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Our next newsletter will be published on 30 September 2010. If you wish to have an announcement published in the next SANORD Newsletter, please send an email to Leolyn Jackson [ljackson@uwc.ac.za](mailto:ljackson@uwc.ac.za) by **17 September 2010**.

#### WORD BY A SANORD BOARD MEMBER

**Professor Kerstin Sahlin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Uppsala University**



It is with great pleasure that I participate in the continuous developments of SANORD. New members are joining, new activities are started and those research groups that have been formed are strengthening their collaboration and furthering our knowledge. These research groups prove the strength of comparative and collaborative research across south and north regions. SANORD has accomplished a lot in a short time. This development inspires me to imagine what further developments may follow. What will SANORD have contributed by 2020?

I hope, and I believe, that the research groups have produced valuable new knowledge. The comparative approaches that are made possible through the north-south collaborations provide excellent conditions for making theoretical and methodological breakthroughs. Moreover, the research groups largely address issues of great relevance for meeting the global challenges. In 2020 these research groups will have contributed to making Africa – and the world - a better place to live in.

SANORD-activities today are for the most part dedicated to developing fruitful research collaborations. In addition we have started to collaborate around education, innovation and university developments more generally. In 2020 I hope that the SANORD network includes lively exchange programmes including student exchange, faculty exchange, a number of scholarships, a number of joint master programmes and a few research schools – preferably tied to the intensified research collaborations.

These may seem as high ambitions and great – but not unrealistic – expectations. And in fact, great expectations are currently put on universities and their research and education across the globe. Can

universities live up to all these expectations – can we really contribute to meeting the global challenges? I think so. However, in order to understand how best to do this, we also need to continue and intensify important discussions on what roles universities have and should have in societies across the globe. Also here I see great potentials for our network. Universities work under very different conditions in different parts of the world, and they may assume different roles. At the conference last year at Rhodes University we had some very interesting and illuminating discussions on the roles of universities and on inclusion and exclusion in higher education. I very much look forward to continuing these discussions in the years to come so that in 2020 the SANORD network has contributed to a much elaborated and clarified view on what roles universities can and should assume around the world. In this way we can become even better in contributing to knowledge and to a better world.

## PROFILING OUR MEMBER INSTITUTIONS



Turun yliopisto  
University of Turku

The University of Turku, founded in 1920, is a leading Finnish university with internationally acknowledged research and expertise ranging from Humanities to Medicine and Natural Sciences. The University promotes interdisciplinary research and provides students with the high quality research-based education.

Total enrolment of students is over 21000 – with 1500 international students from over 85 different countries. Of the international students, some 300 are Master degree students and ca 200 are Doctoral students. In addition the University receives annually over 1000 international exchange students. The staff of 3000 employees consists of Finnish and international researchers, lecturers and officers.

The University has **seven faculties**: Humanities, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Medicine, Law, Social Sciences, Education and Turku School of Economics. In addition, research activities and learning take place **at eleven special units**, e.g. at the Turku Centre for Biotechnology and Turku PET Centre – both acknowledged worldwide for their research.

Molecular biosciences form the widest strength area of the University. Other recognised areas of strength are cardiovascular and metabolic research, ecological interactions and ecological genetics research, learning and education research, futures studies and research on institutional design and social mechanisms. The Faculty of Medicine is one of the ten Centres of Excellence in university education 2010–2012 selected by the Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council. This evaluation was based on the international peer review, and e.g. the excellent connection between teaching and top-quality research was highly acknowledged.

The University of Turku has several Master's Degree Programmes in English (see <http://www.utu.fi/en/studying/programmes/masters.html>), and for exchange students we offer more than 300 courses in English (<http://www.utu.fi/en/studying/programmes/nondegree.html>).

The University is located in the active student city of Turku (pop. 175,000). Turku is Finland's oldest town and has long academic traditions as the first university in Finland, Academia Aboensis, was established there in 1640. Turku is also close to the unique nature and archipelago of Southwest Finland. Located only 150 kilometres west of Helsinki, the capital of Finland, Turku is very well connected, including daily ferry and air connection to Stockholm, Sweden.

There has traditionally been close co-operation with Nordic universities, and the cooperation with African universities is active in some fields, e.g. the Finland Futures Research Centre (see <http://www.tse.fi/EN/UNITS/SPECIALUNITS/FFRC/ABOUT/Pages/default.aspx>) has been a partner in a Cooperation Framework on Innovation Systems between Finland and South Africa (COFISA) project, and recently a new project was approved in the Programme of Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation between Finland and Mozambique 2010-2014 (STIFIMO).

To read more about the University of Turku, please visit [www.utu.fi/en](http://www.utu.fi/en), <http://www.utu.fi/en/research/projects/>, <http://www.utu.fi/en/studying/programmes/>  
Please contact the International Office if you need more information: [international@utu.fi](mailto:international@utu.fi) or [heli.hurme@utu.fi](mailto:heli.hurme@utu.fi)

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## UPPSALA UNIVERSITY



Uppsala University, founded in 1477, is the oldest university in the Nordic countries. Today's advances in research and education are based on traditions of learning with deep historical roots. Carl Linnaeus, Anders Celsius, Olof Rudbeck, and Erik Gustaf Geijer are some of Uppsala's renowned figures from the past. Eight Nobel laureates have also helped make the University known all over the world. Uppsala University has a rich heritage to cherish. Huge science, art, and cultural history collections have been kept at Uppsala since medieval times.

