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COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY IN A CHANGING WORLD: DR ADJIN-TETTEY'S PIONEERING RESEARCH IN MEDIA, COMMUNICATION, AND JOURNALISM



Pictured: Dr Theodora Dame Adjin-Tetty

WAHEEDA PETERS

Meet Dr Theodora Dame Adjin-Tetty, an accomplished lecturer with 12 years of experience in Media, Language, and Communication, driven by teaching and research excellence.

"My research is focused on the field of communication, journalism, and media studies. I have been involved in various projects related to the safety of journalists, gender representation, media viability, climate change communication; new media use and appropriation, and media and information literacy.

"I am particularly interested in these areas and associated domains that seek to understand current media, communication, and journalism trends, and address emerging challenges for better communication, media and information ecology," she explained.

Dr Adjin-Tetty is leading research on trauma education in journalism, proposing a model curriculum, and collaborating on a co-edited book, Communication and Social Change, with colleagues in Ghana and Canada.

Dr Adjin-Tetty's recent research focuses on artificial intelligence in journalism practice, sustainable journalism, journalism education, journalist safety, female representation on primetime programmes, fact-checking practices of media and information consumers, and an assessment of the implementation of Ghana's Right to Information (RTI) Act which was passed in 2019. Her work has been published by high-impact journals in the field.

"I have also contributed a chapter to the Routledge Companion to Business Journalism book edited by Joseph Weber and Richard Dunham. My chapter was one of two contributions from Africa. I brought an important perspective from Ghana and tried to give a historical background to business journalism niches in Ghana, how they have evolved, and what keeps them going despite the viability challenges the media is confronted with," she added.

"I believe it is important to bring the African voice and perspective to important conversations in the field. So, for example, my contribution to the book on business journalism was largely motivated by the fact that good business journalism also occurs in Africa. We need to tell that story, including the story of its survival," explained Dr Adjin-Tetty.

She expressed further that her research aligns closely with DUT's ENVISION2030. "Sustainable journalism in practice, whether in teaching journalism or practising journalism, ensures an integrated approach to storytelling that does not detach environmental issues from the social and economic conditions of society," she explained.

Dr Adjin-Tetty emphasises journalism's crucial role in promoting sustainability, economic growth, and

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GUEST EDITOR'S NOTE



As a new communications team member at Durban University of Technology (DUT), I have gained valuable skills, knowledge, experience and exposure. My time in the department has been transformative, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with an extraordinary team and experienced supervisors Simangele Zuma and Waheeda Peters. My role allows me to engage with diverse individuals, fostering meaningful connections and expanding my network.

I am fortunate to work in a supportive environment with helpful colleagues who take the time to assist me when needed. The environment has taught me to collaborate with people of different personalities, greatly impacting my journalism career.

Throughout my journey, I have embraced the ENVISION2030 living values and principles, particularly honesty. As I am a journalist, I recognise the importance of integrity and accuracy in my work. I strive to maintain the highest standards of truthfulness, ensuring that the institution's reputation remains untarnished by false or misleading information.

As we approach the spring graduation, I extend my warmest congratulations to the graduates who have reached this milestone. Your dedication and perseverance has paid off, and I wish you all the best in your future. May your achievements inspire others to strive for excellence.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work in communications and look forward to continuing to learn and grow.

Sinamile Sithole

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SEPTEMBER IS DEAF AWARENESS MONTH

Celebrating the Recognition of South African Sign Language (SASL)

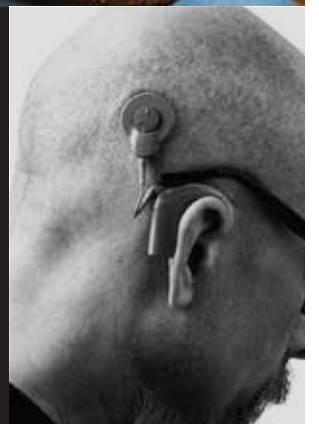
The Disability Rights Unit is pleased to announce that the month of September has been designated as Deaf Awareness Month, in recognition of the landmark achievement of South African Sign Language (SASL) being officially recognized as the 12th official language of the country. This momentous step forward represents a significant milestone in the realization of the rights of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as a commitment to promoting inclusive education in South African schools and Universities.



