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“REGULATION OF TRADITIONAL
MEDICINE(S) IN ESWATINI”**

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR 2018**



EDITOR'S NOTE



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Warm greetings to all our colleagues and readers. We hope we all began the new academic year on a good footing. At the beginning of the academic year many good things have happened. The 2018 students were registered on-line through the Integrated Tertiary System. As expected, although there were a few glitches at the beginning, the system began to run smoothly and many lessons were learnt. The assistance from colleagues from the University of Mpumalanga is greatly appreciated.

The University Council made two appointments in September 2018, that of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Justice Mandla Thwala and that of the Pro Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Pinkie Eunice Zwane. UNESWA Insider wishes them well on their appointments!

The 38th Convocation of the University was held on Saturday 6 October 2018 at the Kwaluseni Campus. The Chancellor of the University of Eswatini, His Majesty, King Mswati III officiated at this Ceremony and 1493 students graduated. The Inauguration of Professor Mandla Thwala was held during the Ceremony as well. In addition to the Inauguration, three distinguished people received Honorary Degrees; Emeritus Professor Lydia Phindile Makhubu – Doctor of Science honoris causa, Dr Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe – Doctor of Laws honoris causa and Dr Nkomeni Douglas Ntiwane –

Doctor of Letters honoris causa. Another highlight of the 38th Congregation was the graduation of three candidates with PhD degree, which was a first at the University of Eswatini. They graduated with the Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Education. At this Ceremony also, 35 outstanding students received prizes from local companies and the University. The philanthropic spirit by the local companies is greatly appreciated. While on this subject, it was a heart-warming moment at the Graduation Ceremony when one of the Honorary Graduates and alumnus, Dr Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe donated E10 million towards the University's development. UNISWA Insider thanks Dr Patrice Motsepe for this donation!

During this period also, UNESWA launched the Repackaged Strategic Plan 2018-2022. Some of the departments and units also hosted functions which we have reported on. We wish to welcome staff that joined UNESWA during this period and we have a whole section on staff news. May the souls of those who have passed on, rest in peace. We publish the obituary of Dr Nesta Sizakele Dlamini.

Have a good read!

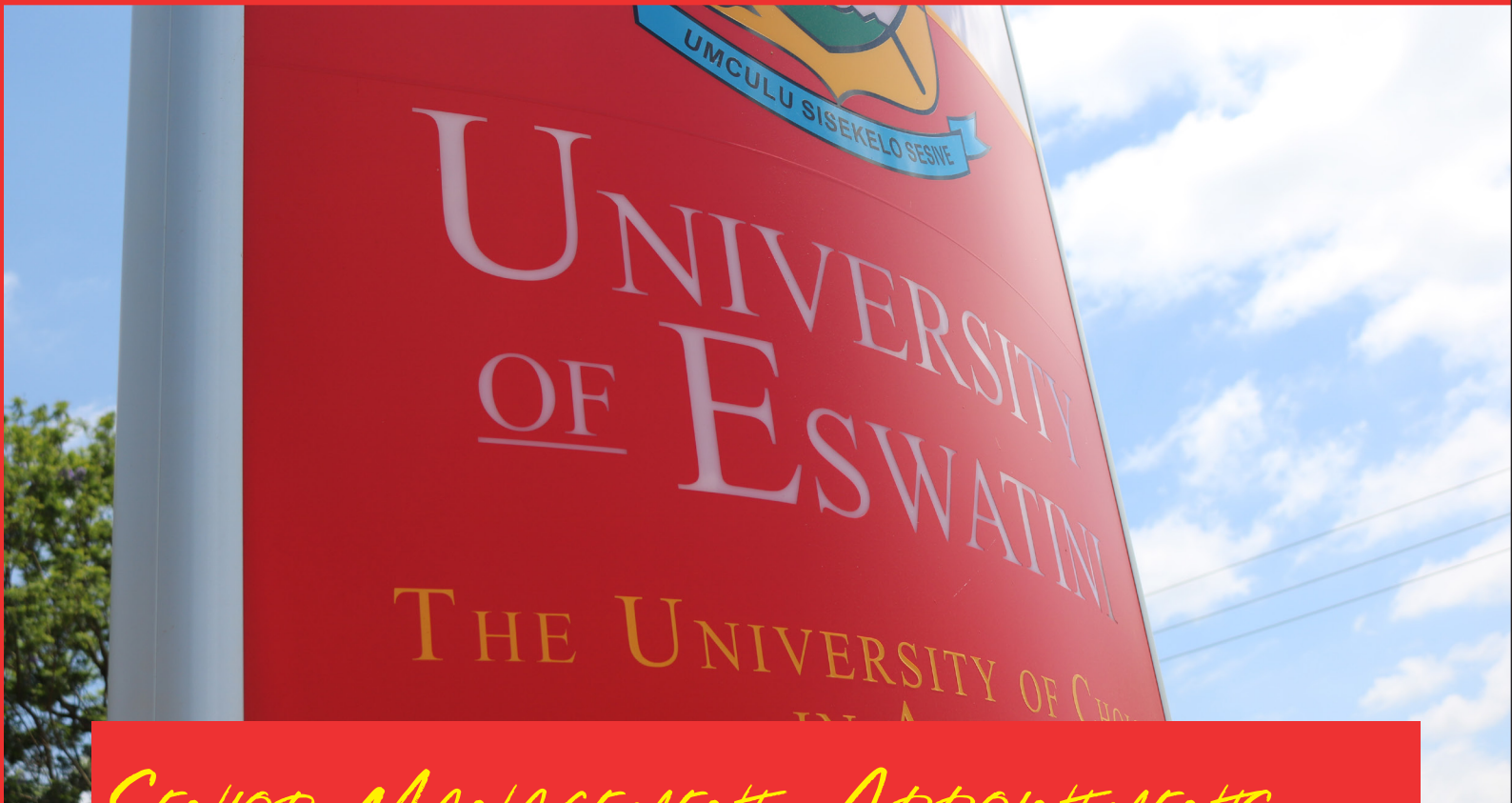


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SENIOR MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS

The University Council appointed Professor Justice Mandla Thwala as the Fourth Vice Chancellor of the University of Eswatini and Professor Pinkie Eunice Zwane as the first Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) at its meeting held on Thursday, 20 September, 2018.



The new Vice Chancellor Prof. Justice Mandla Thwala

His appointment as Vice Chancellor is for a period of four years.

Prof. Justice Mandla Thwala was, until the time of his appointment, the Acting Vice Chancellor, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering and Associate Professor of Physical and Environmental Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry.



The new Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Pinkie E. Zwane

years.

Prof. Pinkie E. Zwane was, until the time of her appointment, Dean of the Faculty of Consumer Sciences and Associate Professor of Textiles and Apparel Design. Her appointment as Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) is for a period of three

UNESWA Insider congratulates the two Officers on their appointments!



UNESWA LIBRARY WEEK

The UNESWA library organized a Library week from 25 to 28 September, 2018 as part of the national 50/50 celebrations to commemorate 50 years of Independence and the 50th Birthday of His Majesty King Mswati III. The Library week was officially opened by the UNESWA Vice Chancellor, Professor Justice Mandla Thwala who emphasized the important role played by the Library in supporting the mission of the University. He further stressed the fact that information is a prime commodity for development. He appreciated the lead role played by UNESWA library in organizing the 50/50 celebrations reflecting on its achievements since independence and ensuring that information in all formats is available and accessible



A section of Staff members who had attended the opening of the Library Week

as the country moves to realising Vision 2022 and the First World status.

During this week, the Library reflected on its achievements and showcased how it supports the University and national development through effective information service delivery. A video which traced the historical development of the Library from its inception to date was aired throughout the week and highlighted the development of the library infrastructure, growth of the information resources, library services, and staff development.



Students viewing books on display during the Library Week



As part of the celebration, an exhibition on the history of Eswatini collection and literary works by Swazi authors was displayed. Digital migration from manual to automation of library operations and digitization of information resources and access to electronic resources, such as ebooks and ejournals formed part of the exhibition. A display on mutilation of books highlighted how it is a barrier to access to information whereas the library supports access to knowledge (A2K)

During the course of the week, two workshops were conducted on:

- the use of ebooks which was facilitated by staff from EBSCO.
- Creating awareness to

MBA students and lecturers on access to Emerald case studies.

Five schools from around Kwaluseni visited the Library as part of the community outreach programme where students were informed on the services offered by the University Library. These included Swazi National High, Phumelele High, Lozitha High, Mbekelweni High and Zombodze High. The schools were also requested to enter for a poster competition which had to depict the role of the Library in education.