- Three Disciplinary Domains: Arts and Social Sciences, Medicine and Pharmacy, and Science and Technology.
- Education and research in nine faculties: theology, law, arts, languages, social sciences, educational sciences, medicine, pharmacy, science and technology.
- Some 50 programmes for beginners, about 50 master programmes, and some 1,800 single-subject courses. Every year more than 40,000 undergraduate and graduate students enroll for classes.
- Uppsala University offers some 30 international master programmes and 300 single-subject courses taught in English.
- Agreements for student exchange with nearly 500 foreign universities in 50 countries.
- Some 3,000 international research partnerships with more than 1,000 universities throughout the world.

### Postgraduate education and research

Uppsala University is a comprehensive international research university dedicated to advancing science, scholarship, and higher education. Our history is part of the University's strength—but our sights are always on the future. Uppsala University has a long-term commitment to maintaining and reinforcing its prominent position. This takes the form of bold initiatives to promote research and education of the highest calibre. Some key tools in the process of constant renewal are cross-disciplinary programs, a focus on spearheading research, and collaboration with other universities, business, and the surrounding society.

### UU Innovation

Uppsala University plays an active role in society, promoting growth and innovation. [UU Innovation](#) is Uppsala University's tool for developing collaboration with the business community regarding both

research and direct commercialization of findings and ideas. In the last ten years about one hundred [new companies have been created](#) to develop research breakthroughs.

### **52 ways to create a better world**

Throughout 2010, week after week, we [present examples](#) of what the curiosity of researchers, and their joy of discovery, can lead to. Here you will get a glimpse of the wealth of research the University conducts.

To read more about the Uppsala University, please visit <http://www.uu.se>

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## **SANORD CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS and ACTIVITIES**

### **FIVE NEW SANORD MEMBERS**

At our **Board meeting on 9 June 2010** five institutions were accepted as new members. This brings the total SANORD membership to 30 (16 in Southern Africa and 14 in the Nordic countries).

**We welcome our new members into the SANORD family and encourage former SANORD members to pursue and develop their links with them!**

The **Polytechnic of Namibia** is one of two higher education institutions in Namibia. Rector Tjama Tjivikua in his welcoming address stated that the Polytechnic of Namibia is driven by the belief that development (national or international) is based on knowledge and knowledge management. The Polytechnic of Namibia wants to further develop the societies they serve and identified the following research priority areas: Renewable Energy, Information Technology and Indigenous knowledge, Agriculture and Land Management (relevant to Namibia), Logistics and Radio Frequency identification (RFID), Human language and communication, Economics and Business Administration.

In the southern African region they also have close cooperation with many South African universities. In the Nordic region they collaborate with Oslo University College in Norway, and universities of Lund and Uppsala in Sweden. The leadership of the Polytechnic of Namibia wants to expand their current international collaborations and invite SANORD members to establish contact with the Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof Farhad Aghdasi ([vraar@polytechnic.edu.na](mailto:vraar@polytechnic.edu.na)). He is the SANORD contact person and could be contacted directly for further information.

The **University of Fort Hare** is one of Africa and South Africa's oldest universities, and the first founded as an institution of higher learning for Africans (although it is also distinguished by its original non-racial character). From humble beginnings in the early 20th century, Fort Hare emerged as one of Africa's most distinguished and iconic Higher Education Institutions. Occupying a crucial place in the emergence and preservation of the intellectual heritage of Africa, Fort Hare played an important role in the post-war struggle for democracy in South Africa and the continent.

UFH listed rural development (linking agriculture, science and community development), Social change and Education as some of the research priority areas. They have various exchange programmes with universities in USA and Europe but would like to establish research collaborations with Nordic universities. Feel free to contact Prof Gideon de Wet ([gdewet@ufh.ac.za](mailto:gdewet@ufh.ac.za)), the Dean of Research and the SANORD contact person.

**Karlstad University** is one of the youngest universities in **Sweden** which makes them a little more modern and a little more adventurous. It is their ambition to contribute to the development of knowledge both at the international, regional and individual level. Through their multidisciplinary approach they have already attained a significant level of academic achievement.

A motto for research at Karlstad University is: “explore the unknown, challenge the known”. Their research is based on strong, academic disciplines and research environments. Around sixty research groups are active at Karlstad University and listed Business Administration with a particular focus on corporate social responsibility and sustainable development as one of their research priorities. Another research priority is Informatics and especially in Human IT, ICT for development projects.

They have various exchange programmes with the Universities of Pretoria and the Western Cape, and Tumaini University, Iringa, Tanzania. In the Nordic region they have projects and networks within the Nordplus programme, UNISKA and bilateral agreements with some Nordic institutions.