Building on the strides made since 1994 to entrench and protect language rights, the 1996 South African Schools Act (SASA) had previously officialised the use of SASL in education. On 19 July 2023, President Cyril Ramaphosa signed the South African Sign Language Bill into law, following the National Assembly's approval to amend the Constitution to include SASL as an official language.



SASL is an indigenous language with its own distinct grammatical structures and lexicon, independent of any other language. The new legislation seeks to advance the cultural acceptance of SASL, ensure the realization of the rights of persons who are deaf and hard of hearing, and promote inclusive and substantive equality while preventing disability discrimination. With this initiative, South Africa becomes the fourth country on the African continent to recognize sign language as an official language.



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democracy, and explores innovative ways to integrate sustainability into journalism education.

Her research expertise also led her to speak at two conferences in Gold Coast, Australia, and London. The opportunities arose from her research aligning with the themes of the conferences. "Thankfully, DUT supported my attendance, and I am grateful for that. I made sure to also talk about the institution when the opportunity presented itself," she expressed.

Dr Adjin-Tetty's research has opened up new opportunities for her. She was recently invited to participate and speak at the International Investigative Journalism Conference organised by Media Lab in Maputo, Mozambique. During the conference, she discussed the challenges faced by journalists and sharing some cases from her research over the years.

"I believe that my research work is relevant to advancing knowledge in my field. My work has also connected me with networks and platforms, such as the African Journalism Educators Network (AJEN), the Sustainable Journalism Partnership (SJP) and the Intercontinental Panel on the Information Environment (IPIE). These organisations and platforms have allowed me to expand the reach of my research and to deliberate on how research findings in the field could contribute to solutions in the field of practice. I have had the opportunity to network with amazing practitioners and scholars in media and communication. AJEN asked me to chair and moderate a panel on sustainable education in practice at the recently held roundtable in Nairobi," she said.

One of the significant contributions of Dr Adjin-Tetty's work will be the trauma-sensitive model curriculum that she and her colleagues are proposing.

"I believe that my scholarship has shed light on current trends in the field, and I have made many recommendations that I believe will be useful in enhancing the field's development. I also recently worked on a project that proposed various solutions to ensure that journalism education is responsive to the current challenges that the media faces," she commented.

Dr Adjin-Tetty believes that the research she conducts is timely and responsive to current trends and the prospects of the field. "I also believe that the recommendations that come from my research, when taken on, will have a great impact on journalism education and practice. That is also my noble contribution to the field through research," she explained.

Collaborations with other researchers, institutions or industry partners played a role in Dr Adjin-Tetty's research projects. "My National Research Foundation (NRF)-funded fellowship with the School of Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes University, and the opportunity it presented to me to be involved in collaborative projects by the Fojo Media Institute, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and Open Societies Foundation, have greatly shaped the course of my research career. During this period, I also had the opportunity to be part of a South African Government-commissioned study that assessed government communications during the COVID-19 pandemic," she shared.

The collaborations she has had with many scholars in the field and other fields have proven to be useful. They have opened doors for Dr Adjin-Tetty to travel and share her insights on important issues in the field, such as how to save journalism in the face of sustainability challenges, among others.

Dr Adjin-Tetty explained how her research findings could benefit local communities or industries through practical applications.

"My research is beneficial to scholars in the field as well as to students, communication, and media workers. I bring up-to-date information from the field to the lecture room, which informs my teaching. I believe colleagues who read my work also benefit from it," she shared.

Dr Adjin-Tetty has her sights set on applying for the NRF rating. "I believe that it will happen soon. I have been privileged to have been selected for the GOOT Future Professors Programme, and one of the opportunities that comes with it is to get the support that I need to apply for the rating. I hope to do so soon," she replied.

Dr Adjin-Tetty aims to continue researching critical issues in communication, journalism, and media, seeking impactful solutions. "I also want to be involved in community engagement activities and create strategies to make my research more accessible to practitioners and the public, not just scholars or students," she said.

A DECADE OF DEFIANCE: DUT'S SILENT PROTEST AGAINST GENDER- BASED VIOLENCE CONTINUES

SIMANGELE ZUMA



The Durban University of Technology (DUT) recently held its 10th Annual Silent Protest March against Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

This event was a powerful demonstration of solidarity with survivors and a commitment to creating a safer environment for all.

The event, themed "One act of Gender-Based Violence equals too many," brought together students, staff, and distinguished guests, including Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Mr Buti Manamela, and CEO of Higher Health, Professor Ramneek Ahluwalia.