Emerald Publishing conducted an online quiz for the University students based on articles found in the Emerald database and 145 students

participated. The winner who will win a tablet will be announced.

To mark the 50/50 celebrations, Emerald will consolidate 50 articles on Eswatini which were published by Emerald over the past half century. These will be printed as a book and presented to the UNESWA library.

The UNESWA library acknowledges the support received from UNESWA Management, Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, UNESWA staff and students, Emerald Publishing, EBSCO, Mallory, Wiley and Macmillan Swaziland.



Dr. N Mathabela emphasizing a point to Swazi National High pupils during Library Week



UNESWA'S PARTICIPATION AT THE ESWATINI INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR 2018

"The Corporate Affairs is grateful to the University Management for the financial and emotional support while planning and executing this exhibition in three weeks."

The Corporate Affairs is grateful to the University Management for the financial and emotional support while planning and executing this exhibition in three weeks. The Trade Fair was held from Saturday, 31 August 2018 to Monday, 10 September 2018.

The Trade Fair Planning Committee comprised:

1. Mr. Ambrose Gama – Chairperson



Dr. S.S. Simelane and his Spouse sharing a light moment with the Trade Fair Team during this years annual EITF.

2. Ms. Qinisile Matse – Secretary and Coordinator
3. Mr. Thandokuhle Mkhathshwa – Web Designer
4. Mr. Sibusiso Lukhele – Events Planner
5. Ms Zanele Dlamini – Director, Consultancy and Training Centre
6. Ms Bongekile Dlamini – Administrative Assistant, Consultancy and Training Centre
7. Mr B.S. Shongwe – Academic Projects Officer
8. Dr. A.T. Tiruneh – Faculty of Health Sciences Representative
9. Ms. F.D. Dlamini – Faculty Health Sciences Representative
10. Ms Phumzile Gama – EIRMIP Representative
11. Mr K.A. Nxumalo – Faculty of Agriculture Representative
12. Dr Thabile NKabule – Faculty of Consumer Sciences Representative
13. Ms Zanele Fakudze – Senior Assistant Registrar, Academic

Students as selected by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs – Mr Dennis Nkambule

14. Mr Sizwe Simelane – Faculty of Humanities Representative
15. Ms Leyla Nkosi – Faculty of Science



The Vice Chancellor Prof. J.M. Thwala taking a group photograph with the team working the university stall during the Trade Fair.

Representative

16. Mr Thoba Shongwe – Faculty of Social Sciences Representative
17. Mr Qiniso Dlamini – Faculty of Commerce Representative
18. Mr Thuba Matsenjwa – Faculty of Health Sciences Representative
19. Ms Welile Dlamini – Faculty of Education Representative
20. Ms Nokubonga Zwane – Institute of Distance Education Representative
21. Ms Bahle Dlamini – Director of Academic (SRC)

At the Fair the Team was joined by:
Computer Science Team

22. Dr A.S. Metfula
23. Ms Fakazile Dlamini
24. Mr Wintre Makhanya Academic Office
25. Ms Jabulile Dlamini
26. Mr Mpendulo Ndzinisa
27. Mr Johnson Dlamini

The Team worked in shifts.

The objectives of participating in the Eswatini International Trade Fair included to:

1. Join hands with the Kingdom of Eswatini in celebrating 50 years of peace and stability and showcasing milestones achieved in education during the period;
2. Market the University, its Faculties, Departments, Institutes and Centres to the Swazi public;
3. Provide career guidance to those that require it especially prospective students and career guidance teachers;
4. Inform the public of alternative routes that could be used to gain university entry for example the Mature Entry;
5. Showcase Faculty of Consumer Sciences products such as wines and different types of fabrics;
6. Find out from stakeholders what other new programmes they would like to have taught at UNESWA;
7. Promote research through the research competition;
8. Market the ICT Fair, that UNESWA would host on 26 - 27 October 2018 and the new ICT programmes.



To achieve objective 1, the University of Eswatini hosted a Panel Discussion by students with the title “50 Years of Academic Achievements”. The Panel Discussion was held on Wednesday 5 September 2018 from 2 – 3 pm at the Business Centre, Mavuso, Manzini. The attendance was not wonderful but then students did their best to highlight achievements of the University. Since the hosting of lectures and discussions is intended to be a regular feature of the University’s participation at the Fair, it is hoped that attendance will steadily grow. The Trade Fair Team is indebted to all the Deans that helped the students with their presentations.

Video recordings of classes in session in the different faculties, publishing of flyers and brochures of programmes offered at the University and giving out of prospectuses with information of the University were some of the activities done to achieve objective 2. The public would watch the classes in session and collect the material on programmes offered at the University.

Career guidance teachers and prospective students would inquire on programmes and the Team would provide the services to prospective student and the teachers. The Swazi public including the media houses and high school students were intrigued by the presence of students in the stall. Three media houses interviewed the students on their experience and congratulated the University on using them to market its



UNESWA students sharing knowledge of the University during a panel discussion held at the Fair.

products and services. The students did not disappoint as they rose to the challenge and provided excellence service to the public.

A large number of people showed interest in the Mature Age Entry and requested that forms be provided at the Fair for them to apply as October seemed far off for them. Graduates from the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT) also came in numbers to inquire about entry into the University after graduation from LUCT. Most expressed joy in learning that the University had accepted LUCT graduates in Computer Science and Bachelor of Commerce.

The Faculty of Consumer Sciences had prepared Tincozi wine, Emadolofiya wine, fortified breakfast and meals, pickles and jams to name a few which were the talk of the Fair. The Chancellor, His Majesty King Mswati III also commented on the students’ projects and members of the public would request to taste them and also have the products available in local shops. The President of Lubane Savings and Credit Society and FESBC were some of those interested in packing the students projects and sell them to local and international markets under speciality foods.

Stakeholders would come and make presentations of what they wanted to see changed and/or included in the University.

- Parents and students had hoped that the Student Finance Office would be present at the Fair as



Some of our student volunteers in consultation with public at the university’s stall during the EITF 2018



they wanted clarity on certain issues. In subsequent Fairs the Finance Office would have to be included.

- Some of the UNESWA stall visitors requested for non-credit course in Agriculture and farming, cooking with the advice on how to start a catering business, law studies and security studies.

For credit courses, visitors wanted Forestry studies to be offered at undergraduate and graduate level, pharmacy at undergraduate level and almost all the courses offered part-time for them.

Others made comments on changes they would like to see made to the MBA programme.

The University had a research competition and distributed fliers at the Fair and at the University. Members of the public were asked to write a topic which they wanted the University to conduct research on and also provide a 100 words synopsis on why this research and how it would help the nation. The research drew many researchers to the stall inquiring about the competition and research in general at the University. The closing date for the competition was 14 September and 71 entries had been received then. The Research Team which will be assembled by the Research Centre will analyse the entries and select the three winners which would be announced through a press conference on 28 September 2018.

The prizes would be

1. Acer laptop and UNESWA Hamper
2. Mobile Phone and UNESWA Hamper
3. Tablet and UNESWA Hamper.

Last and by no means least the ICT Fair and ICT programmes were marketed at the Fair. The public showed interest in the Fair and the new programmes. The Computer Science Department had provided dedicated staff for this.

During the presentation of prizes on Monday 10 September 2018 UNESWA received position three in the education category with Macmillan receiving position 1 and Limkokwing University of Creative Technology receiving position 2.



The UNESWA stall was always a hive of activity during the course of the Trade Fair.



UNESWA SECOSUD II EQUIPMENT HANDOVER CEREMONY

On Tuesday 23 October 2018 at the Juice Bar, Ligcabho LeMaswati Sports Emporium, a handover ceremony was held at which SECOSUD II transferred two computers with the relevant software to the University of Eswatini. These computers are for the establishment of a natural history database as part of the National Natural History Museum. The Programme Director for the day was Professor Ara Monadjem who welcomed all guests to the function.

Giving the background of the project, Dr Themba Mahlaba mentioned that the Biological Sciences Department had a dream to establish a natural history museum. He noted that such a museum was essential for teaching biological sciences and for keeping voucher specimens of the nation's fauna which currently are in many museums outside the country. While still looking for ways to fulfil the dream, members of the Department were invited by Dr Wisdom Dlamini to a meeting where they met Dr Luca Malatesta who was very helpful in charting the way forward. Dr Malatesta introduced the department to SECOSUD II and through this project students and staff members were trained in the establishment of a natural history database and in the use of a data sharing platform. The Biological Sciences department further signed a Memorandum of Understanding with SECOSUD II, which assured the department continued support for the establishment of the museum. The SECOSUD II team met with the then Vice Chancellor, Professor Cisco Magagula and explained to him in detail the

activities entailed in the project as well as the support they are able to give to the museum. The Biological Sciences Department met with Eswatini Trust Commission (ETC), with whom the University already had an MOU to cooperate in many areas, to discuss the establishment of the museum. It was agreed that the proposed museum should not just be a UNESWA Biological Sciences Department project but a national museum that will be built by the two institutions at UNESWA. A Task Team was established comprising:

1. Mr Phillip Mamba – Physical Planner UNESWA
2. Mr Thulani Methula – ENTC, Director of Parks
3. Ms Rosemary Andrade – ENTC, Director of Culture and Museums



The Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering, Dr M. Mliphha making his remarks.