Feel free to contact Pro-Rector Thomas Blom [Thomas.blom@kau.se](mailto:Thomas.blom@kau.se) and the SANORD contact person Carina Eriksson [carina.eriksson@kau.se](mailto:carina.eriksson@kau.se) .

### **The Nordic Africa Institute**

The Nordic Africa Institute (Nordiska Afrikainstitutet) is a center for research, documentation and information on modern Africa in the Nordic region. Based in Uppsala, Sweden, the Institute is dedicated to providing timely, critical and alternative research and analysis of Africa in the Nordic countries and to strengthen the co-operation between African and Nordic researchers.

The Nordic Africa Institute is a research institution tasked to undertake and encourage studies on contemporary African or Africa-related issues by scholars in mainly the Nordic and African countries. NAI's research is organised into distinct research clusters or research domains. The current research clusters are:

- Agrarian Change, Property and Resources - [http://www.nai.uu.se/research/agrarian\\_change/](http://www.nai.uu.se/research/agrarian_change/)
- Conflict, Displacement and Transformation - <http://www.nai.uu.se/research/conflict/>
- Cultural Images and Expressions - [http://www.nai.uu.se/research/cultural\\_images/](http://www.nai.uu.se/research/cultural_images/)
- Globalization, Trade and Regional Integration - <http://www.nai.uu.se/research/globalization/>
- Urban Dynamics - [http://www.nai.uu.se/research/urban\\_dynamics/](http://www.nai.uu.se/research/urban_dynamics/)

The SANORD contact person is Göran Holmqvist ([goran.holmqvist@nai.uu.se](mailto:goran.holmqvist@nai.uu.se)) and could be contacted directly for further information.

The **University of Lusaka (UNILUS)** is a modern private university registered with the Ministry of Education and established under the University Act of 1999 Parts III and IV. UNILUS is focused on positioning the public and private sectors in Zambia at their highest performance levels, through research and skills development. Their programmes are unique with rich, modern and relevant curricula.

At inception, the Institution operated under the name Institute of Corporate Training and Applied Research (ICTAR), now a faculty in the University of Lusaka. UNILUS has also been working in conjunction with the Copperbelt University in Zambia, by offering some of their School of Business and School of Built Environment undergraduate and postgraduate programmes within the Lusaka

region. UNILUS is also a member of the Association of African Universities (AAU) and African Commonwealth University (ACU).

University of Lusaka offers a unique range of degrees in Economics, Business and Management, Law, and also graduate studies. The Institute of Corporate Training and Applied Research (ICTAR) offers a broad range of highly respected programs of study such as credit-bearing diplomas, certificates and executive development programs. They have various programmes and would like to establish collaborations with southern Africa and Nordic universities. Feel free to contact the Rector Pinalo Chifwanakeni ([ictar@zamnet.zm](mailto:ictar@zamnet.zm)).

#### **VISITS TO THE SANORD CENTRAL OFFICE**

**Sven-Olaf Palm** (Lecturer and International Coordinator) and **Tony Ingemarsson** (Director: Teacher Education) from **Karlstad University** met Leolyn on 13 April 2010. The meeting focused on future collaboration, SANORD membership and also challenges associated with student exchanges.

**Kaare Norum** (Emeritus Professor: Department of Nutrition, School of Medicine) from **University of Oslo** visited UWC. His research activities focus on the effects of foods and nutrients on health and disease. He met with **Quinton Johnson** the Director of the South African Herbal Science and Medicine Institute at **University of the Western Cape**. Leolyn met both of them on 14 April 2010 and discussed their research collaboration and SANORD.

**Raymond Vilander**, an Internal Auditor from the **University of Namibia**, visited the Universities of Stellenbosch and the Western Cape on 11-12 May 2010. Through this meeting SANORD wanted to further develop its relationship with staff from UNAM.

Leolyn had a meeting with **Anna-Liisa Kosonen** (Professor at **University of Eastern Finland**) and **Petri Kosonen** (a News Editor at the **Finnish Broadcasting Company**), on 28 April 2010. Anna-Liisa visited the Community and Health Sciences faculty at UWC to discuss further collaboration.


**Andrew Niikondo** is the Head of Department Public Management and Deputy Dean of the School of Business and Management at the **Polytechnic of Namibia** is involved in post doctoral work at the **University of the Western Cape (UWC)**. He graduated at the University of Namibia (UNAM), for the PHD in Public Administration in 2008, and his research topic was: "Regional Integration in the Southern African Development Community (SADC): A Case Study of Namibia's Cross Border Migration Issues in Oshikango". The purpose of his visit to UWC is to join hands with other academics, conduct joint research and exchange academic views on various research areas. During his sabbatical at the University of the Western Cape, he is focusing his research on migration from rural to urban areas and the problem of mushrooming of shacks in Namibia. Andrew visited the SANORD Central Office and our meeting focused on SANORD business and an introduction to the PLAAS researchers at UWC.

