

# ACEIE NEWSLETTER

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

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## UNESCO IFAP ACTIVITIES

### Information for All Programme event: France, Paris, 29 May - 3 June 2016

On 30 May 2016, the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP) was opened at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. The two-day meeting brought together representatives of the 26 Member States elected to the Council by UNESCO's General Conference at its last session in November 2015, as well as observers from Member States, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations having official status with UNESCO.

### International day for Universal Access to Information, Department of Basic Education Conference Centre, Pretoria, South Africa, 28 September 2016 - *by Mr George Molepo*

The Chairperson of the Communication and Information Sector and DTSPS commissioner, Ms Nozipho Sihlahla thanked the participants for attending the celebration of the inaugural International day for Universal Access to Information (IDAUI) 2016 event and was looking forward to meet with them during the celebration of IDAUI 2017. She emphasised that the event was all about getting and sharing information. She also briefed the participants about the Participation Programme (PP) as one of UNESCO benefits to South African Organisations.

### Information Ethics conferences and projects

- E-Learning Africa conference: Egypt, Cairo, 24-26 May 2016
- Workshop on comprehensive approaches to academic library planning and revitalisation: Sandton, South Africa, 1-2 June 2016

### Western Cape toolkit activities

- Western Cape Education Department Event, Cape Town, South Africa, 9-11 May, 20-22 June, 22 October 2016

### Food security activities

- Pulses event: Kempton Park, South Africa, 2-3 June 2016
- Integrated Environmental Understanding of Food Security in Africa conference, East London, South Africa, 2 - 4 November 2016

## 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

Ms Sihlahla further challenged the CI sector to ponder on jointly applying for the PP as a sector. In conclusion, the CI chair emphasised that as this was the very first time to observe the IDUAI, it provided a very good "jump-start" platform to be able to organise even better for the next annual events.



Participants at the IDUAI event

## DIGITAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

### Information Ethics emphasis in Kenya

UNESCO (Eastern Africa), Intel and the ACEIE met with academia from Kenya to discuss the localization of the Digital Wellness Toolkit for practical application in Kenya Activities include meetings with key role players in the Kenyan curriculum landscape:

- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST)
- Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD)
- ICT Authority
- Communications Authority of Kenya
- Intel office in Nairobi, Kenya
- Kenya Chapter of ANIE (KANIE)





Participants at the workshop in Kenya

### Digital Wellness workshop in Uganda, Kampala, 30 June 2016

The ACEIE conducted a Digital Wellness workshop at the Metropole Kampala Hotel in Uganda, hosted by Mr Francis Ssekitto. The workshop program was facilitated by Ms Rachel Fischer and the presenters at the workshop included Prof Isaac Kigongo-Bukenya, Ms Primah Kwagala, Ms Erin Klazar and Ms Rachel Fischer.

The presentations for the workshop focused on subjects relating to: Information Ethics; Creative Commons; Digital Wellness; University student and volunteer projects. The workshop also discussed the importance of information and technologies relating to food security. The conference on this topic, 2-4 November 2016, was announced and participants responded very positively.



Dr Sarah Kaddu - Lecturer, Uganda Christian University



*Prof HOFFIE HOFMEYR - Vice Chancellor,  
Nkhoma University, Malawi*



*Prof Yobbe Lungu - Nkhoma University,  
Malawi*



*Digital Wellness (DW) workshop material*

## **Digital Awareness Workshops in Malawi, 14 – 16 November 2016**

The ACEIE met with academia from Malawi to present and discuss the localization of the Digital Wellness Toolkit for practical application in Malawi. Activities include meetings with key role players in the Malawian curriculum landscape:

- Nkhoma University, Nkhoma campus
- Nkhoma University, Lilongwe campus



*Participants & representatives of Nkhoma University, Malawi for the DW Workshop*

This was a very insightful event for the Malawian delegates consisting of the two workshops. Nkhoma University is interested in establishing their own Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics and will in the meantime establish the Malawi Chapter for ANIE.

### **DIGITAL WELLNESS NHI PILOT SITE PROJECTS**

The ACEIE has been conducting workshops that are part of the DTSPS funded Digital Awareness Workshops in the 8 NHI Pilot Sites. These workshops are presented by the ACEIE in 2016 in accordance with the agreement signed between the University of Pretoria and the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services, South Africa. While conducting the Information Ethics Awareness Raising workshops, each approach is altered accordingly. The approach depends on the size of the audience and their demographics. The facilitators adapt their presentations to the participants, which best suit their needs.

