

NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY: RESEARCH WEEK

08 - 09 NOVEMBER 2017

SOUTH CAMPUS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY, PORT ELIZABETH

WEDNESDAY, 08 NOVEMBER 2017

08:30 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION**

SESSION 1: LAUNCHING RESEARCH WEEK, SHOWCASING EXCELLENCE AND IMPACT

09:00 – 09:10

Session Chair:

Prof D Zinn (*DVC: Teaching & Learning, Nelson Mandela University*)

09:10 – 09:25

WELCOME AND OPENING

Prof D Swartz (*VC, Nelson Mandela University*)

09:25 - 10:00

KEY NOTE PRESENTATION:

Prof R Cowling (*Director: Centre for Coastal Paleoscience, Nelson Mandela University*)

"Paleoscience Research: Impact for Transdisciplinary Collaboration"

10:00 – 11:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

Panelist 1: **Mrs M Duker**

"Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries in Research Dissemination"

Panelist 2: **Prof M de Wit**

"Leading a Transdisciplinary Research Project: The Case of the Karoo Baseline Studies"

Panelist 3: **Prof A Keet**

"The Impact of Working in Transdisciplinary Research for Supervisors, Students and Examiners"

DISCUSSION WITH PANEL

11:30 – 12:00

TEA BREAK

SESSION 2: SHOWCASING RESEARCHERS AT NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY WHOSE RESEARCH HAS GAINED RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE

12:00 – 13:15

Session Chair:

Prof Z Tshentu (*Head of Department: Chemistry, Nelson Mandela University*)

Speaker 1: **Prof J Adams**

"Research for the conservation and management of estuaries"

Speaker 2: **Distinguished Prof M Watson**

"My research journey (so far)"

Speaker 3: **Prof R du Randt**

"The DASH and KaziBantu projects"

Speaker 4: **Prof D Hattingh**

"WeldCore® - institutional research leading to an innovation"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

13:15 – 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 – 16:00

SESSION 3: SHOWCASING RESEARCH AT NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY THAT HAS IMPACT FOR SOCIETY

Session Chair:

Dr N Bomela (*Director: Research Management, Nelson Mandela University*)

Speaker 1: **Prof N Strydom**

"Pitching conservation where your fork is – understanding the plight of coastal fishes through their reproductive biology, the complexity of baby fish survival and their passage to your plate."

Speaker 2: **Dr A Cherrington**

"Research as Hope-Intervention: Enacting Hope in the Faculty of Education"

Speaker 3: **Dr M Marx**

"Dance Education Creates Spaces Conducive to Social Cohesion in a Culturally and Politically Diverse (Post-) Conflict South African University Classroom"

Speaker 4: **Ms M Ward**

"Measuring your research impact"

Speaker 5: **Mr C Allen and Mrs K Crafford**

"African Energy-Plus Construction - A Case Study of House Rhino"

Speaker 6: **Prof A du Plessis and Dr A Cherrington**

"How to 'Engage' (Or Not): Deepening our Understanding of University And School- Community Engagement"

Speaker 7: **Dr J Westraadt**

THURSDAY, 09 NOVEMBER 2017

SESSION 1: INAUGURAL 3-MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION

09:00 – 09:15

Welcome and Opening

Prof A Leitch (*DVC: Research & Engagement, Nelson Mandela University*)

09:15 – 09:45

Session Chair:

Prof E Draai (*Director of School: Governmental and Social Sciences, Nelson Mandela University*)

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms A Matiwane (*Botany PhD student, Rhodes University*)

09:45 – 10:30

MASTERS 3M THESIS PRESENTATIONS (SET DISCIPLINES)

10:30 – 11:00

TEA BREAK

11:00 – 11:40

MASTERS 3M THESIS PRESENTATIONS (HASS DISCIPLINES)

11:40 – 13:15

DOCTORAL 3M THESIS PRESENTATIONS (SET AND HASS DISCIPLINES)

13:15 – 14:15

LUNCH (JUDGES TO CONFER ON AWARD RECIPIENTS)

14:15 – 14:45

PRIZE GIVING

14:45 – 15:00

CLOSURE AND VOTE OF THANKS

Prof Blanche Pretorius (*Director: Research Capacity Development, Nelson Mandela University*)

15:30

PROCEEDINGS AT PROPELLA