#### **ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME –OUTCOME EXPECTED IN JULY 2010**

The project proposal ("Europe & South Africa Partnership for Human Development – EUROSAs") in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Partnerships programme has been submitted on time. The European Commission has in the meantime confirmed the receipt of the project proposal and will announce the results in July. The Coordinator at University of Antwerp, Anouk De Weerdts will keep institutions within the consortium informed on any developments concerning the proposal. Each member of the consortium received a summary of the proposal, the overview of all project partners, and the proposed budget.

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

- 1. University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA**  
**14th Annual IEASA Conference on 28, 29, 30, 31 August & 1 September 2010**  
**Theme:** "Current and Future Contributions of Higher Education Internationalisation in Africa's Development",  
 The conference will focus on Internationalisation in Africa's Development, Research, Best Practice in Internationalisation, Models for institutional development and models for increasing and retaining talent. For more information about the keynote speakers and the programme visit: <http://web.wits.ac.za/NewsRoom/Conferences/IEASA2010/IEASAHome.htm>
- 2. University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA**  
**6th Quadrennial Conference of the International Geoscience Educators Organisation (IGEO) from 30 August - 3 September 2010.**  
**Theme: "Geoscience Education - Developing the World"**  
 Geoscience Education is less well developed than other fields of science education such as physics, biology and chemistry. In order to strengthen the field, educators at all levels and from multiple disciplines, in both informal and formal contexts, need to collaborate to improve practice, pedagogy, curriculum development, and research. The International Geosciences Education Organisation (IGEO), an affiliate to the IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences), is the largest international organisation dedicated to addressing the above issues. The society holds conferences every four years interspersed with sessions during the International Geological Congresses. Read more... <http://web.wits.ac.za/NewsRoom/Conferences/GeoSciEd/>
- 3. University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA**  
**Conference in Maputo, Mozambique**  
**Theme:** Theorising the State and Mobility in Africa, **30 July – 4 August 2010**  
**Venue:** Catembe Gallery Hotel, Maputo.  
 Sponsored by the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull, the Forced Migration Studies Programme, University of the Witwatersrand, and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity. With funding support from the British Academy and the **Southern African-Nordic Centre (SANORD)**. For further information, please contact: Joel Quirk at [j.quirk@hull.ac.uk](mailto:j.quirk@hull.ac.uk) or consult [www.hull.ac.uk/wise](http://www.hull.ac.uk/wise) .
- 4. University of Johannesburg (UJ), SOUTH AFRICA**  
**UJ hosting the Annual Helen Joseph memorial lecture on 14 September 2010**



The title of Shahara Rasvavi's speech is "Worlds Apart: Rethinking Care in a Development Context". Shahra Razavi is Research Co-ordinator at United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). She specializes in the gender dimensions of social development, with a particular focus on livelihoods and social policies. **Read more...**  
<http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Newsroom/Events/Pages/HelenJosephMemorialLecture.aspx>
- 5. University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)**  
**FACULTY TEAMS UP WITH AFRICAN CENTRE FOR CHILDHOOD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
 The African Centre for Childhood, a partnership between UKZN's Faculty of Humanities, Development and Social Sciences and the Regional Psycho Social Support Initiative (REPSSI) have

successfully piloted a distance learning certificate programme in eight African countries over the past 14 months. Over 500 students in Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe participated in and completed the “Working with Children, Families and Communities affected by HIV and AIDS, Poverty, Conflict and Displacement” programme. **Read more...** <http://www.ukzn.ac.za/UKZNonline/V4/11/Issue11.html#s13>

## **NORDIC**

### **6. BERGEN, NORWAY**

#### **Bergen Summer Research School 2010 – 21 June – 2 July**

##### ***Theme: Global Health in Bio-Medical, Social and Cultural Perspectives***

The Bergen Summer Research School is a joint venture under the leadership of the [University of Bergen](#) (UiB) with the [Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration](#) (NHH), the [Christian Michelsen Institute on Human Rights and Development](#) (CMI), the [Bergen University College](#) (HIB) and UNIFOB (research organization affiliated to the University of Bergen).

The third edition of the Bergen Summer Research School is dedicated to the theme of Global Health and will be held 21 June – 2 July 2010. The 2010 theme will intersect with the other key topics of the Bergen Summer Research School (poverty, climate, environment, energy, norms, values, language and culture) and aims to promote collaboration, interaction and joint learning across disciplines on research topics and challenges related to global health and development.

Professor Kjersti Fløttum at UiB affirmed that the summer school is a hub of academic activities with close to 115 PhD students from 42 countries creating new knowledge and forging new research networks. Read more... <http://www.bsrs.no/>

### **7. OSLO, NORWAY**

#### **Summer School 2010 at Oslo University College**

The Oslo University College is hosting an International Summer School from **June 28th to July 16th 2010**. They offer the following 4 courses:

- Globalisation, Development and Issues of Inter-Cultural Understanding
- International Public Health
- LATINA: Learning and Teaching in a Digital World
- Philosophy in School

The International Summer Programme at OUC will be a meeting place for students from all over the world. In addition to the courses, they will arrange social and cultural events, excursions, and field trips. Most of the students will be accommodated in St. Hanshaugen student village, which is centrally located and very close to the OUC. Read more... <http://www.hio.no/Welcome-to-OUC/Summer-School-2010>

## 8. TURKU/ÅBO, FINLAND

### **Intensive Course on the Role of Human Rights in Development, 8 – 12 November 2010**

Please find information through the links below about our upcoming course "The Role of Human Rights in Development: Impact and Responsibility" to be held on 8-12 November 2010 in Turku/Åbo, Finland. The course is organized by the Institute for Human Rights at Åbo Akademi University. Deadline for applications is 14 September.