4. Professor Cebisile Magagula – UNESWA, Biological Sciences
5. Professor Ara Monadjem – UNESWA, Biological Sciences
6. Dr. Themba Mahlaba – UNESWA, Biological Sciences (Convenor)

Through the support of the SECOSUD II project the task Team visited Maputo on a fact finding mission on museums. On this mission SECOSUD II made a pledge to help the Task Team by donating equipment which would be used to start storing Eswatini's biodiversity data which is a critical component of the natural history museum. This is the equipment that is being handed over at this event. The Department of Biological Sciences already has a growing collection of specimens and a database. The Department acknowledged the assistance received from the University Management and other structures of the University. Introducing the Vice Chancellor was the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering, Dr Mandla Mlipha who appreciated the efforts of the Task Team and SECOSUD II. Dr Mlipha expressed hope that the Museum would be of assistance to other departments and hope they would be contributors too. He mentioned that the Faculty was very ambitious and expressed joy that one of the ambitions was becoming a reality. He thanked the Heads of department from the Faculty for attending the function and then requested the Vice Chancellor, Professor Justice Thwala to make his remarks.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Justice Thwala noted that the gathering was for celebrating part of the work done by the Department of Biological Sciences. He mentioned that the equipment would be used in the soon to be established Natural History Museum within the Campus in partnership with Eswatini National Trust Commission. He mentioned that the relationship among the three partners began in March 2017. He acknowledged assistance received from SECOSUD II in the form of training in biodiversity database establishment, maintenance and data sharing and sponsoring the Task Team to visit Maputo to view



A SECOSUD II representative demonstrating to the Vice Chancellor how to operate the computer

museums and gather information.

Professor Thwala mentioned that even though the Kingdom of Eswatini is a small country covering only 17 340 square kilometres, a large percentage of Southern Africa's plant and animal species occur in Eswatini; "The eastern part of Eswatini is part of the Maputaland Centre of Plant Diversity (One of the world's "hotspots" of floral as well as faunal species). Western Eswatini is part of the Drakensberg Escarpment Endemic Bird Area, as well as the Barberton Centre of Plant Diversity. Professor Thwala mentioned that the proposed museum will play a critical and indispensable role in the biological sciences as well as in almost all conservation initiatives.

In his Keynote Address, Dr Stefano Frasca – Team Leader of the Project, first introduced his team, Dr Luca Malatesta – Scientific Coordinator of SECOSUD II and Ms Edna Mujovo - Research Assistant and currently in charge of the Land Use Change assessment activity. He mentioned that SECOSUD II was co-financed by the Italian Cooperation and implemented by Sapienza University of Rome and Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo.

The Team Leader noted that the main objective of the Project was "to collect and share knowledge and data on biodiversity and natural resources in the SADC, and to support the use of such information by the institutions in order to design integrated management



strategies for those resources.” He mentioned that such an approach was based on the belief that natural resources were at the base of sustainable development, in line with economic, social and cultural context of a country. “We therefore salute the partnership with the University of Eswatini, which allows these objectives to be met in the SADC region.”

Dr Frasca understood that in the framework of the project, the collaboration with the University of Eswatini was not new as University representatives had worked with SECOSUD II in seminars and trainings. He mentioned that following the previous engagements they have had with University representatives they were happy to hand over to the Vice Chancellor who would receive on behalf of the University of Eswatini, two desktop computers, “which will support the digitisation of the collections that, we hope, will be part of the forthcoming museum of natural history and of the data base and portal of biodiversity in Eswatini.”

The Director of Culture and Museums, Ms Rosemary Andrade from ENTC made the closing remarks on behalf of the CEO, Dr Cliff Dlamini. She said it was a pleasure to be in partnership with UNESWA and SECOSUD II. She said ENTC was pleased with the initiative as they were mandated with the setting up of museums in the country but due to lack of funds and skills they had only managed to set up two. Of these two museums, one is in Ngwenya, the old mine site and the other is in the Lubombo region which is a sugarcane museum. It would be a pleasure to have another at the University, the natural history museum. She mentioned that in Lobamba, they only had a small wing for primary school children as a teaching collection. She noted that it was gratifying to see the project taking shape and to learn that there was already a collection. She said the importance of natural history museums in the world cannot be underscored. She expressed hope that the museum would not only be open to the university community but also school children. She thanked sponsors and partners for all the work that had been done.

He followed with a brief history of the CMA which dates back to the Rand Monetary Area Agreement of 1974. The CMA Monetary Policy Framework was also presented, where the Governor highlighted how monetary policy has evolved in each of the CMA countries. The monetary policy transmission mechanism in the CMA was explained by the Governor. This basically indicates how monetary policy decisions affect the economic activities and prices in the CMA. It was also clarified that all indications are that the continued membership of Swaziland in the CMA was highly beneficial for the country. The disadvantages the country faces by remaining in the CMA were very minimal compared to the benefits. These include low inflation, low exchange rate fluctuations, free movement of capita, to name a few.

The main focus of monetary policy currently was price and financial stability the world over and so this was also true for CMA monetary authorities. Given this, the Governor explained how price and financial stability were linked with economic growth in the CMA. The lecture ended with highlights on the challenges facing the CMA, such as sluggish economic growth as well as threats to financial stability. The latter was brought about by a variety of factors which include proliferation of virtual currencies (Bitcoin). He indicated that all these challenges require concerted effort in the monetary union.



An MoU was also signed on the day to strengthen the relationship between the two institutions



UNESWA HOLDS 38TH CONGREGATION

The University held its 38th Convocation on Saturday 6 October 2018 at the Kwaluseni Campus. A total of 1,493 candidates graduated; three with PhD degrees, 54 with Masters Degrees, 1076 with Bachelor's Degrees and 360 with Certificates and Diplomas. The Chancellor, His Majesty, King Mswati III officiated during the Ceremony.

It was at this Ceremony that the Inauguration of the Fourth Vice Chancellor of the University of Eswatini, Professor Justice Mandla Thwala took place. Honorary degrees were conferred on three eminent people; Professor Emeritus Lydia Phindile Makhubu, Dr Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe and Dr Nkomeni Douglas Ntiwane.

Making the acceptance speech on behalf the three honorary graduates was Dr Motsepe who thanked the King and the Swazi Nation for hosting them during the apartheid era. He mentioned how they learnt a lot from the Swazi people during their stay. Dr Motsepe donated E 10 million to the University for its further development. The donation was well received as the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor acknowledged it in their speeches.



His Majesty King Mswati III delivering his speech during the 38th Congregation held at UNESWA Kwaluseni Campus

SPEECH BY HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI II, DURING THE 38TH GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI – KWALUSENI

It is a great honour to be among this distinguished gathering to celebrate the 38th Graduation Ceremony of the University of Eswatini.

To all the proud parents, spouses, relatives, friends, and associates gathered here today, may you receive our special warm welcome. We also acknowledge the presence of our guests who come from outside our shores that are here to be part of this graduation ceremony.



What makes this day a historic one is that UNESWA will be graduating the first three students who have successfully completed their PhDs from the institution. We congratulate them for this remarkable achievement.

50/50 DOUBLE CELEBRATIONS MILESTONES

The recognition of this year's achievements is befitting of time and place as they add to the numerous milestones in the education sector as the country commemorates the 50/50 celebrations.

The challenge at hand is how we want the nation to move going forward from here. We have given ourselves a target of first world status by 2022, and to this end we should position ourselves in a manner to ensure that we see significant results and improvements being achieved in all sectors of our development agenda.

As we celebrate 50 years of our independence, we pride ourselves that the University has also grown in leaps and bounds.

When we look back to the humble beginnings of the institution it started with an admission of only 194 students, who first enrolled here under the guidance of 14 Academic and 4 Administrative staff in 1972.

Today UNESWA has an enrolment of 7,000 students, 384 Academic and 280 Non-academic staff that serve the institution.

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We note with appreciation how the University has endeavoured to equip Eswatini by responding to the skills requirements of the public and the private sectors through the establishment of new quality programmes, faculties and institutes.

FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION

Government continues to allocate a large budget amount towards education in the country. This is the country's commitment to education for all.

The country is still experiencing a shortage of expertise in the health, ICT, science and engineering sectors, making these a priority for the country.

The University and all institutions of higher learning are expected to be innovative and come up with ways of raising funds to assist government in providing education for all.

We were happy to hear that the Faculty of Consumer Sciences is the one that produced the academic graduation gowns for the undergraduate and post-graduate degree holders this year.

It is such initiatives that are encouraged, that need to be up scaled and new product lines introduced to guarantee sustainability.

NEW PROGRAMME INITIATIVES

We are pleased that UNESWA has significantly increased student enrolment in post-graduate



A section of the podium during the 38th Congregation



programmes to over 500 students. You now offer over 20 different masters' programmes and 2 PhD programmes. This is a clear demonstration that UNESWA has reached significant heights towards a level of academic maturity and many Emaswati can now be successfully trained locally.

The new programmes in the technology sphere such as B.Sc. in Computer Science Education, B.Sc. in Information Science are in line with initiatives at the Royal Science and Technology Park that provide platforms for innovation and technology for sustainable socio-economic development for the country.

PARTNERSHIP AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION

As we are all aware, education is evolving at a very fast pace, so there is a need for strategic partnerships and private sector participation in the education sec-

amongst other benefits.

WE are glad to note that here at UNESWA; private sector participation is gradually increasing. We welcome the growing support from the telecommunication sector, EEC, banking industry including Eswatini Central Bank and other financial institutions.

KEYS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

The key to quality education lies in the collaboration of all stakeholders. Money and infrastructure alone cannot produce the highly skilled citizens we require through education.

This calls for close cooperation between the students, lecturers, administration, government and sponsors of institutions of higher learning in the country to ensure that a permitting environment prevails for effective learning to take place.

MESSAGE TO GRADUANDS

Today we are witnessing the blessing of 1,493 graduands, which shows an increase of 16% compared to last year. There will be 359 Certificates and Diplomas, 1076 degrees, 54 Masters and 3 PhD degrees conferred today.

We also look forward to the awarding of Honorary Doctorates to three distinguished persons for the good work they have done for the University and the country at large.



The University's first PhD graduates making their way to the podium during graduation

tor. Such partnerships will expose both the academic staff and students to latest innovations, and may involve joint research and access to educational equipment,

We congratulate you all for this remarkable achievement, as well as to those who contributed to your success for believing that an investment in education yields the greatest dividends.



UNESWA's Choral Society delivering entertainment during the event

Graduation is a time of celebration and triumph and marks the end of one phase and the beginning of the next phase.

The country needs your input and you must, at every stage of your life, play your part in socio-economic development of your country.

You will also face many challenges but this is what the “real world” is all about and the next phase in your life is a great training ground for your future success.

CONCLUSION

As I conclude, we wish to indicate that, the Kingdom is at a crucial time where our economy yearns for more innovation and creativity for job creation.

Graduands, do not forget this institution, you are ambassadors and proud alumni, and your contribution back to the University will assist the Foundation to address the ever changing and increasing needs of UNESWA.

It will help the institution to efficiently realise its mission, vision and mandate for providing quality education to Eswatini.

May we thank all those responsible for the success of this ceremony and with all the activities rendered here today. We also appreciate the gifts presented to us.

I thank you. May the Almighty God bless us all!!

INAUGURATION OF THE FOURTH VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

Professor Justice Mandla Thwala was inaugurated as the Fourth Vice Chancellor of the University of Eswatini. Below we print the completed citation of Professor Thwala.

On the recommendation of the Joint Committee of Council and Senate, the University Council appointed Professor Justice Mandla Thwala as the fourth Vice Chancellor of the University of Eswatini on the 20th September 2018.

Professor Justice Mandla Thwala was born on 29th September 1964 at Lavundlamanti in the Lubombo Region; he is a Swazi citizen. He obtained the Bachelor of Science plus Concurrent Diploma in Education (B.Sc .+ CDE) from the University of Swaziland, majoring in Chemistry and Mathematics in 1986. Having acquired a British Council Scholarship, he completed a Master of Science degree from the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom in 1989. He completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1995 from Bristol University in the United Kingdom through a scholarship he had been awarded by the Commonwealth



His Majesty King Mswati III inaugurating the fourth Vice Chancellor Prof. J. M. Thwala during graduation



and Fellowship Plan. Professor Thwala undertook his Post-Doctoral studies in 2002 at Loughborough University in the UK and also at the University of California, Los Angeles in 2010. His training was not only confined to the sciences as he obtained a Diploma in Business Management, Diploma in Book Keeping and Diploma in Practical Accounting from Damelin Swaziland in 1998 and 1999.

June 1986 was to be the beginning of an astonishing career when he was employed as a high school teacher at Manzini Nazarene High School. In view of his diligence while he was a student and his impressive grades for his Bachelor's degree, he was employed as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Swaziland in 1987. In 1989 he was appointed Lecturer of Physical Chemistry in the same Department. He was promoted to the rank of Senior Lecturer in 2008 a rank he held until 2015 when he was promoted to be Associate Professor of Physical Chemistry. Promotion to this rank is considered a special achievement and only persons of distinguished scholarship, leadership and experience are promoted.

Professor Thwala is a renowned scholar of international repute; he has published widely in the field of Physical Chemistry in refereed international journals. His name is one of a few that stand out of World Wide Web search engines of well published scholars of Eswatini in peer-reviewed, recognised journals. He has also presented a number of papers and posters in local and international conferences and workshops. Professor Thwala has been engaged in a number of environment consultancy projects both locally and internationally a practice that has greatly enhanced his scholarship reputation.

As part of his incredible scholarship and in following his research interests, Professor Thwala has supervised a number of Master of Science theses and numerous undergraduate research projects locally and outside the borders of Eswatini. He has been

part of a number of international collaborations and research partnerships which have greatly benefitted the University of Eswatini and the country. He is also a member of professional organisations locally and internationally.

Apart from his widely acclaimed scholarship, Professor Thwala is also a renowned administrator. He was Acting Tutor in 1990, Head of the Chemistry Department for a decade from 1990 and Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering from 2015 to May 2018 when he was appointed Acting Vice Chancellor in June 2018. During the time he held administrative positions in the Faculty of Science and Engineering, the Department of Chemistry and the Faculty realised considerable growth; new courses and programmes

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The Vice Chancellor of the University of Eswatini
Prof. J.M. Thwala



CITATION FOR EMERITUS PROFESSOR LYDIA PHINDILE MAKHUBU DOCTOR OF SCIENCE HONORIS CAUSA

Your Majesty and Chancellor, on behalf of the University Council and Senate, I am pleased to present Professor Lydia Phindile Makhubu, eminent educator, distinguished scholar and outstanding university administrator.

Professor Lydia Makhubu was born in Luyengo on 1st July 1937. She attended primary school at Usuthu Mission Primary school in Luyengo and Holy Rood School at Ndlozana near Piet Retief and high school at Augustine High School in Kwazulu Natal.

In 1963, she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree where she majored in Chemistry and Mathematics from Pius XII College, Roma in Lesotho. She graduated with a Master of Science in Organic Chemistry from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada in 1967. She obtained a Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Toronto, Canada in 1973.

Soon after attaining her qualifications, she entered the world of academia where she was to make a notable contribution. She was employed by the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland as a Lecturer in Chemistry. Between 1976 and 1979 she rose to Senior Lectureship. In 1980, in recognition for her



Emeritus Professor Lydia Phindile Makhubu returning to her seat upon receiving her honorary degree of Doctor of Science Honoris Causa



The Registrar Dr. S.S. Simelane giving an award to the best student in this years Class of graduates

were introduced. In line with the commercialisation of University programmes, the Faculty developed programmes that would be offered through the Consultancy and Training Centre. In addition, substantial amounts of funds have been raised for the Faculty of Science and Engineering projects.

Professor Thwala is a balanced leader and well suited for the position of Vice Chancellor as he is not only familiar with the structures of administration of the University but has been in the forefront of seeing to it that staff welfare was considered as well. He has been President of ALAAP, the Association of Lecturers, Academic and Administrative Personnel for a long time and during his tenure, staff welfare was greatly improved.

The University of Eswatini is honoured and privileged to have Professor Justice Thwala appointed to this executive position as the Fourth Vice Chancellor, and looks forward to benefitting from his scholarship, knowledge and skills and undertakes to support his initiatives to achieve the vision of making UNESWA the University of Choice in Africa.



outstanding scholarship, she was promoted to the position of Professor of Chemistry.

