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“An Information Ethical approach to create a platform for the access to and accessibility of information.”

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Information Ethics emphasis in recent UNESCO activities

UNESCO’s recent conference for Eastern Caribbean States has supported the growing international recognition of the role of Information Ethics in ensuring a safe and responsible Information Society. In September 2015, the first-ever “Conference and Consultation on the Ethical Dimensions of the Information Society and Internet Privacy” was held in St. Kitts-Nevis for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) grouping.

The event attracted senior government representatives from OECS Member States - Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St Vincent & The Grenadines; Associate States Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands; as well as Observers St. Maarten and St Martin.

This major event, organised in partnership with the Government of St. Kitts-Nevis in the framework of UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Information for All Programme (IFAP), examined current and emerging information ethics challenges facing Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The event also led to the development of a number of strategic recommendations for shaping national and regional information and knowledge societies programmes and policies, thereby enabling SIDS to generate a range of proactive responses.



Dr Boyan Radoykov (UNESCO Knowledge Societies Division)

The Information for All Programme:

This intergovernmental programme of UNESCO has the following six objectives:

- Information for Development
- Information for Accessibility
- Information Preservation
- Information Literacy
- Information Ethics
- Multilingualism

The event's importance was emphasised by the Honorable Shawn Richards, Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Youth, sports and Culture, who welcomed the some 100 conference participants. Attendees included Cabinet Ministers, members of the diplomatic corps, senior Government officials from the OECS countries, civil society, the private sector as well as teachers and student representatives from high schools on both islands.

Dr Boyan Radoykov, from the UNESCO Knowledge Societies Division, in his capacity as official Representative of UNESCO, extended welcome remarks on behalf of the Organisation and stressed that "(...) We have to strengthen even more our efforts in addressing the info-ethical dimensions and their social implications, and in promoting the basic values and principles that are to be further convincingly enshrined in the information society such as peace and democracy, free flow of information in the public domain, freedom of expression, tolerance, cultural and linguistic diversity, solidarity, etc." He ended by emphasising: "It is our role, it is our task, it is our utmost responsibility to ensure the progress of civilisation in cyberspace".

In acknowledging the challenges around personal behaviour on the internet Mr Antonio Maynard, Secretary-General of the St Kitts-Nevis National Commission for UNESCO, who played a key role in the organisation of the event, underlined his confidence that the Conference would contribute to "raising awareness and support for the development of a holistic regional approach by OECS States to the complex issues around the Internet".

Ambassador Dr David Doyle, Permanent Delegate of St. Kitts-Nevis to UNESCO, guided the elements of sound personal behaviour in explaining that "the proliferation of IT use is now indelibly linked with youth, their learning aspirations, friendships, hobbies, games, etc. But it comes with risks to internet use in areas of cyberbullying, privacy violations and unwanted solicitations. The St. Kitts-Nevis conference is timely stakeholder event aimed at contributing to the SIDS dimension of UNESCO's work on ethical practices in information society and internet privacy."

The intergovernmental Information for All Programme was established in 2001. It provides a platform for international policy discussions, cooperation and the development of

guidelines for action in the area of access to information and knowledge. The Programme supports Member States to develop and implement national information policy and strategy frameworks.

In his exchange with Dr. Radoykov, Mr Coetzee Bester, Director of the ACEIE congratulated UNESCO and the IFAP Programme for this timely initiative that supported Information Ethics and the development of inclusive Knowledge Societies in the Caribbean region. Mr Bester also extended an invitation to UNESCO and the Eastern Caribbean States to collaborate with the ACEIE in developing trans-regional projects that could be launched in 2016.

Kenya activities, 13-14 July 2015 - *by Dr Hellen Amunga*

The Information Ethics and Information Literacy Workshop was held at Kenyatta University, Kenya during the 13th to 14 July 2015. Four Focal Points were identified as outcomes of the workshop by Mr. Jaco du Toit, the Advisor for Communication and Information Unesco Regional Office for Eastern Africa and Dr. Hellen Amunga, the Chair of the IE & IL Annual Workshop Team at the Department of Educational Communication & Technology. Positive comments were provided as follows in the three points below.

1. The Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University was very impressed with this year's activities/presentations. Prof. Mutula's presentation during the workshop was presented again during the main conference due to awareness & curiosity in the issues at hand. The VC requested that the scope of the workshop should be widened to have more staff and students on board. The University would like to have official working agreements with partners.

2. The 4th ICE Organising Committee met and recommended that the IE-IL Workshop as well as the Postgraduate Seminar on Research Methodology organised in collaboration with Syracuse University's school of Education be held annually: every July as independent forums and as pre-conference activities to the bi-annual ICE forum in alternate years. Syracuse University has already committed to continue sponsoring the postgraduate workshop.