The march aimed to raise awareness and encourage students to speak out against GBV, with a goal of zero tolerance for all forms of violence.

Professor Ahluwalia emphasised the harsh reality that one in three young women in South Africa is sexually violated before age 21, urging collective action to create a safer society.

The event featured a panel discussion, keynote address, and messages of support from student leaders and officials, reaffirming DUT's dedication to eradicating GBV.



ADVANCING ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE THROUGH AI: SPOTLIGHT ON MSOMI'S LATEST RESEARCH AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

WAHEEDA PETERS

Meet Thabiso Sthembiso Msomi, a renowned lecturer at Durban University of Technology's Faculty of Accounting and Informatics, whose pioneering research explores the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into managerial accounting and finance, driving innovation and advancement in the field.

"My.....and respected journals, contributing to both local and international academic communities," he said.

Mr Msomi's research journey has been marked by significant mile-stones, including the 2023 Faculty Researcher of the Year (Platinum category) at the DUT Institutional Awards and the 2023 Best Research-er Award at the International Research Awards on Accounting and Financial Management.

Currently, Mr Msomi is working on integrating AI into managerial accounting and finance with the South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA), PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) South Africa, and the DUT innobiz Centre. This project aims to improve the abilities of professional accountants in research and data gathering, thus assisting management in decision-making and problem-solving.

"The potential for AI to revolutionise traditional accounting practices and provide innovative solutions to complex financial problems has driven my interest and commitment to this research area. It also aligns with the DUT ENVISION2030 strategy by fostering innovation and technological advancement," he said.



Pictured: Thabiso Sthembiso Msomi

Mr Msomi develops AI-driven tools to enhance data analysis and decision-making. "These innovations contribute to advancing knowledge by introducing new methodologies and perspectives in financial analysis," he commented.

A recent breakthrough was the implementation of an AI-based model that significantly improves the accuracy of financial forecasts and risk assessments. "This model has the potential to transform how businesses approach financial planning and risk management, offering more reliable and timely insights," he indicated.

Mr Msomi's research contributes (take this word out) also contributes to the broader academic community. "It opens new avenues for research, motivating scholars to explore the potential of AI further and develop new applications," he conveyed.

Collaboration has been crucial in Mr Msomi's research projects. "Working with SAIPA, PwC South Africa, and the DUT innobiz Centre has provided valuable insights and resources," he explained.

Mr Msomi's research focuses on practical application. "These tools can help local industries by providing more accurate financial forecasts, risk assessments, and strategic planning capabilities," he added.

Mr Msomi's future goals include achieving an NRF rating to validate his contributions, exploring AI, blockchain, and machine learning in financial management, and aligning his work with DUT's vision to drive sustainable development, innovation, and address industry challenges with environmental, social, and economic considerations.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE RECOGNISED: DUT'S PROF SHODE EARNS NRF C3 RATING

SIMANGELE ZUMA

Embarking on a journey to unravel the mysteries of biotechnology and food science, Professor Francis Oluwole Shode stands as a beacon of inspiration in the hallowed halls of the Durban University of Technology (DUT). Recently adorned with the prestigious National Research Foundation (NRF) C3 rating, his tireless efforts and groundbreaking research have earned him well-deserved recognition in the academic community.

This recognition signifies that he is an established researcher with a sustained recent record of productivity in his field. He has been acknowledged by his peers for producing a body of quality work and demonstrating the ability to conceptualise problems and apply research methods to investigate them.

"The recent NRF rating came in as a blessing and recognition of my research outputs over the past five years and the global impact they have created. I am pleased about it as it further adds impetus to my research agenda to accomplish more in the coming years," shared Prof Shode in excitement.

He described himself as an organic chemist with over four decades of teaching and research experience.

"I have had the privilege of contributing to the advancement of chemical sciences and nurturing the next generation of scientists. My journey in academia started in the 80s after the completion of my doctoral degree at the University of Sheffield, in Sheffield, England. It was an epoch-making experience for me with a spectacular interaction with the chemistry of spirodienones, a group of compounds closely resembling griseofulvin, a natural antimycotic agent," shared Prof Shode.

He joined DUT in 2017 as a Research Associate in the Department of Biotechnology and Food Science. Here he continues his research on the development of ethno-phytopharmaceuticals and nutraceuticals from African medicinal and food plants against malnutrition and chronic diseases. He has published extensively in both local and international journals.

