

## Cardiff Vice Chancellor arrives in Windhoek

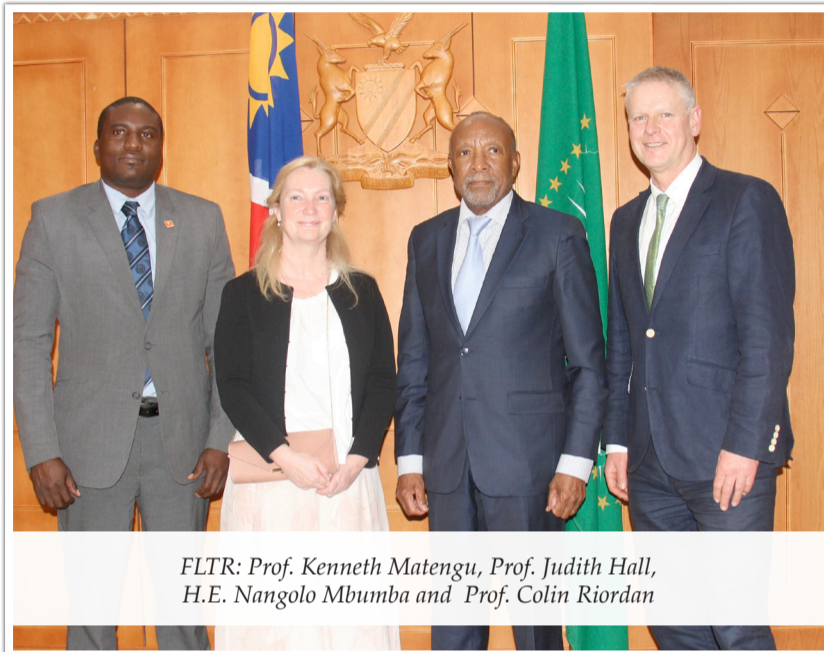
Professor Colin Riordan, Vice-Chancellor of Cardiff University has recently arrived in Windhoek to, amongst other things, personally congratulate Professor Kenneth Matengu on his appointment as Vice Chancellor of the University of Namibia, not so long ago.

Prof. Riordan's visit falls within the girdle of the Phoenix Project - a bold and ambitious partnership between UNAM and Cardiff University which began four years ago.

Prof. Riordan's first stop was a courtesy visit to the UNAM Chancellor, who also happens to be Namibia's Vice President, H.E. Nangolo Mbumba. He was escorted by his UNAM counterpart, Professor Matengu and Prof. Judith Hall, who leads the Phoenix project.

A relaxed and smiling Chancellor invited the guests in as he joked about being in the company of three professors.

Professor Matengu introduced the guests, and the magnificent work



FLTR: Prof. Kenneth Matengu, Prof. Judith Hall, H.E. Nangolo Mbumba and Prof. Colin Riordan

currently being implemented and some emerging ones. Professor Hall elaborated. To date the Phoenix project has benefited Namibia in excess of N\$20 million. Past successes revolved around areas such as software, health and water research. More current projects look at reforestation, youth engagement, Social Science research

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on Hepatitis E outbreak, Electronic Patient Record System for Namibia, Continuous Professional Development for Doctors and Nurses, Research Process Review and the Cardiff Trauma Pack for road accidents.

## Academic Scoops Two Continental Awards

Professor Elizabeth Amukugo has walked away with two prestigious awards at last year's 2018 CEO Global Continental Awards. The awards took place at an Annual Symposium in Johannesburg.



She walked away with a Continental Award (Africa); and a Regional Award (SADC) for Recognition of Achievements in the Education & Training Academic Sector.

The Symposium provided useful viewpoints of leaders from business, academic and other professionals from eight different regions across the continent. It was a humbling experience when I first received information from CEO Global Chief Executive, that I was selected for 2 (two) top awards, without mentioning what they were, she says.

Further adding that she realised that she was not only in the company of influential African women, but also

a few influential African men. One of the many female Award winners who impressed Prof. Amukugo, was a pilot from Cameroon, who has 30 years experience as a pilot.

As I took my assigned seat on Table 2, the man next to me introduced himself as Professor William Bazeyo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Makerere University, who later received the same Continental Award Recognition of Achievements in the Education & Training Academic Sector, narrates Professor Amukugo.

## First Vet visit for Oshikundu brewer from "FYF" Rand

Meme Anna Sakaria, a member of "Fyf" Rand informal settlement since 1990, last Friday abandoned her livelihood of brewing Oshikundu and selling it to the community. She was determined to take her two year old cat for sterilization at the UNAM Mobile Clinic, which had just setup a stone's throw from her house.

Sitting under a tree, evading the scorching morning sun, Sakaria waited for the anesthetics to wear off her cat that had just undergone surgery. Behind her were dozens of people like her, who had brought their pets for a free consultation and treatment. Sakaria narrated how she never had access to veterinary services before. "This is my first time", she said. "I heard people talking, that there will be a clinic here today and decided not to sell my Oshikundu this morning".

The Mobile Clinic was born by efforts to enhance the training of future vets, UNAM's current sixth year Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine students, who are currently busy with clinical rotations across the country. This is a final element of the students' training and are thus expected to graduate next year.

Anna Homateni, a sixth year Veterinary student, handled the administration of the services, while two other students

performed some of the surgeries under the tutelage of experienced Vets.

Another reason for forming the clinic was to make real meaningful impact in communities that are in dire need of veterinary services. "Fyf" Rand was identified as one of such communities", says Dr Ian Baines, a Vet with over 30 years experience. "I left my practices 3 years ago to start teaching. It is more rewarding", he adds. The Clinic travels once per month, and travels the

whole country, servicing each region at least twice a year. Services include, sterilization, dental work, treatment for ticks and general advice.

The Neudamm Campus, which hosts the School of Veterinary Medicine, is busy with the construction of an Animal Clinic that will serve as the main training venue for students doing their clinical work. Plans for an Animal Hospital are also underway.



'Meme' Anna Sakaria



Dr Ian Baines caught mid surgery.