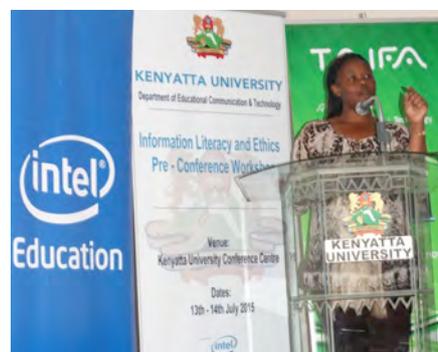
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Announcements:

- 7th International Conference on Information Law and Ethics ICIL, 22-23 February 2016, Pretoria, South Africa



From Left: Dr. Samson Ondigi (KU), Prof. Henry Ayot (KU, partly hidden), Prof. Stephen Mutula (University of KwaZulu Natal) & Dr. Beatrice Kwach (Commission for University Education, Kenya) during certificate issuance exercise





Day One IE-IL Group photo: Seated from left to right: Dr. Hellen Amunga (Lecturer, KU), Mr. Peter Weche (Librarian, CHSS, UoN) Prof. John Okumu (DV-Academic, KU) & Mr, Jaco du Toit, Advisor for Communication & Information, Unesco Regional Office for Eastern Africa

3. There is need for a forum in which participants of the last IE-IL workshop can be taken through the steps of carrying out research and publishing case studies and larger studies on IE & IL in their institutions and beyond.

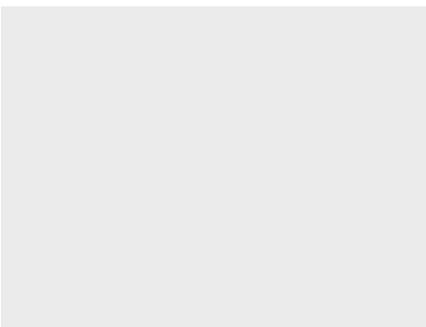
Digital Wellness Toolkit Information Session, 3 September 2015

Intel, UNESCO South Africa and the African Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics (ACEIE) held an information session on the content of the Digital Wellness toolkit to enable well equipped digital citizens. This toolkit was developed in partnership with Intel, UNESCO South Africa and the ACEIE, to allow all sectors of our society to enjoy the benefits of the Internet, Social Media and Digital Communication.

During this event the detail of the toolkit was fully explained to allow for interactive discussion amongst the participants. The comments were well received during the information session and positive outcomes of further collaboration amongst key role players were identified to strengthen the existing relationships and potential collaboration on new projects.



Dr Beverly Malan (Curriculum specialist)



DIGITAL WELLNESS - UNESCO 5 PROJECTS

1. Digital Wellness Programmes, Cape Town workshops: 23-26 June 2015, 9 November 2015, 3-4 December 2015

This Project took place in 3 parts;

- **June 2015** – a workshop on Cyber Crimes
- **November 2015** – a discussion on Internet culture, language and related matters
- **December 2015** – follow-up and planning of the Digital Wellness Toolkit for people with disabilities

The first workshop created a platform for academics and practitioners to discuss cyber-crimes, cyber safety and personal behaviour on the internet.

The second event included a pilot discussion with the F W de Klerk Foundation on matters related to Cultural Diversity and Unity, the role of language and diversity in the so called Information Society

The third event reflected on the inclusion of people with disabilities in the Information Society through the Digital Wellness Toolkit that was developed by the UNESCO, Intel and ACEIE teams.



Participants of the Digital Wellness Toolkit workshop December 2015

The UNESCO digital wellness 5 projects were sponsored by UNESCO with the help of the South African National Commission of UNESCO





Mr Carlton Mukhwevo
(Secretary General of South African Natcom)



Mr Coetzee Bester (ACEIE Director & South African IFAP Chairperson), Ms Nozipho Sihlahla (CI Sector Chairperson South Africa, DTPS), Mr Carlton Mukhwevo (Secretary General of South African Natcom)

2. Digital Wellness Curriculum Think Tank Workshop, 23-24 July 2015

The ACEIE held a Think Tank workshop on the Digital Wellness Curriculum in Kievits Kroon, Pretoria South Africa with the aims of discussing the various Digital Wellness projects that are to be supported through several booklets referred to as the 'Digital Wellness toolkit'. The ACEIE has conducted research for a school curriculum specifically focussing on basic education and community training. This research is conducted in partnership with the University of Pretoria, Intel and the Department of Basic Education (DBE). The aim of this workshop was to gather these researchers and experts together for two days for an extensive revision, planning and design session. Inputs from a May 2015 event in Ethiopia and feedback from the activities in Kenya were included.