Professor Makhubu's astute and able academic leadership, which spans over four decades, is reflected in the variety of positions which she held within Eswatini and beyond. At Eswatini, she was the Chairperson of the Swaziland School of Science within the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland; Dean, Faculty of Science in the University of Botswana and Swaziland, Pro-Vice Chancellor, and Vice Chancellor, University of Swaziland from 1988 to 2003. She was also the Chancellor of the Women's University in Africa based in Harare, Zimbabwe from 2004 to 2008. She was the first woman to hold the position of Chairperson of the Association of Commonwealth Universities in the 91 years of its existence. In 2003, it pleased His Majesty, King Mswati III to nominate Professor Lydia Makhubu to be a Senator in 8th Parliament of Swaziland.

Your Majesty and Chancellor, Professor Lydia Makhubu is one of the rare members of the academic fraternity who combine academic excellence with unmatched administrative ability, born of a deep understanding of the university as a unique institution. Those of us who have had the opportunity to work with her continue to admire her incisive mind and extensive insight into the educational problems of developing countries. Eswatini

owes a deep debt of gratitude to Professor Makhubu for most of the educational development that the country has achieved.

Professor Lydia Makhubu was also personally involved in the establishment of many faculties and institutes of the University of Eswatini. Her latest passion before retiring from the University of Swaziland was the establishment of the University of Eswatini Foundation which has raised millions of Emalangeni in cash and kind for the University.

It would be a grave mistake to leave out Professor Lydia Makhubu's involvement in science and technology and Third World Organisation for Women in Science where she served as President for many years. She was also President of the Royal Swaziland Society of Science and Technology from 1977 to 2003. She has served in various international commit-

tees concerned with science and technology and has also published a number of papers in this area.

Your Majesty and Chancellor, for the outstanding leadership and scholarship and magnificent contribution to the advancement of education at Eswatini and beyond, it is my honour and privilege to invite you to confer upon Emeritus Professor Lydia Phindile Makhubu the degree of Doctor of Science honoris causa.

CITATION FOR DR PATRICE TLHOPANE MOTSEPE DOCTOR OF LAWS HONORIS CAUSA

Your Majesty and Chancellor, on behalf of the University Council and Senate, I am pleased to present Dr Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe, a distinguished mining magnate, an eminent entrepreneur, businessman philanthropist, and University of Eswatini's most prominent alumnus.



Dr Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe receiving his honouray degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa from His Najesty King Mswati III



Dr Patrice Motsepe was born on 28 January 1962 in Soweto. He completed his O' Level in 1979 at St. Marks High School in Eswatini. In 1984, he completed his Bachelor of Arts in Law from the University of Swaziland. Patrice then applied for, and received, permission to study at the then whites only University of the Witwatersrand and became one of the university's few black law graduates.

Having gained his law qualifications, he became an attorney in one of the largest law firms in South Africa, Bowmans in 1988 and in 1991 he was a visiting attorney in the USA with the law firm, McGuire Woods under the American Bar Association programme. It was upon his return that he became the first black law partner at Bowmnas.

In his early years, Patrice became a small businessman and owned a spaza shop popular with black mine workers. It was from this shop that Dr Motsepe learned basic business principles from his father as well as first hand exposure to mining.

Your Majesty and Chancellor, in 1994, Patrice Motsepe founded Future Mining which grew rapidly to become a successful contract mining company. In pursuit for excellence in business, Dr Motsepe formed ARMgold which listed in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange in 2002.



A section of the University Senate at the 38th Cogregation enjoying the proceedings

In a bid to grow his business empire, Dr Motsepe led ARMgold into a merger with Avmin rand Harmony Gold. Following the merger, Avmin changed its name to African Rainbow Minerals (ARM) and he became the Founder and Executive Chairman of ARM. Dr Motsepe is also the Founder and Chairman of Ubuntu-Botho, African Rainbow Capital, and African Rainbow Energy and Power. He is also the Deputy Chairman of Sanlam and Chairman of Harmony Gold. He is President of Mamelodi Sundowns Football Club, "The Brazilians, Bafana beStyle, Masandawane" which on 23 October 2016 won the Confederation of African Football Champions League at Borg El-Arab Stadium.

Dr Motsepe has received many honours and accolades for his strong business sense. In 2002, he was voted South Africa's Business Leader of the Year by the Chief Executive Officers of the top 100

companies in South Africa. In the same year, he was the winner of Ernst & Young Best Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Dr Motsepe is also the recipient of numerous other business and leadership awards and recognitions. In 2017, Forbes Magazine commemorated its 100th Anniversary and honoured Dr Patrice Motsepe as one of the "100 Greatest Living Business Minds" in the world. He is a member of the International Business Council of the World Economic

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Forum which is made up of 100 of the most highly respected and influential chief executives from all industries. Dr Motsepe is also a member of the Harvard Global Advisory Council and the International Council on Mining and Metals.

In 2003, to show his gratitude to the University for the quality education he had received, he donated E150,000.00 towards the UNESWA Foundation responsible for infrastructure development. Dr Motsepe is quoted to have said “I am what I am today because of the knowledge, skills and attitudes I acquired when I was a student of the University.”

In his business empire, Dr Motsepe has employed many highly qualified Swazi women and men who received vast experience and quality education at Eswatini institutions including the University of Eswatini. He stands out as the University of Eswatini’s most prominent alumnus who gave it good reason to celebrate excellence in education in its 30th Anniversary. Dr. Patrice Motsepe and his wife Dr Precious Moloi-Motsepe joined the Giving Pledge which was started by Warren Buffet and Bill and Melinda Gates. Dr Motsepe committed to give half of the wealth of the Motsepe family to the poor and for philanthropic purposes during his life time and beyond and that of his wife.

For his immense contribution to the economic development of the world, his strong business acumen, good representation of the University of Eswatini and his philanthropic spirit, it is now my privilege Your Majesty and Chancellor to request you to confer upon Dr Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

CITATION FOR NKOMENI DOUGLAS NTIWANE DOCTOR OF LETTERS HONORIS CAUSA

Your Majesty and Chancellor, on behalf of the University Council and Senate, I am pleased to present Nkomeni Douglas Ntiwane, an eminent educator, a

retired diplomat, a distinguished public servant, and pioneer SiSwati book writer.

Nkomeni Douglas Ntiwane was born on 15 February 1933. He obtained a National Primary Higher Teacher’s Certificate in 1954 and began his teaching career in 1955 then taught in Mpumalanga until 1961. Between 1961 and 1967 he was a principal in various Swaziland schools. His passion for education can also be noted in that he has served for decades as Grantee of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Mission schools.

In 1968, he entered the world of diplomacy and was appointed to represent the Kingdom of Swaziland as its first High Commissioner in the United King-



Mr. Nkomeni Douglas Ntiwane enroute to receiving his honouray degree of Doctor of Letters

dom and Ambassador to France, Germany and Belgium until 1971. On his return to Swaziland, he was appointed to serve in His Majesty’s Government as Principal Secretary in three ministries; first in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1971 to 1972, Ministry of Health from 1972 to 1978 and Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Mine and Tourism in 1979 to 1980.

Mr Ntiwane then obtained a Certificate Human Resources in 1981 from the University of Botswana and Swaziland. On that strength, he took early retirement from the Civil Service and served in the private sec-



Mr. Nkomeni Douglas Ntiwane receiving his honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from His Majesty

tor as an HR practitioner until his recall to Cabinet in 1987 to serve as Minister for Commerce, Industry Mines and Tourism. His distinguished service in the Swaziland Government did not end there as he served as Minister for Broadcasting and Information from 1992 to 1993.

Your Majesty and Chancellor, Nkomeni Ntiwane is an eminent writer of SiSwati books three of which are prescribed textbooks in the Eswatini School System. Mr Ntiwane has jointly authored the listed Siswati titles: Asive Ngwane (1976), Takitsi a poetry anthology (1982), Idvubukele a short story book (1987), Umtjingo, a play (1982) and Ingcamu in 1987. He also jointly authored a book of Emaswati in South Africa in 2016 with Mafini and David Mlotshwa. In that team, his main role was in research and translation from reference books written in Afrikaans to English as he is fluent in all the Southern African Languages.

Nkomeni Ntiwane is a dedicated member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church where he also served as Lay President of the Swaziland Annual Conference of the 18th Episcopal District. He has served on several Boards including the Swaziland Electricity Board, SiSwati Language Board and continues to serve on the Board of Tisuka Taka Ngwane. As a member of Eswatini Royal Regiments, his overriding interest has always been to nurture and protect

the culture and interests of Emaswati. He is widely consulted on various SiSwati language projects.