Course information:

<http://web.abo.fi/instut/imr/courses/Role%20of%20human%20rights%20in%20development/courseinfo.htm>

Course flyer: [http://web.abo.fi/instut/imr/index\\_files/hrdevelopimg.jpg](http://web.abo.fi/instut/imr/index_files/hrdevelopimg.jpg)

Please contact Eva Höglund [eva.hoglund@abo.fi](mailto:eva.hoglund@abo.fi), Coordinator for human rights studies, Åbo Akademi University

## 9. TURKU/ÅBO, FINLAND

### **Nordic Africa Days (NAD) 2010 - Åbo/Turku, Finland, 30 September – 1 October 2010**

**Theme:** "Time Space Africa: Reconnecting the Continent"

NAD 2010 challenges researchers to reflect in their presentations on the changing conditions, positions and possibilities of the continent. Following the tradition of NAD, PhD candidates and other young scholars are strongly encouraged to participate.

Contact Holger Weiss at [holger.weiss@abo.fi](mailto:holger.weiss@abo.fi) for more information.

Visit the conference website: <http://web.abo.fi/fak/hf/hist/nad2010/index.html>

## 10. AALBORG UNIVERSITY, DENMARK

### **Nordic Research Day on Impact Assessment, 27th October 2010**

Nordic Research Day 2010 will create a new space for researchers to meet, exchange ideas and experiences, learn about each others' work, strengthen links and explore common research agendas. The event is open to everyone...

<http://dcea.dk/english/NordicResearchDay/overview.aspx>

For content issues, please contact conference chair Tim Richardson, [tim@plan.aau.dk](mailto:tim@plan.aau.dk)

For organisational issues, your main point of contact will be Lise Kirk Nordensgaard.

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## 11. UPPSALA, SWEDEN

### **ECAS conference from 15-18 June 2011**

**CALL FOR PANELS deadline is 15th of August 2010.**

The 4th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS) will be convened in Uppsala on 15-18 June 2011. ECAS 2011 is co-organised by NAI and the African Studies in Europe (AEGIS). Call for Panels deadline is 15th of August 2010. Read more detail about Call for panels here

[http://www.nai.uu.se/ecas-4/ECAS\\_4\\_call\\_for\\_panels-fv.pdf](http://www.nai.uu.se/ecas-4/ECAS_4_call_for_panels-fv.pdf)

Read more about ECAS 4 here <http://www.nai.uu.se/ecas-4/>

## 12. ICELAND

### **Translation, History, Literary Culture. Nordic Perspectives on 25-26 June 2010**

The Institute of Research in Literature and Visual Arts at the **University of Iceland** will host the conference **Translation, History, Literary Culture. Nordic Perspectives** June 25-26th, 2010. The conference is held in collaboration with scholars at the University of Göteborg, Sweden, University of Helsinki, Finland, University of Aarhus, Denmark, University of Oslo, Norway and the University of the Faroe Islands. Read more...

[http://www.hi.is/en/vidburdir/translation\\_history\\_literary\\_culture\\_nordic\\_perspectives](http://www.hi.is/en/vidburdir/translation_history_literary_culture_nordic_perspectives)

## REPORT ON PAST EVENTS

### **SUMMER SCHOOL at STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA**

(2010.06.17 | News item by **Jan Willem van der Westhuizen**)

The tenth Postgraduate & International Office (PGIO) Summer School officially started on Monday 7th June. In total we have 59 international students registered for the summer school, as well as 10 Stellenbosch University students. The international students are from the USA, Italy, **Norway** and Hong Kong. We provided 10 full bursaries to enable 10 Stellenbosch University students to attend the PGIO Summer School.

The general themes that are being dealt with are the following: South Africa's Political History, Bio-Diversity, Art and Media, HIV / AIDS, Literature and Film, and Challenges for Democratic Consolidation. The group of 69 students is divided into two academic options – Option 1 and Option 2. Option 1 allows students to choose three courses from a choice of six courses that touch upon the above themes. Option 2 students partake in a community engagement programme called *Learning for Sustainable Community Engagement*. The latter group also works for two weeks at different community projects around Stellenbosch.

We are very happy of what has been achieved at the summer school so far. It is very important for the PGIO to create a positive academic space for students from different backgrounds wherein they can interact and grow as young adults. For this reason we tried to put together a balanced programme with a well structured academic programme on the one hand, and a mutually stimulating social programme on the other hand.

For the future we would like to build on the success of the current programme. We are currently working on the idea of replicating the summer school during August and September so that we can attract more European students.