**The books that are presented to the participants include the Digital Wellness Toolkit:**

- Book one: Digital Wellness Programme - Manual for workshop facilitators
- Book two: Digital Wellness Programme - Activity book for workshop participants
- Book three: Digital Wellness Programme - Resource and concepts books

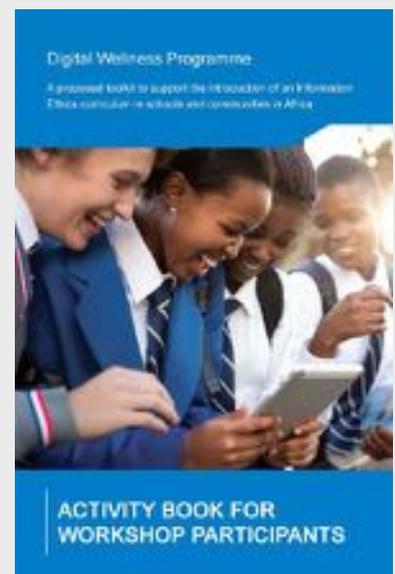
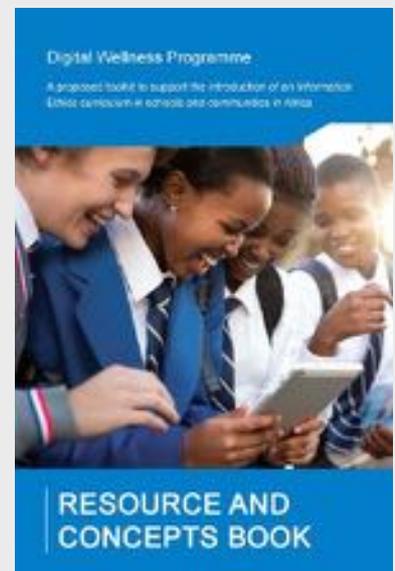
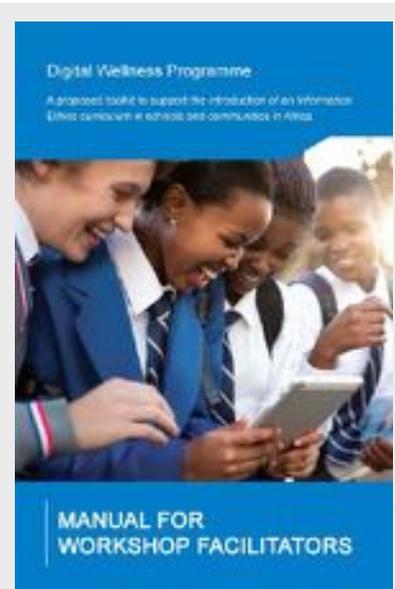
**The following are the key features of the workshops:**

- Enabling participants to understand the dangers and the opportunities with regard to the digital realm. Thus equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills on the safe use of ICT's, networks and possible business ventures.
- The workshops provided a safe space for the participants to discuss their experiences and issues related to ICTs and smart devices.
- To workshops provided participants with knowledge on how to use ICTs in a responsible and the ethical manner in which they behave when using the ICTs and smart devices.
- The participants were encouraged to play different roles namely, learners and facilitators. In doing so where taught about the safe use of cyberspace and ICTs and to take that knowledge and disseminate it within their community thereby making them the facilitators.

**1. Digital Awareness Workshop: Dr Kenneth Kaunda District, North West, 29 February 2016**



*Participants at the DW workshop in Tlokwe Municipality, Dr Kenneth Kaunda District, North West Province, South Africa*





## 2. Digital Awareness Workshop: Mthatha, Eastern Cape, 14 March 2016



Participants at the DW workshop in Mthatha, Eastern Cape

## 3. Digital Awareness Workshop: De Aar, Northern Cape, 14 March 2016



Participants at the DW workshop in De Aar, Northern Cape

## 4. Digital Awareness Workshop: Pixley ka Seme, Northern Cape, 11 April 2016



ACEIE Director & Participants at the workshop in Pixley ka Seme, Northern Cape

## 5. Digital Awareness Workshop: Lusikisiki, Eastern Cape, 18 April 2016



Participants at the DW workshop in Lusikisiki, Eastern Cape

### IE CONFERENCES & PROJECTS

## E-Learning Africa conference: Egypt, Cairo, 24-26 May 2016

eLearning Africa is the largest gathering of eLearning and ICT supported education and training professionals in Africa, enabling participants to develop multinational and cross-industry contacts and partnerships, as well as to enhance their knowledge, expertise and abilities. The 11th International Conference on ICT for Development, Education and Training event took place on 24 to 26 May 2016 in Cairo, Egypt. It was extremely well attended by delegates from across Africa and abroad.



