

RESEARCH WEEK 2017

Snapshot of the launch of Research Week, Monday 8th May 2017.

The Rhodes University Library (RUL) commenced its first Research Week, 08-12 May 2017 with the theme *“In Support of the Emerging African Academic and Researcher”*. A well attended launch event set the tone for a dynamic week ahead.



Rhodes University Library's Director, Ujala Satgoor, welcomes academics, researchers and postgraduate students. She reiterated the importance of the Library as a desired research space and critical resource for the University's strategic academic and research programme. She highlighted the value of the Carnegie funded Research Libraries Consortium (RLC) project in building library and librarians capacity to play a more meaningful role in the development of the emerging African researcher and academic.



The welcome address of Dr Peter Clayton, DVC: Research & Development reinforced the recognition of the Library as a central stakeholder in the research project, which has built critical partnerships with the Research Office, Post-Graduate Centre and all researchers; and the driver of Open Access and Scholarly Communications at the University. He shared the University's strategic endeavours to create an environment which is conducive to advancing the academic programme and supports world class research practices and output.



In her inspiring keynote address, Professor Tebello Nyokong spoke about Internationalisation of research. She stated that although research is perceived about establishing yourself before you can get research funding and career promotion, it is largely about creating and sharing new knowledge. Through internationalization, the intellectualization of new knowledge is fostered by exchanging knowledge through publication, physical mobility (e.g. conferences and exchange programs), collaboration and co-authorship. In her light-hearted manner, Professor Nyokong emphasised the importance of making Africa a destination for quality research through equal exchange of knowledge sharing. She encourages all researchers, and particularly “young” researchers to seize every opportunity available to them and contribute toward this paradigm shift. She is truly an inspiration to aspiring researchers and academics.



From left to right: Debbie Martindale, Larshan Naicker, Prof Tebello Nyokong and Dr Peter Clayton