Your Majesty and Chancellor, for his outstanding role as an educator, diplomat, civil servant and for his eminent role of promoting the SiSwati Language and culture through writing books, it is my honour and privilege to invite you to confer upon Nkomeni Douglas Ntiwane the degree of Doctor of Letters honoris causa.



The new appointed Vice Chancellor Prof. J.M. Thwala making his remarks during the 38th Congregation



Dr Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe making his remarks during the 38th Congregation



STAFF NEWS

Welcome to staff that joined the University of Eswatini, “the University of Choice in Africa” during this period:

Academic and Administrative Staff

Name	Position	Department
Bayoumi , Ehab Hassan Eid	Professor	Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Becker, Nozipho	Lecturer	Food & Nutrition Sciences
Dlamini, Sabelo	Lecturer	Geography, Environmental Science & Planning
Dlamini, Bakhombisile S.	Teaching Assistant	Political & Administrative Studies
Dlamini, Armstrong	Lecturer	Political & Administrative Studies
Gule, Zanele	Lecturer	Agricultural Education & Extension
Mabuza, Mzwandile P.	Lecturer	Crop Production
Macera, Elizabeth	Associate Professor	General Nursing
Makaudze, Godwin	Associate Professor	Agricultural Education & Extension
Malaza, Gcebile	Lecturer	African Languages & Literature
Malinzi, Joseph	Lecturer	Mathematics
Mamba, Sipho F.	Lecturer	Geography, Environmental Science & Planning
Manana, Nyamile N.	Lecturer	Political & Administrative Studies
Mdziniso, Nhlakanipho W.	Lecturer	Physics
Mhlongo-Manana, Zanele	Lecturer	General Nursing
Mthethwa-Kunene, Khetsiwe	Coordinator	Institute of Distance Education
Ndzinisa, Mpendulo	Assistant Registrar	Registry
Sihlongonyane, Lungile	Lecturer	Curriculum & Teaching
Simelane, Jenneth	Lecturer	Curriculum & Teaching
Simelane, Canaan	Lecturer	History
Tfwala, Samkele S.	Lecturer	Geography, Environmental Science & Planning
Tfwala, Thabani P.	Lecturer	History
Thabani, Motlatsi	Professor	History
Ugwunnadi, Godwin	Lecturer	Mathematics
Makaudze, Godwin	Associate Professor	Academic Communication Skills
Jele, David	Lecturer	Adult Education
Mhute, Isaac	Sabbatical Lecturer	Business Administration
Dlamini, Betty	Lecturer	Primary Education
Dziko, Aliko	Lecturer	Midwifery Science
Pikito, Selloane	Lecturer	Adult Education

Non-Academic Staff

Name	Position	Department
Bhembe, Mxolisi	Carpenter	Maintanance
Dlamini, Bongekile	Technologist	Biological Sciences
Dlamini, Mduduzi	Electrician	Maintanance
Dlamini, Samukelisiwe	Short-hand typist	Registry (HR Non- Academic)
Dlamini, Tenele	Short-hand typist	Registry (HR Non- Academic)
Jele, Nomalungelo	Junior Library Assistant	Library
Magagula, Bukhosi	Short-hand typist	Dean of Student Affairs Office
Ntshangase, Futhi	Junior Library Assistant	Library
Nxumalo, Lihle	Waiter	Refectory
Nxumalo, Nomangaliso	Technologist	In-Service
Nyamane, Zodwa	Lab Assistant	Crop Production
Zwane, Thandokuhle	Field Attendant	Farm

Staff with New Qualifications

Congratulations to staff with new qualifications:

Name	Position	New Qualification	Department
Ngubeni, Mduduzi	Senior Technologist	Master of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	ICTC

Retirements

Happy retirement to staff who have retired from service:

Name	Position	Department
Gama, Joburg	Plumber	Maintenance
Lokotfwako, Kholiwe	Waitress	Refectory
Mkoko, Christina	Waitress	Refectory
Nxumalo, Jethro	Transport Manager	Transport
Thomo, Sipiwe Fairy	Assistant Domestic Bursar	Refectory
Zulu, Sipho	Labourer	Maintenance



STAFF NEWS

Training Leave

Best wishes to staff on training leave:

Academic and Administrative Staff

Name	Position	Department
Dlamini, Sandile	Administrative Assistant	Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Non-Academic Staff

Name	Position	Department
Khumalo, Ndumiso	Programmer	ICTC

Resignations

All the best in future endeavours to staff who have resigned from the employ of UNESWA:

Name	Position	Department
Egau, Percival	Associate Professor	Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Kunene, Delisa	Administrative Assistant	Bursary
Ngwenya, Olina	Lecturer	Statistics and Demography

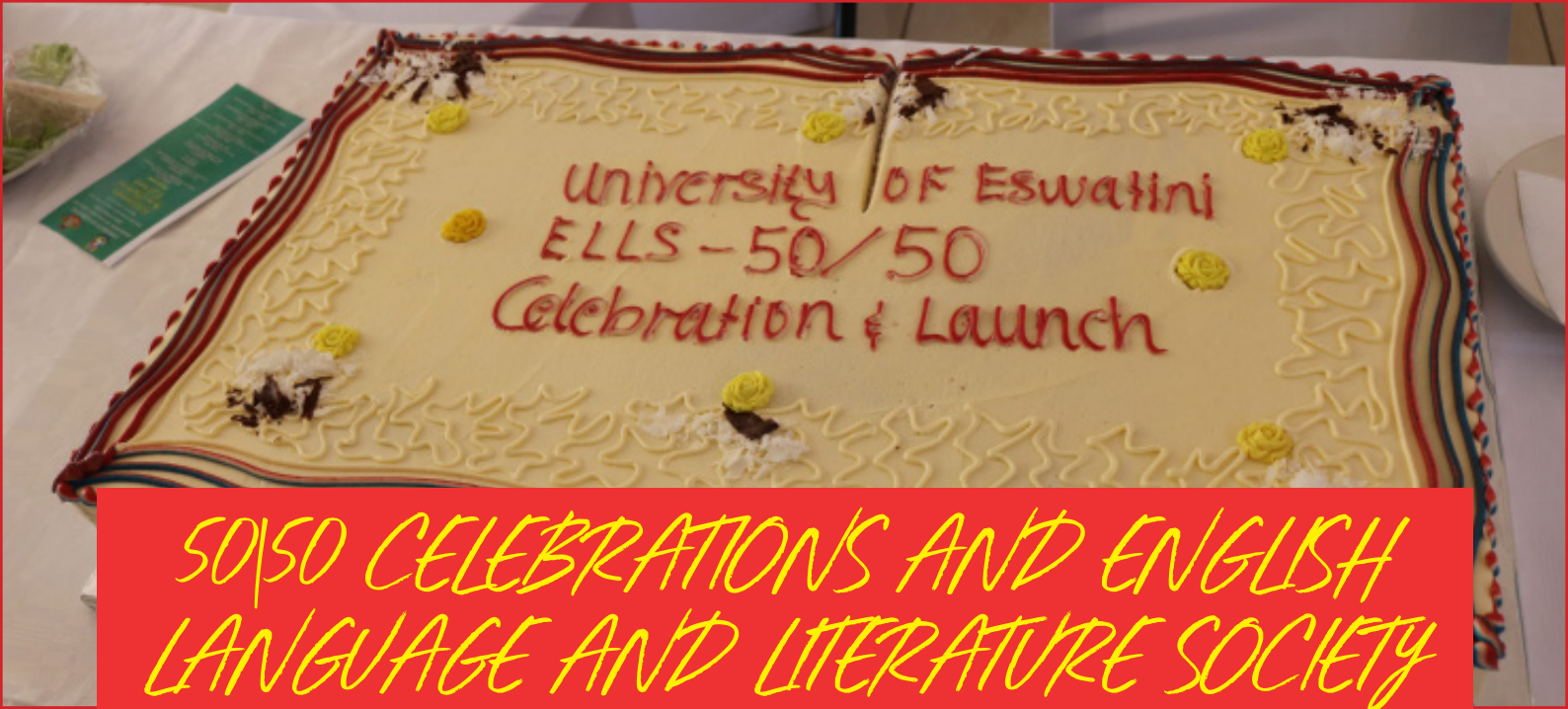
May their souls rest in peace!