Key role players in the arena of Digital Wellness, Information Ethics and education came together for this in-depth workshop on the Digital Wellness Toolkit. The result of this workshop is evidenced in the toolkit which has been finalised. This toolkit has been presented at various UNESCO Projects. The interaction base has grown to include more representatives from government (DBE), civil society (Mathew Goniwe School of Governance) and private sector (SaveTNet).

The toolkit has expanded to include 9 books.



Curriculum Think Tank Workshop participants working on Digital Wellness Toolkit

3. Digital Safety and Wellness Policy Design Workshop, 21 August 2015

The Digital Safety and Wellness Policy design workshop was held at Emperors Palace, Kempton Park and was co-hosted by the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF), the ACEIE and the Civilian Secretariat for Police (CSP). The aim of this workshop was to highlight security and safety issues not only for the public sphere, but also for the cyber sphere. Due to the growth in ICTs, the public fall as much victim to cyber-crimes as they do to physical crimes. Conversely, the policy force must also be informed of such cybercrimes and be trained in how to effectively combat it.

It is understood that the office of the Civilian Secretariat of the Police serves as technical advisor to the Minister of Police and performs advisory functions on various matters that include providing the Minister with policy advice and research support. In support of these objectives the ACEIE and various other academic institutions as well as Civilian Partnerships aimed to share the research results related to cyber-crime, structures to prevent and systems to address the consequences of cyber-crime. This event was extremely well attended by all three sectors (academic, private and public). Scope for future activities was discussed for there was a unanimous need for more information on the topic of Digital Wellness.



From left to right: Mr Coetzee Bester (ACEIE), Hon Minister of Police Nkosinathi Nlheko, Ms Reneva Fourie (CSP)



Brigadier NT Pieterse

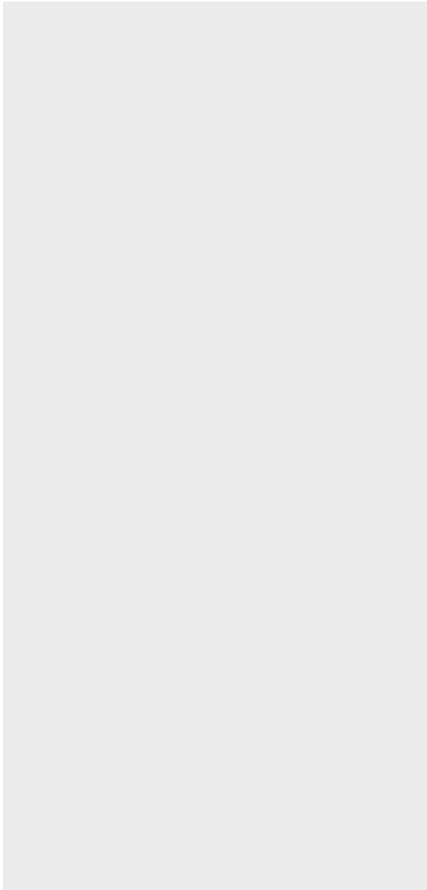


Ms Jansie Niehaus (NSTF)



4. Digital Wellness Toolkit Workshop: Nairobi Kenya, 17-18 November 2015

This event took place on 17, 18 and 19 November 2015, at the Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya and was based on follow-up activities that were tabled during the July 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya. The main themes of this Workshop focused on the *Digital Wellness Toolkit* and the UNESCO identified *Four Objectives for the Way Forward for Kenya*.

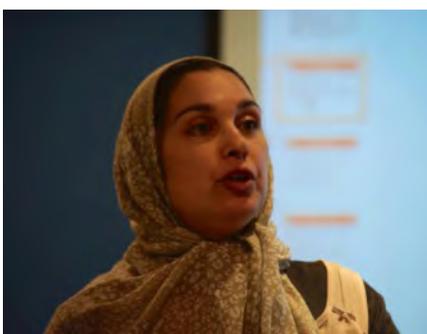


Seated left to right: Ms Joan Mwanchi (The World Reader), Mr Coetzee Bester (ACEIE Director), Dr. Hellen Amunga (Lecturer, KU), Mr Jaco du Toit (Advisor for Communication & Information, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa), Mrs Rachel Fischer (ACEIE Research Officer), Dr. David Wambiri (Kenyatta University)

5. Digital Wellness Conference: Education and Information for All – 24-26 November 2015



Ms Faiza Abrahams-Smith,
(Director of the IAJ)



Ms Akiedah Mohammed, (IAJ)

This event was a three day event and comprised of a two day conference and a one day post-conference workshop held in the Library Auditorium, Merensky Library, University of Pretoria, South Africa. The aim of this event was to combine the theme of digital wellness with the UNESCO CI Sector programmes of IFAP and IPDC. This event was co-organised by the ACEIE and Institute for the Advancement of Journalism (IAJ). It included representatives from industry, such as Intel, government, DBE and DTSPS, as well as research and training institutes such as the University of Pretoria and the Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI). Representatives from the UNESCO Southern African region offices also participated in this event. Current research from these stakeholders, together with presentations from under and post graduate students, had been showcased. IFAP's objectives in Southern and Eastern Africa regions were discussed together with the way forward.

