng, Lesotho in 2013.

Champion was involved as the trainer while Lastina was engaged as International Faculty and also the regional advisor for JHPIEGO.

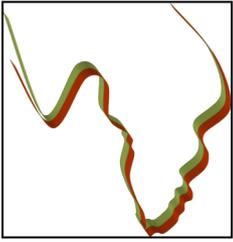
The participants included faculty in Nursing and mid-wifery from all colleges of nursing in Lesotho and also professional nurses from all over Lesotho.

The training was a resounding success.

This is a wonderful example of how wide spread SAFRI is becoming in sub-Saharan Africa and how the Fellows from the different countries are able to collaborate and work so effectively together.

Don't forget to wear that SAFRI T-Shirt!





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In 2005 the FAIMER programme was expanded to developing countries by setting up regional institutes, 3 in India, 1 in Brazil and 1 in South Africa, based on the USA model, but tailored to the unique local needs of the host country/region.

The Sub-Saharan Africa FAIMER Regional Institute (SAFRI) programme is presented by the SAFRI voluntary membership association in Africa in cooperation with FAIMER. It aims to improve the quality of health care of Sub-Saharan African communities by improving health professions education.

To date there are fellows from South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia, Madagascar, Botswana, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Tanzania.

STAR OF THE MONTH

Gonzaga Mubuuke (SAFRI 2009 Fellow) Uganda

Mubuuke appears regularly in our Newsletter and once again has managed to accomplish great things!

He has been appointed as Editor of the Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences (JMIRS)

He has been appointed as Editor of the Global Journal of Epidemiology and Public Health (GJEPH)

He has also published a paper titled:

“Listening to the voices: Exploring the experiences of women diagnosed and living with breast cancer in Uganda”. The paper was published in the Pan African Medical Journal.

SAFRI is proud of you Mubuuke and salutes your many achievements!

