INTRODUCTION

2014 saw the establishment of a new research group in Health Informatics led by Professor Greg Foster, which has attracted a number of Postgraduate students working in the fields of mobile e-health security, the use of ICTs in healthcare, and behavioural change applications.

A visit from Professor Anthony Maeder, Professor in Health Informatics at the University of Western Sydney, strengthened collaborative ties between our two departments.

The ICT for Development (ICT4D) research group led by Dr Caroline Khene and Dr Kirstin Krauss had an especially productive year, generating six (6) publications and a further five (5) conference presentations. Other research areas within the Department include cloud computing adoption, ICTs in education, e-government and strategy development, virtual collaboration, and the use of social media in business. Staff from the Department attended a number of local conferences held in Port Elizabeth, Cape Town and Pretoria, as well as international conferences in Belgium, Senegal and New Zealand.

A collaborative initiative between the Departments of Information Systems and Management at Rhodes University led to the introduction of a new Masters and Doctoral Research Methodology course in 2014.

Postgraduates/Graduations

Postgraduate registrations in Information Systems showed substantial growth in 2014, with a total of six (6) PhD candidates, fourteen (14) Masters candidates, and a class of thirty-one (31) Honours students. In April 2014 we celebrated the graduation of three (3) Masters and twenty-nine (29) Honours students.

Distinguished Visitors/International Visits

Distinguished visitors to the Department included Professor Ojelanki Ngwenyama from Ryerson University, Professor Mariien Herselman from the University of Western Sydney, Professor Sue Conger from the University of Dallas, and previous Head of Department Professor Malcolm Sainsbury. Research Associate Ms Brenda Mallinson continued to contribute to the research efforts of the Department, with a number of conference presentations in the field of eLearning.

Significant Research Aligned Events

In March 2014, students and staff from the Department participated in the Research Rumble, an annual event which showcases research initiatives.
Local performers added colour to the ICIS 2014 conference in Auckland NZ, which was attended by Dr Kirstin Krauss being undertaken by members of the IT, CS and IS Departments of Rhodes University, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Water Sisulu University and the University of Fort Hare. Five (5) of our Masters and PhD students were subsequently invited to present research posters at the 2014 SAICSIT conference in Pretoria, where Dr Kirstin Krauss was one of the review panellists. Dr

Professor Greg Foster and Ms Jane Nash attended an HOD colloquium held during the SACLA 2014 conference. Caroline Khene joined distinguished researcher Professor Geoff Walsham from Cambridge University as a panelist at an international workshop hosted by the University of South Africa.

Ms Jane Nash
Head of Department

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Chapters/Monographs


Concerts, Exhibitions, Performances, Workshops, Events

Conger, S.


Mallinson, B.

Peer Reviewed Non-Subsidy-Earning Journal Research Publications

Conger, S.

Khene, C. J.
Peer Reviewed Subsidy-Earning Journal Research Publications


Peer Reviewed Proceedings

