The Department of Information Systems has a core research focus area in Internet and Society which incorporated research activities related to: Cloud Computing, Mobile HCI, Veterinary Informatics, eLearning, Leadership, eCommerce, Virtual Partnerships, IT in Education, eServices, Social Networking, ICT for Development, IT Governance, and Security. These activities produced one book chapter, one peer-reviewed journal article, 11 conference presentations, and one technical report.

Internationally, there was a presentation of research at the International Conference on Information Management and Evaluation (Toronto, Canada), whilst nationally a number of staff and students presented their research at the South African Institute of Computer Scientists and Information Technologists Conference (Cape Town).

Postgraduates / Graduations
Staff and a total of 41 post-graduate, honours (28), masters (11) and doctoral (2) students engaged in a variety of research projects during the year. At the graduation ceremony in April 2011, we celebrated the graduation of one PhD student, two Masters students, and 28 Honours students.

Distinguished Visitors / International Visits
Ms Brenda Mallinson’s on-going appointment as a Research Associate bolstered the area of eLearning, whilst Professor Malcolm Sainsbury, Visiting Professor, spent valuable time in the Department working and collaborating with staff and students in the area of Information Systems Management. In addition, Professor Sue Conger (University of Dallas) spent a few months in the department at the beginning of the year (April - June 2011) as visiting lecturer where she made a valuable contribution to the teaching and research efforts of the Department.

Significant Research Aligned Events
- In February 2011, the Department, in conjunction with the Department of Computer Science, again hosted a most successful Eastern Cape ICT Research Rumble attended by 95 post-graduate students from Walter Sisulu University, Fort Hare University, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and Rhodes University.
- Mr Chris Upfold represented the Information Systems Department’s Commerce Curriculum initiative at the Curriculum Colloquium on 28 November 2011. This was a feedback opportunity for all staff at Rhodes University on initiatives and experiences of staff participating in the Commerce Curriculum project initiated in 2010 and run during 2011.

Finally, the Department was delighted to announce the establishment of a Research and Development Fund with industry partners Singular Systems, Business Systems Group (BSG) and Openbox. The fund will support research efforts and staff development in the Department.

Professor Greg Foster
Head of Department
Books/Chapters/Monographs

Pade-Khene,C


Other Publications

Foster,G


Research Papers Presented at Academic/Scientific Conferences (Proceedings, Booklets and Attendance)

Alistoun,G and Upfold,C


Allcock,S and Benyon,R


Baduza,G and Pade-Khene,C


Rhodes Research Report 2011

Wantiez,A and Foster,G


Other Publications

Conger,S


Sainsbury,M