The ACEIE, as represented by Ms Rachel Fischer and Dr Marlene Holmner representing the Information Science Department at the University of Pretoria, attended this event. Ms Fischer presented on the Digital Wellness Toolkit, focussing on the crossroads between ICT Skills and Cyber Safety in Education. The Digital Wellness toolkit, consisting of 9 booklets, were also showcased during the presentation.

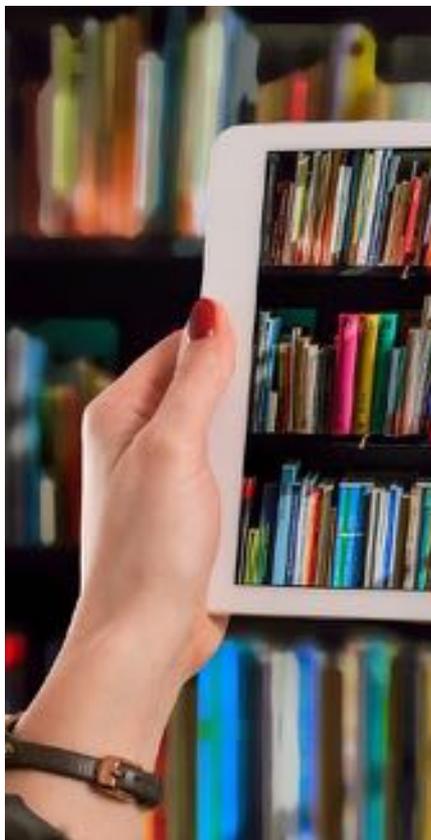


Ms Rachel Fischer - Researcher, ACEIE & Lecturer, University of Pretoria





**MELROSE TRAINING**  
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## **Workshop on comprehensive approaches to academic library planning and revitalisation: Sandton, South Africa, 1-2 June 2016**

In response to frequent enquiries for information about planning academic library buildings, Melrose Training organised this conference which aimed to provide a basic framework for planners and librarians embarking on the planning and design of libraries for higher education. It focused on academic library building challenges in the digital age and embarked on telling a story of essentials for new library construction and planning, design, and use of new library space. On 1 June 2016 Ms Rachel Fischer presented a morning session on the importance of Information Ethics within the discipline of library and information sciences. Since many of the delegates were from community libraries, she also presented on Digital Wellness and made copies of the toolkit available to the delegates.

## **Eduweek Intel: Midrand, South Africa, 29-30 June 2016**

EduWeek is the largest and most recognised African education event bringing together educational professionals across Educational Technology (E-Tech), Vocational & Higher Education, Basic Education, Inclusive Education and Early Childhood Development. EduWeek offers the perfect platform in which to evaluate, see and buy new solutions for all education institution's needs whilst attending free training sessions dedicated to individual needs.

Representatives of the ACEIE were present at the event which took place on the 29 to 30 June 2016 to support the initiatives and stakeholders present at the event towards the developments of education.





Left to Right: Ms Susanna Akcermann - Intel & Mr Kefilwe Madingoane - Intel

### National e-strategy policy development workshop: Pretoria, South Africa, 11 August 2016

This workshop was organized in consultation with the DTSPS on the Development of the National e-Strategy. This workshop was facilitated by the ACEIE in accordance with the agreement signed between the University of Pretoria and the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services, South Africa.

The importance for the development of this workshop was to enable participation by academics thereby contributing to the National e-Strategy Development. This allowed for the soliciting intelligent contributions and perspectives from academics which will be integrated into development of the National e-Strategy. Furthermore, the engagement provided different role players to pledge their role in the development and implementation of the National e-Strategy.



Ms Angie Mokgabudi - DTSPS



Participants at the National e-Strategy policy development workshop



Prof Nolwazi Mbananga - Tshwane University of Technology



Mr Sizwe Snail ka Muta - Director, Snail Attorneys



Ms Ayisha Noorgat - Director, Randles Inc



MP Honorable Prof Hlengiwe Mkhize - DTPS Deputy Minister

## Lex Informatica - Business Breakfast, “Cyber Security and Cyber Crime and POPI”, 4 October 2016

This conference was organised by Snail ka Mtuze Attorneys and the ACEIE was requested to facilitate the programme. It was highlighted during the introduction that due to the advances in technology across the various sectors, the ability for people to use various forms of technology to conduct various crimes is easier. This has also resulted in more opportunities for crime to take place and therefore exposing people to harmful situations and having a negative impact on the society. The advances in technology call for various stakeholders and law makers to adapt to the changing technological environment and provide guidelines for a safer digital environment.