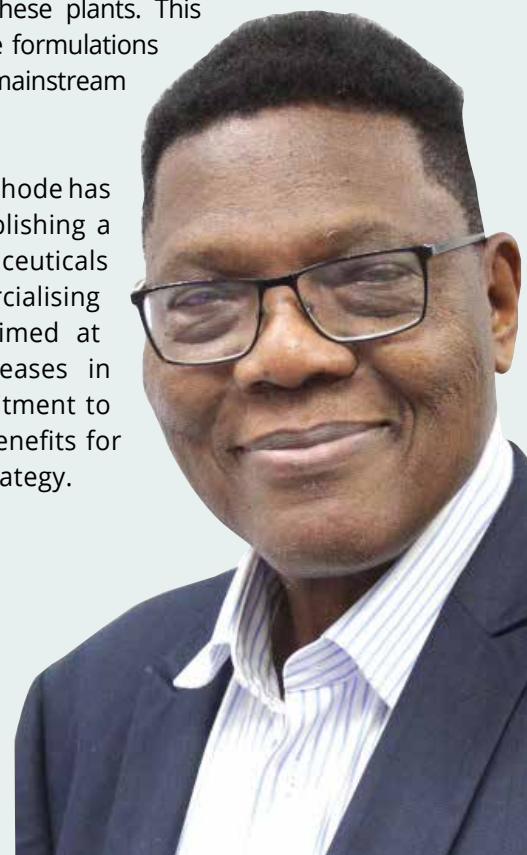
"My current research focus is on the isolation, characterisation, and beneficiation of bioactive natural compounds from a wide range of African medicinal plants, using analytical chemistry, computational modelling, and organic synthesis of potential anti-diabetic, anti-hypertensive, anti-HIV, anti-COVID-19, anti-malaria, and anti-sickle cell disease agents, among others. The inspiration for this research focus came from the under-utilisation of many known African medicinal plants of therapeutic importance, coupled with the high disease burden in African society due to malnutrition, expensive medical treatment, and lifestyles of the people," reiterated Prof Shode.

Over the years, his research has focused on bridging traditional knowledge and modern science, by identifying and isolating bioactive compounds from indigenous plants. Prof Shode indicated that these efforts have resulted in significant breakthroughs in understanding the therapeutic potential of these plants. This has led to the development of several innovative formulations that address diseases often overlooked in mainstream pharmaceutical research.

In addition to his academic contributions, Prof Shode has also ventured into entrepreneurship by establishing a spin-off company from DUT called Sholab Nutraceuticals (Pty) Ltd. This company is focused on commercialising nutraceuticals and botanical therapeutics aimed at addressing malnutrition and neglected diseases in Africa. This initiative demonstrates his commitment to translating academic research into tangible benefits for society, as outlined in DUT's ENVISION2030 strategy.

Looking ahead, he plans to continue advancing his research agenda and speeding up the commercialisation of his research findings.

Pictured: NRF C3-rated Professor Francis Oluwole Shode



PROMOTING A CULTURE OF SAFETY AND RESPECT: DUT CHIROPRACTIC STUDENTS' STANCE AGAINST PATIENT MISCONDUCT AND HARASSMENT OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

DR JUNAID SHAIK

There is a growing global trend of violence against healthcare professionals, particularly doctors, including medical, chiropractors, homeopaths, as well as nurses. This highlights the need for proactive measures to address this issue and ensure a safe working environment for practitioners.

While female doctors, nurses, chiropractors and other healthcare workers are especially vulnerable to abuse by patients, there has been a recent spike in males being affected as well.

To tackle patient misconduct and harassment towards healthcare providers, chiropractic students in the Community and Public Health (PCOH101) module participated in a vibrant class exercise. The lecture session emphasised the importance of health laws and ethical principles, and incorporated real-life scenarios to equip healthcare students with a better understanding of the challenges they may face in clinical practice.

Embracing the pedagogical synergy of traditional didacticism and innovative instructional design, the students embarked on a group work activity after their lecture.

Under the guidance of lecturer, Dr Junaid Shaik, the students were tasked with creating a photographic representation of a given word or clinical scenario, translating abstract concepts into tangible visual narratives. Their photographic representation had to capture the essence of the given situation and embody its complexities into a poignant visual metaphor. This exercise not only honed their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, but also empowered them to become active creators of knowledge, rather than mere passive recipients.

Despite time constraints and other curricular demands, it is imperative to diversify teaching methodologies to enhance student engagement and motivation and promote deeper understanding and retention of subject matter.