### **SANORD DAY 2010 at the UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN, NORWAY**

(2010.06.10 | News item by **Anne Katrine Bang**)

On May 12<sup>th</sup> 2010, the University of Bergen organized in second SANORD day (the first being held in October 2008). The purpose of the SANORD day is to present and highlight the various levels of collaboration that exists at the University of Bergen with the countries involved in the SANORD initiative.

The day was opened by Rector Sigmund Grønmo who emphasized the importance of regional collaboration and the role of research- and student exchange. Professor Peter Haugan, Department

of Geophysics, then presented the new Nansen-Tutu Centre for Marine Environmental Research in Cape Town. This centre will conduct collaborative research on marine ecosystems in the sea surrounding South Africa – on a time scale from days to decades. The Centre will have master- and PhD students and aim to become an African centre of excellence within its field.

The theme of the SANORD day then shifted to the social sciences and humanities through the lecture of Professor Peter Vale, Rhodes University, South Africa. Professor Vale was invited to the University of Bergen following the international SANORD conference at Rhodes University in December 2009. His analysis of the fate of social sciences and humanities in both the north and the south emphasized collaborative efforts to expand the field for these disciplines.

The final presentation was a result of a direct outcome of SANORD collaboration. As a member of one of the SANORD theme groups, Dr. Frode Jacobsen presented a film on rainmaking rituals among the Shona in Mozambique, produced in collaboration with researchers at the University of Bergen and in Mozambique.

## SANORD NEWS

### What is happening at our member institutions?

#### SWEDEN

##### Uppsala University

###### *Uppsala and US most popular among post-doc applicants*

(2010-06-02 | News item by **Anneli Waara**)

A plurality of those seeking a position in Sweden wants to come to Uppsala University. For those seeking scholarships for positions abroad, the US is the most attractive destination. Of 443 applications to the Swedish Research Council, 71 have been granted. The total amount of grant money is nearly SEK 202 million. In the Swedish Research council's spring posting of post-doctoral grants, 71 young researchers received funding.

Read more [http://www.uu.se/news/news\\_item.php?typ=artikel&id=1023](http://www.uu.se/news/news_item.php?typ=artikel&id=1023)

###### *Two Uppsala researchers named Wallenberg Scholars*

(2010-06-03 | News item by **Johanna Blomqvist**)

Per Ahlberg and Olle Eriksson have been named Wallenberg Scholars by the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation. They will be receiving a five-year grant of SEK 3 million per year. Per Ahlberg, a professor of evolutionary organism biology, is extra happy about the freedom he will have in using the funding. Read more [http://www.uu.se/news/news\\_item.php?typ=artikel&id=1025](http://www.uu.se/news/news_item.php?typ=artikel&id=1025)

##### Lund University

###### *To the top! - Trapca Institute*

(2010-05-20 | News Item by **Ingela Björck**)

"It will never work - you'd be better off leaving the job to the World Bank Institute!" said the doubters in response to the plans to start training in trade policy for poor countries in Africa. But the enthusiasts at Lund University and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) refused to listen. And that was fortunate, because the Trapca Institute has now become so successful that the World Bank has sought its cooperation. Click here for the full article

[http://www.lu.se/o.o.i.s?id=23042&news\\_item=5126](http://www.lu.se/o.o.i.s?id=23042&news_item=5126)

### ***Swedish students important keys to society***

(2010-05-21 | News Item by **Britta Collberg**)

It is important for their results that international students are happy and integrated. But it is also important so that Swedish students can establish international contacts. However, group work and breaks are not always sufficient for students to build social networks. A project at the Faculty of Engineering shows that initiatives from the University can make a difference, but this is on the presumption that Swedish students recognise the value of meeting students from other countries. Click here for the full article [http://www.lu.se/o.o.i.s?id=23042&news\\_item=5133](http://www.lu.se/o.o.i.s?id=23042&news_item=5133)

## **DENMARK**

### **Aarhus University**

#### ***New interdisciplinary collaboration will educate more hospital physicists in Aarhus***

Wednesday 02 June 2010 | Christina Troelsen Sarjantson



A new degree programme in hospital physics will help relieve the increasing need for specialists in radiotherapy for cancer treatment. The degree programme combines knowledge in medical disciplines such as radiotherapy, diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine with the latest expertise in accelerator and radiation physics. Read more

<http://science.au.dk/en/news-and-events/news-article/article/nyt-tvaerfagligt-samarbejde-skal-uddanne-flere-hospitalsfysikere-i-aarhus-1/>

#### ***Ground-breaking space research in Aarhus***

Friday 11 June 2010 | Christel Rothe Brinkmann



Space scientists from all over the world are meeting for the first time in Denmark to discuss new discoveries from NASA's Kepler Satellite. Read more

<http://science.au.dk/en/news-and-events/news-article/article/banebrydenderumforskning-i-aarhus/>

## **Aalborg University**

#### ***New environmental center opens at Aalborg University***

Last week saw the opening of the Danish Centre for Environmental Assessment at Aalborg University in northern Jutland. Read more <http://www.denmark.dk/en/servicemenu/news/environment-energy-climate-news/newenvironmentalcenteropensataalborguniversity.htm>