## Cyber Security Launch, 14 October 2016

This event was organised by the Cyber Security Hub at the CSIR in Pretoria, and the ACEIE was requested to present the Digital Wellness programme. The launch provided a platform for corporate companies and government to discuss initiatives on working together to create a safer cyberspace environment for all users. The outcomes of the event included developing new and updated policies for safe use of the cyberspace. The Honorable DTPS Deputy Minister Prof Hlengiwe Mkhize provided her extensive insight on Digital Wellness activities and the role in which government has towards contributing in this space, which is a key priority. Further presenters included, Dr. Barend Taute, Ms. Susan Potgieter, Mr. Linda Khumalo and the Cybersecurity Hub personnel.

## Western Cape toolkit activities

### Western Cape Education Department Event, Cape Town, South Africa, 9-11 May, 20-22 June, 22 October 2016

These local presentations on Digital Wellness seek to address the following objectives of the MoA: School focused knowledge management and distribution, the Internationalisation of Information Ethics policies and practices, and Research and development. The ACEIE delivered the message on Digital Wellness to more than 600 teachers in the Western Cape Province. Four events took place to present Digital Wellness in the Western Cape between July and October 2016. One of the events focused on the importance and impact of Digital Wellness on people with disabilities.

## Food Security activities

### Pulses event: Kempton Park, South Africa, 2-3 June 2016

On 2 and 3 June 2016 the NSTF (National Science and Technology Forum) hosted a discussion forum on Pulses and Food Security, at Emperors Palace, Kempton Park. One of the aims of this event was to discuss the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) International Year of Pulses (IYP2016). This event was done in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology (DST) Multilateral Cooperation; Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF); and AGT Foods Africa (who is leading the private sector initiative for the IYP2016). Included in the focus areas were raising awareness on pulses, engagement with government departments, research and development in this area as well as the showcasing of technologies that can assist in the use and production of pulses and food security. The ACEIE attended this event in light of the conference on Integrated Environmental Understanding of Food Security in Africa: a practical platform of sharing information towards sustainable food security.



Mr Ali Mashishi - Acting Deputy  
Director General, DTPS, ISAD&R



Western Cape  
Government  
Education



Ms Rachel Fischer - ACEIE



Ms Jansie Neihaus - Director, NSTF





Prof Edwin Ijeoma - Director, IDAM, University of Fort Hare

## Integrated Environmental Understanding of Food Security in Africa conference, East London, South Africa, 2 – 4 November 2016

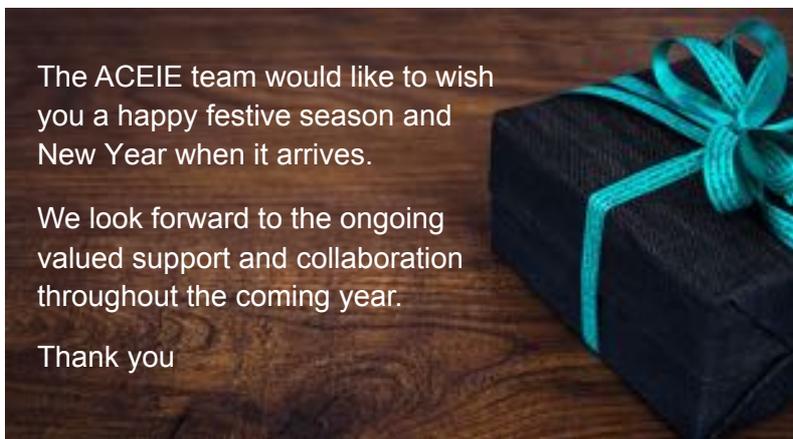
This three day conference was co-organised by the ACEIE and Institute for Development Assistance Management (IDAM) and was held at the ICC Regent hotel, East London, South Africa. The event provided a platform for various organizations such as academia, private sector, government, United Nation structures and agriculturists to discuss and integrate topics related to climatology, food security, geology, demography, and access to information on all levels of society. The conference was successful in ensuring support towards the network of global bodies including the UN FAO, UNESCO and other African stakeholders. Furthermore, the event observed a participation of over 70 delegates with more than 10 African countries dealing with the related topics.



# ACEIE Footprint



The ACEIE has gained a vast network of role players forming a relationship with various institutions based in over 20 African countries and over 25 countries globally.



The ACEIE team would like to wish you a happy festive season and New Year when it arrives.

We look forward to the ongoing valued support and collaboration throughout the coming year.

Thank you

## Event

### Announcements:

- 10th ANIEversary celebration, Kiebits Kroon, Pretoria, South Africa, 21-23 February 2017



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