

PROF HANGULA AWARDED HONORARY FELLOWSHIP AWARD BY CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

Cardiff University awards honorary fellowships to those who have achieved international distinction in their field.

Outgoing University of Namibia Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lazarus Hangula, was awarded honorary fellowship by Cardiff University at a ceremony in Wales, earlier this week.

The Wales-based University works closely with UNAM as part of the successful Phoenix Project which seeks to reduce poverty, promote health and produce a sustainable environment.

Accepting the Award, Professor Lazarus Hangula said: "I feel very honoured to have been selected to enter the pantheon of honour of your highly rated and celebrated academic institution - Cardiff University - as one of her first Namibian fellows."

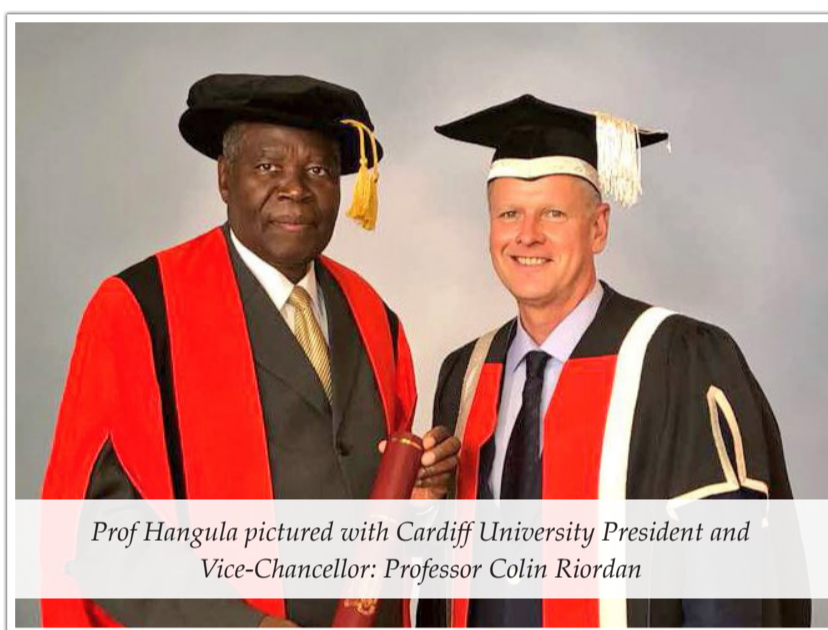
"I wish to dedicate it to a long lasting UNAM-Cardiff University friendship, especially to the industrious hands and tireless efforts of the members of the Phoenix Project who have succeeded in building a strong human chain of friendship between our two institutions and between Wales and Namibia."

Cardiff University Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Karen Holford said: "As Vice Chancellor of the University of Namibia, Professor Hangula has overseen significant expansion of the organisation and has implemented a number of positive changes that have made the University such a wonderful place to work and study."

First Minister of Wales Carwyn Jones said: "Some of the exceptional work

that the Phoenix Project has done over the last few years has helped the University of Namibia drive up standards and has delivered some excellent results in health, computer programming and math. The results could not have been achieved without the dedication and hard work of Professor Hangula".

Professor Hangula has been the Vice Chancellor of UNAM since 2004. He obtained his Master's and PhD from Mainz in Germany, and since then has been a recipient of numerous awards and distinctions including the Golden Star for Academic and Educational Excellence.



Prof Hangula pictured with Cardiff University President and Vice-Chancellor: Professor Colin Riordan

NAMIBIA HOSTS FIFTH BIENNIAL AFRICAN SCHOOL OF PHYSICS



Over 80 students and lecturers from nearly 30 countries, most of them African, were in Namibia where the fifth edition of the biennial African School of Physics (ASP) was hosted by the University of Namibia (UNMA). UNAM hosted ASP in partnership with the Namibia University of Science and Technology, and supported by the National Commission on Research Science and Technology, together with the ASP International Organising Committee (IOC).

The scientific agenda of ASP 2018 included a three-week intensive graduate student programme, a one-week training for high school teachers, a one-week outreach for high school learners, and a one-week

Professional Physics Conference. ASP aims to increase capacity development in fundamental physics and related applications in Africa.

Speaking to Forum Weekly, International Organising Committee member and professor at King's College London, Bobby Acharya expressed delight at Namibia's suitability as hosts, as well as the "significant progress" that the ASP has made since its inception nearly a decade ago.

"Of course, it's important that more and more African countries are getting representation at the school," said an upbeat Professor Acharya. "Each year there is a growth in the number of applicants. At first we had

around 200 applicants, but since then we have received close to 500 - which is encouraging," he added.

University of Sudan alumna Ms Tasabeeh Osman Jafer, who is also attending ASP 2018 as a postgraduate student, was keen to accentuate the "benefits" of the initiative on a personal level.

"This opens a new window for the future," said Ms Jafer on her prospects now that she has attended the ASP. I have met new friends, people I can interact and network with, while studying fundamental physics. It's a nice experience. UNAM is very nice and I don't feel alone even though I am far away from home."

"ARCHIVES: GOVERNANCE, MEMORY AND HERITAGE"

Special IAD Exhibition Commemorated

The University of Namibia Library celebrated a belated International Archives Day (IAD) 2018, earlier this week, by hosting an exhibition showcasing private collections of renowned academics.

The theme drew a link between the preservation of records both as an underpinning of strong and trustworthy public administration, but also as documentary heritage, empowering everyone to draw upon the past to create a better future. The day highlighted the importance of proper recordkeeping, which is the first process of ensuring records are created, filed and preserved in a manner that they can be retrieved within the shortest time possible.

On show at the two-day exhibition were collections from Katjavivi Private Archives, Du Pisani Private Archives, Tjitendero Private Archives and the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM) Private Archives.

Speaking at the exhibition, UNAM's Emeritus Professor, Andre Du Pisani, said "It is very critical in the age of education, to have



Professor, Andre Du Pisani

continuous sources of documented information", he illustrated, in light of his own collection, "Collecting for Political Science" which has also been added to the University's library archive.

"Social and political history is the most important. It gives, in a way, a unique voice for certain groups to be heard. Even in the age of advanced technology, printed archives are even more important, they are more relatable as you can feel them, smell them and engage with them. We need your archives, passionately" he added.

The International Archives Day is celebrated annually on 9 June.