## **FINLAND**

### **University of Jyväskylä**

#### ***Secrets of a chiral gold nanocluster unveiled***

Researchers at the Department of Chemistry and Nanoscience Center (NSC) of the University of Jyväskylä (Dr Olga Lopez-Acevedo and Professor Hannu Häkkinen) have resolved the structural, electronic and optical properties of a chiral gold nanocluster that remained a mystery for ten years. Read more... <https://www.jyu.fi/en/news/archive/2010/05/tiedote-2010-05-28-10-36-15-611513>

## SOUTH AFRICA

### Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT), SOUTH AFRICA



#### ***CPUT researchers explore health benefits of omega-3 fatty acids***

Researchers at the Functional Food Research Unit have embarked on a study to determine the recommended daily intake of omega-3 fatty acids, which plays a crucial role in the prevention of several chronic diseases. The study is the first of its kind to be undertaken in South Africa. Read more...

<http://info.cput.ac.za/News/news.php?aid=902>

### University of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA - International ethics prize for Dan Stein



The world's largest global psychopharmacology organisation, the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum (CINP) has awarded its CINP Ethics in Psychopharmacology prize to Professor Dan Stein, head of UCT's Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health. Stein, who also recently received the prestigious Alan Pifer Research Award this year, will be presented with the CINP prize in Hong Kong, China. Read more... <http://www.uct.ac.za/dailynews/?id=7401>

### University of Fort Hare

#### **Voster Muchenje awarded VC's Emerging Researcher Award (2010)**

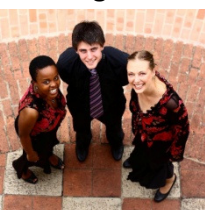


Staff members and students in the Department of Livestock and Pasture Science wish to congratulate their Head of Department, Dr Voster Muchenje, for getting the Vice Chancellor's Emerging Research Award. This award is based on the quality of research outputs, including publications and presentations at conferences, contribution to research programmes or projects, involvement in teaching research and supervising students' research and recognition by peers. Dr Muchenje is an NRF Y2 (Young Promising) rated scientist.

Read more... <http://www.ufh.ac.za/news+17-5-10>

### Rhodes University

#### **100 tongues debut at festival**



Grahamstown based vocal duo Shirilaulu presents their debut Festival production "100 Tongues", showcasing music from several different languages including Shona, Finnish, Afrikaans, German and French. The name "Shirilaulu" is a combination of "shiri" - the Shona word for bird - and "laulu" - the Finnish word for song, or singing. Shirilaulu was founded in 2009 and recently gave their debut recital in Grahamstown. The group consists of Rhodes University music students

Yemurai Matibe (soprano), Lotta Matambo (mezzo-soprano) and Peter Cartwright (piano). Read more... [http://www.ru.ac.za/modules/blog\\_include/blog\\_content.php?blog\\_id=1162](http://www.ru.ac.za/modules/blog_include/blog_content.php?blog_id=1162)

## Cape Peninsula University of Technology hosted Africa Day on 25 May 2010



The Transformation Office in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs hosted the Africa Day celebrations on 25 May 2010 at the Bellville Campus' Auditorium.

The event - with the theme: "African Scholarship" paid special attention to the contributions of Africans to research and development, with the ultimate view of promoting economic growth and wealth. Read more...

<http://info.cput.ac.za/News/news.php?aid=899>

## Polytechnic of Namibia



### **New Director intent on making a difference**

The Centre for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) is spearheaded by a dynamic new Director, Margaret Bennett, who is bent on taking the Centre to new heights. Bennett took over the role as Director after her predecessor, Alban Jacobs, took up a new challenge as Director of Administration at the newly established Namibian-German Centre for Logistics. Read more...

[http://www.polytechnic.edu.na/newsdocs/may2010/CED\\_Director\\_Margaret\\_Bennett.pdf](http://www.polytechnic.edu.na/newsdocs/may2010/CED_Director_Margaret_Bennett.pdf)

## SCHOLARSHIPS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES/AWARDS

### SWEDEN

#### **Grants available - The International Foundation for Science (IFS)**

The International Foundation for Science supports scientific capacity building in developing countries through research grants and supporting services to young scientists at the beginning of their research careers. Application forms and more information available at: <http://www.ifs.se>

Contact detail: [applications@ifs.se](mailto:applications@ifs.se)

More info: [http://www.ifs.se/Forms/how\\_to\\_apply.asp](http://www.ifs.se/Forms/how_to_apply.asp)

#### **The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI), Uppsala**

The Nordic Africa Institute supports studies on Africa in the Nordic countries through six types of grants. Read more about their scholarships <http://www.nai.uu.se/scholarships/>

#### **The Stockholm Challenge Awards**

Stockholm Challenge gives you a unique opportunity to boost the viability of your project, find new investors and expand your professional network. The Stockholm Challenge Award is open for projects that use ICT to improve people's social and economic conditions and their environment. The most promising projects will be nominated for the Stockholm Challenge Award. Selected by a jury comprising some of the foremost global IT-entrepreneurs, the most innovative and viable projects will be rewarded the Stockholm Challenge Award.

