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Dean's Note



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Welcome to the first edition of the Faculty of Health Sciences Life Changers' newsletter for 2023. We have a strong focus on better communication and engagement. We need to communicate better with our students and to communicate better with each other.

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‘Innovation’ is key for us to be **successful** and to **move the Faculty forward**

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Students in the Faculty of Health Sciences take the oath

The University of Pretoria hosted its first physical Declaration Ceremonies after two years of Covid-19 for students in nine Programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences.



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Faculty of Health Sciences awards Teaching and Learning Excellence

The office of the Deputy Dean of Teaching and Learning hosted the 2022 Faculty Teaching and Learning Awards, to celebrate and honour academic staff for their continued contribution to excellence in teaching and learning.



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TEACHING & LEARNING



UP unveils innovative new MBChB curriculum

The academic staff and students eagerly engaged with the new MBChB curriculum at a recent expo held at the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Health Sciences.

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The Physiology Department at UP hosts Grade 11 learners

The Physiology Department welcomed Grade 11 learners from Tyger Valley College, exposing them to various aspects of cellular and molecular biology.

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UP introduces third-year medical students to Cancer Research

University of Pretoria students recently embarked on a week-long programme to introduce cellular cancer research to the medical students.

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UP brings SIMWars to South Africa

In line with the University of Pretoria Faculty of Health Sciences' focus on breaking down silos, the office of the Deputy Dean of Teaching and Learning recently hosted the SimUPWars competition.

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UP welcomes Canadian based Professor Solina Richter

Professor Solina Richter, dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Saskatchewan delivers expert lecture on the topic "Addressing the social determinants of health through transdisciplinarity".

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Keeping the UP flag flying high!



Professor Veronica Ueckerman,
Acting Head of Infectious Diseases
in the Department of Internal
Medicine is attending the Global
Clinical Scholars Research Training
at Harvard Medical School.

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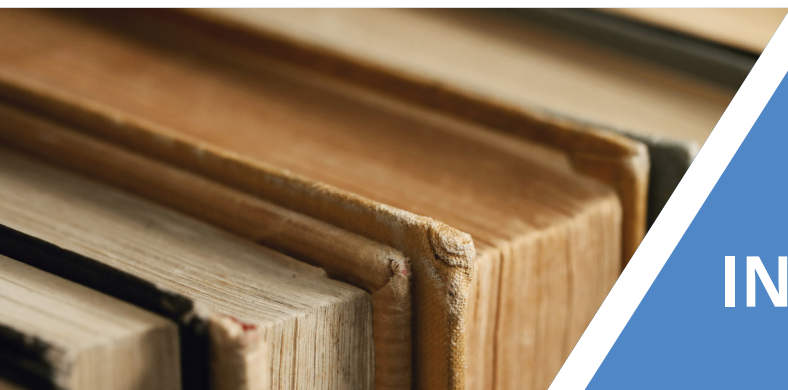
RESEARCH & INTERNATIONALISATION



A collaboration between the University of Pretoria and the European Commission makes a decisive difference in the fight against cancer.

A cross-continental research partnership that has already successfully treated hundreds of South African prostate cancer patients has now also set its sights on tackling other prevalent cancers, including breast cancer.

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UP & Leicester University collaborative hybrid TB Seminar

On 08 December 2022, the University of Pretoria, in collaboration with Leicester University, convened a hybrid TB meeting to strengthen the partnership between the two institutions to accelerate the progress to end Tuberculosis.

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Ozius Dewa's research paper has been published in the Journal of Flood Risk Management. The paper contributes to our understanding of flood risks resilience as we deal with the outcomes of climate change in the African region.

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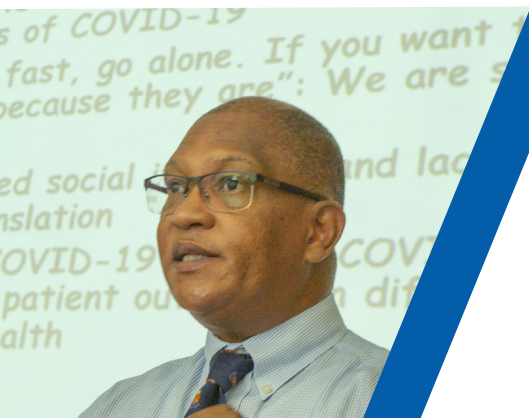
UP scholars honoured by the Academy of Science of South Africa

The UP scientists are Professor Olalekan Ayo-Yusuf, Head of School and Professor at the School of Health Systems and Public Health was inaugurated as fellows of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) at the organisation's annual awards ceremony.

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Experts convene for REASSURED Diagnostics Symposium

It will take wide adoption of Living Systematic Reviews, collaboration, technology, innovation, and optimal diagnostics to strengthen how sub-Saharan Africa responds to future pandemics.

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Research-Advocacy- Policy Transdisciplinary Network launched at UP

On 08 November 2022, the Department of Nursing Sciences, in partnership with the Trinity Western University held a meeting to launch a new research project titled "A Human's Rights and Equity- Oriented Response to the Birth Stories for Families impacted by albinism in Sub Saharan Africa: Intersectoral Partnerships for Enhanced Health Professions Education."

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UP and Aviro Health launch digital solution to manage diabetes

"Diabetes needs urgent attention, because this condition is a silent killer," said University of Pretoria Professor Tiaan de Jager, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, at the soft launch of a diabetes management app.

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- Intellectual Property Workshop and Research Commercialisation
- UP postgraduate students meet internationally acclaimed researcher
- International Festival of Sports, Exercise & Medicine Conference
- Transdisciplinary seminar to inspire UP students
- UP Pharmacology Grand Rounds bolster shared learning
- 100 dental publications for the University of Pretoria Professors
- The UP Centre for Viral Zoonoses partners with the VICTORIA project
- Q&A with Linda Sikweza at SEMLI

New Appointments

Dr TV Nesengani - Lecturer (Department of Nursing Science)

Ms LP Kunene - Lecturer (Department of Physiology)

Dr J Lotter - Lecturer (Department of Medical Oncology)

Prof OA Ayo-Yusuf - Professor (School of Health Systems and Public Health)

Dr ME van der Watt - Snr Research Officer (School of Health Systems and Public Health)

Dr A Human - Lecturer (Department of Physiotherapy)

Prof P Hlongwa - Dept Head (Joint) (Department of Orthodontics)

Dr NV Sepeng - Lecturer (Department of Nursing Science)

Dr MW Gamede - Lecturer (Department of Physiology)

Dr C Ellis - Lecturer (Department of Human Nutrition)

Dr N Rugbeer - Lecturer (Department of Physiology)

Ms MI Molete-Mohapi - Departmental Administrator (School of Health Systems and Public Health)

Dr S Moosa Tayob - Lecturer (Department of Occupational Therapy)

Mrs NP Hankwebe - Lecturer (Occupational Therapy Department)

Ms S Kubeka - Head: Faculty Marketing & Communications (Office of the Dean)

Mrs AS Khumalo - Departmental Administrator (Department of Surgery)

Miss KC Mashao - Lecturer (Department of Nursing Science)

Dr NR Lavhelani - Lecturer (Department of Nursing Science)

Dr NM Gumede - Lecturer (Department of Physiology)

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