

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A warm word of welcome to all our new members. We are looking forward to meeting you at future events and for your input in benchmarking activities.

A special word of welcome to Dr Marius Hedimbi and his team from the Postgraduate School of the University of Namibia. We are excited to see the Forum expanding beyond the borders of South Africa.

FEEDBACK ON THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EXCO MEMBERS

Two of our Executive Committee members resigned during the last three months due to work-related circumstances. We thank Prof Blanche Pretorius for her valuable contribution to the work of the steering committee and EXCO. Prof Geoffrey Simate, Vice-Chair, served on the EXCO from April 2017, and we are grateful for his input.

A call for nominations of EXCO members was distributed early in March. Four nominations were received for the two vacancies and the two additional positions that we created. The new EXCO members will be introduced to Forum members on 23 April 2018.

POSTGRADUATE FORUM WEBSITE

The Postgraduate forum website with resources is available at www.postgrad.co.za.

We aim to introduce postgraduate supervisors, students, and staff involved with strategic postgraduate management and support to the latest online resources.

In this newsletter we want to highlight the following resources for postgraduate students and supervisors:

Enhancing Postgraduate Environments

postgradenvironments.com

This recently launched website offers a wide range of resources aimed at postgraduate students and supervisors. This open access website provides resources for every step of the postgraduate journey. A large number of videos, narrated presentations, documents and hyperlinks guide students through the graduate milestones. The resources were developed by colleagues from South African universities in collaboration with partners from European universities.

International Institute for Qualitative research (include mixed methods resources)

<https://www.ualberta.ca/international-institute-for-qualitative-methodology>

The International Institute for Qualitative Methodology (IIQM) is an interdisciplinary institute based at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, but serving qualitative researchers around the world. IIQM offers a wide variety of training and networking opportunities through annual courses, workshops, and programs. IIQM also present a series of webinars on Qualitative and Mixed methods research. These webinars give researchers around the world the opportunity to learn and interact with leading qualitative researchers as they share their knowledge during one hour, free, on-line sessions.

Oasis-for-learning

<http://oasis-for-learning.net/>

Oasis for learning is an e-learning website that provides articles, discussion documents, podcasts and other resources on research development, postgraduate writing, and supervision.

The following documents can also be found on our website:

Supervisor Resource Pack

A new resource pack was recently launched by the UK Council for Graduate Education. See the attached document distributed with the newsletter.

The Open Access Challenge

The European Universities Association Doctoral Education released a Doctoral Bulletin with valuable guidelines for

NATIONAL EVENTS

Save the date for our national event on 29 May 2018.

The Forum will be hosting a national workshop on 29 May 2018 at the Kingsmead Campus of University of Johannesburg,

The focus of the workshop will be on the role of graduate schools/centres in the enhancement of the quality of postgraduate education in Africa. Generic support and capacity development of postgraduate students and research supervisors will be discussed. Two international speakers (Prof Ahdam Ramadan, from Egypt and Dr Marius Hedimbi from Namibia) and two South African presenters have been confirmed. We are inviting directors of graduate school/research directorates from universities across the African continent to participate in the workshop. Invitations will be sent to members on 23 April 2018.

Workshop fees:

R650.00 for members

R1000.00 for non-members

The workshop will be followed by our annual general meeting from 15.30 to 16.30

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

THE 12th ANNUAL STRATEGIC LEADERS GLOBAL SUMMIT ON GRADUATE EDUCATION

The 2018 Strategic Leaders Global Summit on Graduate Education will take place in Johannesburg from 11 to 13 November. The University of Johannesburg is hosting the Summit. More information will be shared with Forum members in the coming months.

For more information on the previous summit go to:

<http://cgsnet.org/online-proceedings-2017-global-summit-graduate-education-2030>

http://cgsnet.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2017_GlobalSummit_Practical_Actions.pdf

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION CONFERENCE:

26 - 29 March 2019

The University of Stellenbosch is presenting the 7th Biennial Conference on Postgraduate Supervision at Spier Estate, Stellenbosch, South Africa from 26 to 29 March 2019. The main theme of the conference is *"The global scholar: Implications for postgraduate studies and supervision."*

6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ETHICS EDUCATION

October 3-5, 2018, Stellenbosch, South Africa

A long walk to ethics education

The 6th International Conference on Ethics Education will take place in Stellenbosch, South Africa on October 3-5, 2018. The Conference is organized under the auspices of the International Association for Education in Ethics (<https://www.ethicsassociation.org/>). The conference will offer keynote addresses by Prof Henk ten Have (USA), Prof Joseph Mfutso-Bengo (Malawi), Prof Obiara Ike (Nigeria), Prof Keymanthri Moodley (South Africa) and Prof Divya Singh (South Africa), as well as master class sessions that highlight and interrogate ethics education as a complex and dynamic process characterised by life-long perseverance, courage and integrity.

The closing date for Abstract Submissions is 20 April 2018. See the Conference Website (<https://www.iaee6.com/>) for more information.

POSTGRADUATE FORUM INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

We invite all South African universities who are not yet members, to join the Forum. As the Forum grows, we are expanding our activities and benefits to member institutions. Current benefits include discounts on workshops (at least two per year), and access to resources developed and sourced by the Forum.

Our current institutional members include:

Cape Peninsula University of Technology * Durban University of Technology * Nelson Mandela University * Rhodes University * Stellenbosch University * Tshwane University of Technology * University of Cape Town * University of Fort Hare * University of Johannesburg * University of Limpopo * University of Namibia * University of Pretoria * University of South Africa * University of the Witwatersrand * Vaal University of Technology