Academic and Administrative Staff

Name	Position	Department
Dr. Dlamini, Nesta	Lecturer	Primary Education

Non-Academic Staff

Name	Position	Department
Dlamini, Henry	Cook	Refectory
Mabuza Mzwandile	Labourer	Maintenance
Mgabhi Victor	Technologist	Agricultural Biosystems Engineering



University of Eswatini
ELLS - 50/50
Celebration & Launch

50/50 CELEBRATIONS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE SOCIETY LAUNCH HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2018

Students of the English Language and Literature Department came together and in the spirit of 50/50 celebration, as encouraged by the University of Eswatini, to celebrate the use of the English language. Also, in response to the pressing need of establishing a Society that would encourage intellectual growth and intellectual relationships among students as well as community service in the department, the students also agreed to form the Society which was to be launched as part of the proceedings of the 50/50 celebrations event. Guest speakers were invited to make presentations on the use of English since The Kingdom of Eswatini attained its independence from white supremacy. These guest speakers were Mrs. Martha Shongwe the Senior Inspector of English, and Mr. Kenneth Rowley; a writer, journalist and teacher of English for more than twenty years in the Kingdom of Eswatini. This historic event was a huge success. Its

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success however, was mainly as a result of the assistance that was given to the Students by the University of Eswatini, the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, the Faculty of Humanities, the English Language and Literature Department together with all other Departments in the Faculty, the Deputy Registrar and the staff of Corporate Services, the Senior Assistant Registrars (General and Corporate Services), and the Senior Domestic Bursar; who together joined resources and ensured that all proceeding rolled out accordingly as planned.



Dr. N.Dlamini, Head of History Department making his remarks

The theme of the event was to “celebrate 50 years of Independence in the Kingdom and hence 50 years of the use of the English language both in the education arena and social spheres of the country”. Speeches were therefore made in line with this theme; the first to deliver her speech was the Head of the English Language and Literature Department, Dr. P.A. Dlamini. She stated that as members of the Board in the En-



A group photo of the attendees

English Language and Literature Department, they were happy to join the nation in celebrating the country's independence and the 50th Birthday of our King, His Majesty, King Mswati III. Regarding the use of the English Language in the nation, Dr. P.A. Dlamini presented that "English has been used as a second language by the indigenous Swatis, and it was accorded official status long before independence. It has thus been the second skin, the second identity of the Swati." The Head of Department also showed delight in hosting the Department's very own Society, the English Language and Literature Society (the ELLS). In elaboration to this point, Dr. P.A. Dlamini stated that the formation of the Society was, in part, a result of the numerous challenges the students and lecturers have had in the English Language and Literature Department.

Furthermore, to elaborate on the objectives of the Society, the Interim Chairperson of the English Language and Literature Society, Sabusiswa Mavimbela, took the floor as the second person to make his speech on the event. He thanked the support of the University of Eswatini for joining forces with its students in planning and further bringing together such an amazing event. Sabusiswa Mavimbela stated that the purpose and objectives of the formation of the English Language and Literature Society (the ELLS) was aligned with the mission of the English Language and Literature Department. Mr Mavimbela explained that: "These objectives include encouraging intellectual growth for professional excellence through seminars; which will in turn ameliorate academic excellence. Another objective of the Society is to engage members in community service;

whereby the Society would network with students of English in other colleges and schools in Eswatini and beyond.

Next in line to present his speech was the Dean of Humanities, who was represented by Dr. N.Dlamini, Head of History Department. In his speech, Dr Dlamini traced the development of the education system and the rising of the English language to occupy center stage since the arrival of the British settlers in the Kingdom of Eswatini. He further articulated that before independence, English was learnt alongside isiZulu in schools and that after independence there was a change in the curriculum, a change which saw the introduction of the SiSwati Language as an official language which was then to be learnt in schools.

The last presentation from invited guests was made by Mr. Kenneth Rowley, author of the sensational novel entitled "Temangwane." He spoke about his experiences as a teacher; teaching in Mhlatane High School way before Eswatini developed into such a beautiful country as it is today. Mr. Rowley also spoke about how he struggled to find written material to use in teaching his students; hence, he had to compose his own stories for the students to read. And that experience motivated his writing career. Through his presentation Mr Rowley motivated students to be creative, and produce reading materials by taking them through his own journey as he shared his poems



and short stories with the group. As part of the seminar, Mr Rowley went on to speak about what he described as the “the artistic spark”, needed in composing text. He explained that writing (any text) is a craft that must be learned through practice. He delved deeper into the subject, and spoke about the skills and recognized techniques that are needed in writing. He explained the skill of writing through the mnemonic, A.R.S.E. The ‘A’ stands for accuracy, ‘R’ stands for relevance, ‘S’ stands for structure and the ‘E’ stands for Expression. Mr Rowley emphasized that examiners or editors who examine any written text (exam essays or stories and poems) use such skills to determine the creativity and ability of the writer.

The event was spiced up by students’ performances that included live one man band of classical music performed by Mr M. Sibiya, a student from Department of Law who supported the ELLS through his guitar-playing skills. There also were poems that were performed by a Student from the English Language and Literature Department, Thembumenzi Dlamini. The two poems which Dlamini recited were specially created for this event.



Mr M. Sibiya rendering a musical piece

50/50 What?! Independence?

Wow!!!

50 Years: Oh! 1968- 2018

50 x 52 = 2600 weeks

That by 7 = 18 200 days

These by 24 = 436 800 hours

Those by 60 = 26 208 000 minutes

These multiplied by 60 =
1 472 220 000 seconds.

A billion twinklings of an eye?
What shall we say unto the Almighty?
For gratitude is an integral attitude
When attitude determines ones altitude
Thank You Lord is a mouthful.

It’s a golden jubilee
50 sabbatical years
50 golden years under the golden scepter less potentate
Underscored by Swazi gold exports,
Freedom ‘n self-autonomy.
Didn’t we survive the Boer invasion
‘n land concessions?
Coup d’ tarts, genocides ‘n blood-baths of liberation struggles?
Domonia, La Nina ‘n El Nino,
Imperialism ‘n political hegemony?
We’re never a ship without sails
Neither a sheep without a shepherd,
We landed in a colonial haven of safety,
Monarchical democracy turns Charles green with envy,
Thanks to Her Majesty.

Lovedale was born,
An heir was horned,
With the peoples partly were bequeathed
Religious reforms, gospel missionaries, academic ‘n healthcare facilities
Mahamba Methodist, Zombodze National, Pious College...

ARISE ELLLS, ARISE!

Arise! ELLS!! Arise!!!

Arise UNESWA English Language and Literature Society arise,
Arise for the Divine decree’s been issued.

Arise, take centre-stage,
Arise you’ve been in the backstage shadows too long: 45 long years!
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Arise now you’re standing on giants’ shoulders,
Arise take us beyond 2022 to the centennial celebrations.
Arise, feed on academic excellence O mighty baton!
Arise *njobo letfungelw’ebandla*.
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Arise complement your sisters:
‘Pitcher, SANU, Ngwane, Limko...
Arise O mighty arrow, pierce the International Literacy Association
Arise there’s strength, peace ‘n development in unity not just safety in numbers.
Arise! ELLS!! Arise!!!

-By Mr
Sabusiswa
Mavimbela:-
Chairperson of the
English Language
and Literature
Society



UNESWA LAUNCHES REPACKAGED STRATEGIC PLAN

On Friday 19 October 2018, the University of Eswatini launched the Repacked Strategic Plan 2018-2022 at a very well attended function at the Ligcabho LeMaswati Sports Emporium, Kwaluseni. The guest included Members of Council, representatives of Government Ministries, Captains of Industry, sponsors, suppliers, staff and students. The Programme Director for the day was Professor Pinkie Zwane, Pro Vice Chancellor (Administration).

In his welcome remarks read by Mr Wandile Mathonsi, the Chairman of Council, HRH Prince Phinda applauded all that had found time to be part of the double launch; “Name Change and Launch of Repackaged Strategy 2018-2022. Incidentally, the University will be turning and celebrating 40 years in 2022. It is in this light that the strategy looks at the period up to 2022.”

The Chairman mentioned that His Majesty King Mswati III and Chancellor of the University gave a directive that the institution should transform, be financially self-sustaining, that is, commercialise some of its activities to reduce dependence on Government and benchmark itself against similar institutions in other countries.

“In June 2018, we had a session as Council where we reflected, took stock and looked back at where we are with regards to the University vision and our role in providing guidance, support and direction. It was in this session where as the Chairman of Council, I highlighted some key issues in creating context for the strategy including challenges facing the University. These include that:

- The Government subvention has been progressively shrinking over the years
- There is a need to grow student registration despite a reducing subsidy
- The Kingdom of Eswatini is facing economic challenges
- There is a need for a higher sense of urgency in addressing issues that are affecting and impacting on UNESWA and that we need transform to compete in the Region.”