Representatives from the following countries were present: Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe



From left to right: Dr. Hellen Amunga (Lecturer, KU), Mr Allister Sparks, Ms Nozipho Sihlahla (CI Sector Chairperson South Africa, DTPS), Prof Matseliso Moshoeshe-Chadzwina (Lesotho IFAP representative), Mr Coetzee Bester (ACEIE Director)

The Digital Wellness Toolkit was discussed in depth and opportunity was provided to students to present on their research and experiences. In the way forward Mr Hezekiel Dlamini (...of Harare) mentioned the importance of reports on activities from local structures in the member countries to UNESCO Regional Offices and the Head Office in Paris. He described the role and responsibilities of the Chairperson of the IFAP Programme Ms Chafica Abou Khaled Haddad and her team.

STUDENT AND RESEARCH INITIATIVES

16th Annual Information Studies Conference on 'Information and Knowledge for Development (IK4D)', 3 September 2015 - by Dr Shana Ponelis

On 2-4 September 2015 the Department of Information Studies at the University of Zululand hosted the 16th Annual Information Studies Conference on 'Information and Knowledge for Development (IK4D)' at Imvubu Lodge in Richards Bay, South Africa. "Education, literacy, knowledge management, and the ethical use of information, especially as enabled through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) [is] crucial for IK4D," according to the call for papers.



Dr Patricia Watson,
(Department of Basic Education)



Mr Hezekiel Dlamini, (Advisor for Communication and Information UNESCO Harare Multisectoral Regional Office for Southern Africa)



From left to right: Dr Shana Poneis (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA), Prof Bosire Oyancha (University of South Africa), Ms Everlyn Anduware (University of South Africa & Marist International University College), Dr Marlene Holmner (University of Pretoria), Prof Stephen Mutula (University of KwaZulu-Natal), Ms Irene Moseti

The purpose of the conference was for academics, students, researchers, knowledge and information managers and authorities, and information and communication related professionals, largely from Africa, to converge, discuss, and share knowledge, research results, and experiences in IK4D. On the first two days attendees reported results of studies conducted across the African continent, including in South Africa, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Ghana and Sierra Leone. On the final day undergraduate and postgraduate students presented their research projects to the conference attendees. These sessions are a unique feature of the conference and serve to support the development of potential future researchers by providing a platform to present and receive feedback on their work and to encourage undergraduate students to consider postgraduate studies.

INL 240 Undergraduate Experience - *A student's perspective*

Information, Ethics, Security, Culture and Privacy - INL 240 opened our eyes to see the integration of, and relationship between these and other topics, stimulating critical thinking, creativity and curiosity within us, especially as IT related students. As a group, we felt privileged to have had the opportunity to work with each other, playing our given roles with much delight.



From Left to Right: Mr Johan du Plooy, Ms Eunice Hammond, Mr Marin Peroski, Mr Cameron Edwards,
Back: Mr Charl Strydom, Mr Claude Greeff.

With regard to the conference, our contribution was just as concrete, and presenting our findings came forth as exciting and enjoyable. In addition, we also learnt about various cultural outlooks with regard to our chosen topic. All in all, the willingness to work, good harmony, co-operation, well-organisation, thriving humour and an overwhelming dedication, soared in this group, and we are strong believers that these and more caused us to truly work hard and well as a unit, as well as individuals, making it a pleasure to put together a successful project in the module.

Digital Wellness Project Day, 3 November 2015

The Digital Wellness Project Day held on the 3rd of November 2015 was an event sponsored by Intel in collaboration with the University of Pretoria, Department of Information Science. Students in the INL 140 course were tasked with a project to create videos raising awareness towards digital wellness issues aimed at younger children. The winning group of students for the best video were awarded with prizes from Intel. This event highlights the importance of the involvement of students towards digital wellness initiatives and the collaboration between industry stakeholders and the University of Pretoria.



Ms Videsha Proothveerajh (Intel South Africa country manager)



From left to right: Mr Ryan Macquet (Intel), Ms Rianette Leibowitz (SaveTNet Cyber Safety NPC), Three INL140 students, Mr Coetzee Bester (ACEIE), Ms Videsha Proothveerajh (Intel), Ms Susanna Ackermann (Intel), Mr Vince Resente (Intel), Mr Mike Ingoldby (Intel), Ms Rachel Fischer (ACEIE), Ms Erin Klazar (UP)



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