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More info: <http://www.stockholmchallenge.org>

## DENMARK

**Danida Travel Grants for Master Students.** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. Closing Date for Application: November 1, 2010, at 12:00. [http://www.dfcentre.dk/?Research\\_Projects:Travel\\_Grants](http://www.dfcentre.dk/?Research_Projects:Travel_Grants)

**PhD Scholarships for Programme in Agrobiodiversity.** Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa (SSSUP). Six scholarships are available to motivated students from any country. A minimum of four scholarships is granted to students from developing countries.

Application deadline: July 15, 2010. [http://www.sssup.it/context.jsp?ID\\_LINK=405&area=46](http://www.sssup.it/context.jsp?ID_LINK=405&area=46)

## NORWAY

### **The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (SIU)**

The goal of the **Quota Scheme** is to give students from developing countries in the South, Central- and East-Europe and Central-Asia, relevant education that would also benefit their home countries when they return after graduation. The Norwegian government provides scholarships for students from developing countries in the South and countries of Central- and East-Europe and Central-Asia under the Quota Scheme. The overall objective of the Quota Scheme is to promote the internationalisation of higher education.

Read more/...<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/05/siu-scholarships.html>

## RESEARCH REPORTS

### **Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden**



#### **Annual Report 2009: Global change and uncertainty strike Africa**

The Nordic Africa Institute's Annual (NAI) Report 2009 reflects on some of the new challenges Africa is currently facing. Download the report here (pdf, 9.6MB)

[http://www.nai.uu.se/about/organisation/annualreport/annual\\_report\\_2009.pdf](http://www.nai.uu.se/about/organisation/annualreport/annual_report_2009.pdf)

## SOUTHERN AFRICAN – NORDIC NEWS



### **NAMIBIA: First schools for vets and pharmacists**

*Moses Magadza*

The University of Namibia recently launched the country's first schools of engineering and medicine and is planning two more firsts: schools of veterinary science and pharmacy are to open next year. The country suffers serious shortages of professionals in both fields. Read more <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20100617191146602>

### **The Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA)**

Click on the following hyperlinks to access the regional higher education news:

<http://www.sarua.org/?q=content/he-news-volume-3-issue-2>

<http://www.sarua.org/?q=content/he-news-volume-3-issue-1>

### The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI)

Click here to view the NAI newsletter:

[http://www.nai.uu.se/newsletter/nai/2010/06/17/5963/index.xml?\\_\\_xsl=newsletter-email.xsl&hide-link=1](http://www.nai.uu.se/newsletter/nai/2010/06/17/5963/index.xml?__xsl=newsletter-email.xsl&hide-link=1)

### News from NordForsk, March 2010

NordForsk is a Nordic research board with responsibility for cooperation on research and researcher training in the Nordic region. The organisation focuses on research areas in which the Nordic countries are international leaders, and promotes research and researcher training of high international calibre. Latest news:

- The Top-level Research Initiative visits Euroscience Open Forum in Turin (23.06.2010)
- Four new Living Lab projects (18.06.2010)
- The Nordic region presented in China (16.06.2010)
- New knowledge on Nordic research revealed in Copenhagen seminar (15.06.2010)
- Continuous evaluation of the Top-Level Research Initiative starts in the autumn (15.06.2010)
- A sparkling announcement of three new Nordic Centres of Excellence (10.06.2010)

Click here to read more about news items above -<http://www.nordforsk.org/>

### University World News

Click here to access the website: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/>

Click here for the global edition: [http://www.universityworldnews.com/index.php?page=UW\\_Main](http://www.universityworldnews.com/index.php?page=UW_Main)

Click here for the Africa edition:

[http://www.universityworldnews.com/index.php?page=Africa\\_Edition](http://www.universityworldnews.com/index.php?page=Africa_Edition)

### News from SciDev.Net, March 2010

For the latest SciDev news on Sub-Saharan Africa click here <http://www.scidev.net/en/sub-suهران-africa/>

### Finnish University Partnership for International Development – UniPID

Read their latest newsletters:

**June** newsletter <https://www.jyu.fi/hallinto/unipid/en/news/june2010newsletter.doc>

**May** newsletter <https://www.jyu.fi/hallinto/unipid/en/news/may-2010-newsletter-2>

### Danish Development Research Network (DDRN)

Click here to access their latest newsletter:

**June** - All Thematic news: [http://ddrn.dk/show\\_letter.php?letter\\_id=370](http://ddrn.dk/show_letter.php?letter_id=370)

**June** - Student news: [http://ddrn.dk/show\\_letter.php?letter\\_id=369](http://ddrn.dk/show_letter.php?letter_id=369)

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Our next newsletter will be published on 30 September 2010. If you wish to have an announcement published in the next SANORD Newsletter, please send an email to Leolyn Jackson [ljackson@uwc.ac.za](mailto:ljackson@uwc.ac.za) by **17 September 2010**.

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