HRH Prince Phinda noted that given the directive from His Majesty and Chancellor, the strategy had to be repackaged with measurable deliverables, and drive performance to reposition the University. The goal is to return the University of Eswatini to its former glory and beyond. He appreciated stakeholders who continue to make donations to the University of Eswatini.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Justice Mandla Thwala made the keynote address. He mentioned that the year 2018 had been marked by change. “As the country celebrated 50 years of independence, an opportunity presented itself to us to review, re-calibrate and shift course towards leading this University towards being - The University of Choice in Africa.” He also mentioned that Professor Magagula, his predecessor retired in 2018 and mentioned how he had made an invaluable contribution to the University. Professor Thwala noted that there was no better time than this as an institution to strengthen the relationships with stakeholders and also face reality by tackling all concerns and re-engineer the University’s approach to be aligned with the challenges and skills gaps in the Kingdom of Eswatini and beyond.

He mentioned that the University Council had recognised the challenges facing the University and taking heed of the continued call of His Majesty for transformation and commercialisation of the University of Eswatini initiated the process of repackaging the Strategy. “It is worth mentioning that the strategy is being launched at a time when there is also new leadership in the institution underscored by the appointment of the first woman and new Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Zwane.”

Professor Thwala mentioned that revised vision of the University of Eswatini will indeed be achieved in the context of Agenda 2063 of the African Union, and the SADC Regional Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap. He noted that the Mission of the University mentioned innovation and entrepreneurship and mentioned that those could be achieved through collaboration. The Vice Chancellor then thanked all those that had continuously supported the institution in all forms. He mentioned that the revised strategy would be presented at that gathering and would be implemented through a “Business Unusual approach.” He assured all stakeholders present that the University was committed to serving the nation in meeting the skills gap and in addressing some research gaps and also prudent of financial controls.



The Consultant and some University Council members listening attentively during the launch

The Vice Chancellor mentioned that UNESWA was currently able to admit 40% of qualifying students from high school leaving the rest without tertiary education. He also mentioned that “UNESWA receives 39% of the operational budget as subvention requested from the Government leaving the institution with insufficient funds to run the University. The dire financial position of the institution has also made it impossible to support research, staff development, staff attendance to local and international conferences, student accommodation to name but a few.”

Professor Thwala mentioned that the Strategic Plan had four pillars; Finance and Commercialisation, Customer Service, Staff Development and Internal process efficiencies. He mentioned that all the dreams in the Strategic Plan could only be achieved through involvement of staff, students, alumni, partners, Government and global network, local industries and business institutions. The Vice Chancellor also thanked Dr Patrice Motsepe and the Motsepe Foundation for the generous donation made during the 38th Graduation Ceremony in the gracious presence of His Majesty and Chancellor, King Mswati III.

Dr Samuel Mhlanga, the Director of the University Planning presented in detail the Repackaged Strategic Plan while the Consultant, Mr George Mamaila also encouraged stakeholders to assist the University however possible to realise the plans they had made. The Closing remarks were made by Mrs Nokukhanya Gamedze, a Member of the University Council who thanked all stakeholders for making the day a success.



EIRMIP HOSTS A DAY SEMINAR ON "REGULATION OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE(S) IN ESWATINI"

On the 18th September 2018, the Eswatini Institute for Research in Traditional Medicine, Medicinal and Indigenous Food Plants (EIRMIP) in collaboration with and the Eswatini Environment Authority (EEA) co-hosted a one-day seminar titled 'Regulation of Traditional Medicine(s) in Eswatini'. The purpose of the seminar was to raise awareness, among key stakeholders in the country, on the current legislation governing the use of traditional medicines with a view to promote sustainable utilisation of medicinal plants and a fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of and trade in plant genetic resources within the country and beyond. The seminar was hosted at the Ligcabho Lemaswati Sports Emporium, Kwaluseni Campus.

The objectives of the seminar, as narrated by the Director of EIRMIP, Professor Priscilla Dlamini were to:

- o Sensitize stakeholders on the current legislation on traditional medicine in Eswatini;
- o Identify gaps in the current legislation;
- o Identify key role-players in the regulation of traditional medicine in Eswatini.
- o Lobby policy makers to address existing

gaps in the legislation; and
o Sensitize stakeholders on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), especially with regards to traditional medicine.

In her welcoming remarks, Professor Dlamini acknowledged the presence of Emeritus Professor Lydia Makhubu, and her vision and effort in the establishment of EIRMIP. Other notable guests at the seminar were the Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor J.M. Thwala, Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor M.B. Masuku, the Executive Director of EEA, Mr. G. Dladla, Director of Health Services in the Ministry of Health (MoH), Dr. Vusi Magagula, Judicial Commissioner of Eswatini National Courts, Mr. Hhasense Dlamini and others. In his remarks, Professor Thwala thanked the EEA for collaborating with EIRMIP in order to make the seminar a success, noting the investment the University has made to improve research at EIRMIP by investing in staff recruitment and development, as well as setting up research laboratories. He further encouraged stakeholders to partner with UNESWA in collaborative research and to use the facilities and expertise available at UNESWA for mutual benefit. Professor Thwala urged the THPs



Emeritus Professor Lydia Phindile Makhubu was the guest honour during the event

to assist UNESWA staff and students in their endeavour to research on Eswatini traditional medicine.

Officially opening the seminar was Dr. Vusi Magagula, Director of Health Services in the Ministry of Health. In his official remarks, Dr Magagula highlighted that scientists are important in validating the safety and efficacy of traditional medicine and noted that in Eswatini, training on traditional medicine has not been given the attention it deserves. He added that it was imperative for countries to have laws that govern the use of traditional medicine and that countries should promote the conservation and protection of traditional knowledge on the use of medicinal plants. He acknowledged that as a country, we should also review existing pieces of legislation and applauded the country through UNESWA for being on the right track on the research, use, safety and efficacy of traditional medicine.

The seminar was composed of three sessions; session one dealt with an overview of the legislation of

traditional medicine and the healing practice in Eswatini. This was presented by Mr. Siphso Matsebula from EEA, who delved into the Nagoya Protocol on Access and benefit sharing. Dr. Cliff Dlamini, CEO of Eswatini National Trust Commission (ENTC), highlighted the Flora Protection Act No. 5 of 2001 which aims to protect indigenous flora and to provide for matters incidental thereto. This Act provides for permits to pluck, cut or uproot protected indigenous flora, and collection for research or scientific purposes, among others. Many traditional healers reacted to the provisions of this act and the Game Act of 1953 and felt that it mainly hinders their work and needed to be amended to accommodate traditional healing and its use of both plants and animals. The Eswatini National Courts (Ndabazabantu), which is tasked with registering and collecting tax from traditional healers, was represented by the Judicial Commissioner, Mr. Hhasense Dlamini. In his remarks, he encouraged traditional healers to follow the correct procedure when they have trained other healers by accompanying them to the Eswatini National Courts offices to reg-



ister them. He said this was important in order to ensure that only qualified and known people administer treatment to the people and thus avoid bogus healers who manipulate and swindle people.

Session two of the seminar explored regulation of traditional medicine at the community level. The key speakers were Mr. Gamedze from Sitsatsaweni, a community which has been identified as a biodiversity hotspot in Eswatini, as well as traditional healers. This session outlined the rules and/or procedures that have to be followed when collecting or harvesting indigenous medicinal plants in communities and the traditional healers shared some of the traditional ways to ensure harvesting is less destructive.

Session three delved into the integration of alternative and complementary medicine in national healthcare systems. Dr. Khosi Mthethwa, the Health Systems Advisor at WHO and Ms. Fortunate Bhembe, the Deputy Director of Pharmaceutical Services, MoH shared on the subject with the latter focussing on the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act 9 of 2016. The participants were then allowed to discuss the issues and there was a general view that current legislation relating to traditional medicine was not cohesive as the different aspects of traditional medicine were regulated by different ministry portfolios. Traditional healers gave an example of the Medicines and



A section of the participants

Related Substances Act 9 of 2016, under the Ministry of Health which they felt did not adequately address traditional medicine and seemed to oppress the practice of traditional healing. Participants highlighted the need for a review of this piece of legislation.

Alongside the seminar, participants were provided with an opportunity to taste a traditional tea made from luphphetse (*Arthrixia phylicoides*). Luphphetse has many uses including the treatment of sore throat, boils, acne, infected wounds and cuts as a cough remedy, etc.

Closing the seminar was the Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor M. B. Masuku, who appreciated the presentations and participation from the stakeholders. He highlighted that traditional medicine is important in Eswatini but noted that THPs are not normally involved in enacting laws that regulate their operation. He mentioned that this gathering was just a beginning of more engagements to come and committed that UNESWA through EIRMIP will continue to facilitate such fora.

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People from all spheres of life attended the event in numbers



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