The students demonstrated exceptional creativity in completing this task, aligning with the Durban University of Technology's ENVISION2030 Living Values Framework of transparency, honesty, integrity, respect, and accountability.



Top: Jauhara Moosa, T'Ann Kisten
Seated: Husnaa Seedat



Left to right: Ettana Govender, Erica Lalmund, Nontobeko Khoza, Chloe Warwick



Left to right: Hazel Bodhylera, Anele Gxubane, Nqobile Radebe



Left to right: Zeenat Hoosen, Zoe Steel, Joshua Goncalves

SAFEGUARDING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: THE VITAL ROLE OF DUT'S IREC

In the pursuit of academic and scientific advancement, research ethics play a crucial role. The Institutional Research Ethics Committee (IREC) at the Durban University of Technology (DUT) plays a pivotal role in ensuring that all research involving human participants and the environment is conducted with integrity and respect.

This article explores the key functions of DUT-IREC in upholding research ethics and maintaining the highest standards of ethical practice.

Protecting Participants

The primary responsibility of the DUT-IREC is to protect the rights, dignity, and welfare of research participants. This involves a thorough review of research proposals to ensure that participants are not exposed to unnecessary risks and that their participation is voluntary and informed. The committee meticulously evaluates the informed consent process, to ensure that participants receive clear and comprehensive information about the study, including its purpose, procedures, risks, and benefits.



Ensuring Validity

Ethical research is not only about protecting participants but also about ensuring the scientific validity of the study. The DUT-IREC reviews research proposals to confirm that the study design is robust and capable of producing reliable and valuable results. This involves assessing the research methodology, sampling techniques, and data collection procedures. By ensuring scientific rigor, the committee helps maintain the credibility and integrity of the research.

Reviewing and Approving Research Proposals

Before any research involving human participants or the environment can commence, it must receive ethical approval from the DUT-IREC. The committee reviews all aspects of the research proposal, including its ethical implications, study design, and potential impact on participants and the environment. Proposals are categorized based on the level of risk involved, with more complex or higher-risk studies undergoing a full review by the committee. This rigorous review process ensures that all research conducted under the auspices of DUT is compliant with ethical standards.

Monitoring Ongoing Research

The DUT-IREC's role does not end with the approval of research proposals. It extends to monitoring ongoing research to ensure continued compliance with ethical guidelines. Researchers are required to submit regular progress reports, and any adverse events or protocol deviations must be promptly reported to the committee. This ongoing oversight helps identify and address any ethical issues that may arise during the course of the study, ensuring consistent protection of participant welfare.

Addressing Concerns and Complaints

The DUT-IREC serves as a point of contact for participants, researchers, and other stakeholders to raise ethical concerns or complaints related to research activities. The committee is responsible for investigating these concerns and taking appropriate action to resolve them, including conducting further reviews, requesting amendments to the research protocol, or suspending or terminating the study if necessary. By addressing ethical concerns promptly and effectively, the DUT-IREC helps maintain trust in the research process.

Training and Education

To promote a culture of ethical research, the DUT-IREC is actively involved in training and educating researchers, students, and staff about ethical principles and best practices. The committee conducts workshops, seminars, and training sessions on various aspects of research ethics, including informed consent, confidentiality, and risk management. By enhancing the ethical awareness and competence of the research community, the DUT-IREC contributes to the overall quality and integrity of research at DUT.

Adherence to National and International Standards

The DUT-IREC aligns its activities with national and international ethical guidelines and standards, ensuring that DUT's research practices are consistent with global best practices. These include the South African National Health Act, the Declaration of Helsinki, and the Belmont Report. This alignment also facilitates collaboration with international researchers and institutions, promoting the exchange of knowledge and innovation.

In conclusion, the DUT-IREC plays a crucial role in upholding research ethics at the Durban University of Technology. Through rigorous review and approval processes, ongoing monitoring, and a commitment to education and training, the committee ensures that research involving human participants and the environment is conducted ethically and responsibly. By safeguarding participant welfare, ensuring scientific validity, and addressing ethical concerns, the DUT-IREC helps maintain the integrity and credibility of research, ultimately contributing to the advancement of knowledge in an ethical and respectful manner.

*For more information about the DUT-IREC and its activities, researchers and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the DUT-IREC webpage or contact the committee directly. Upholding research ethics is a collective responsibility, and the DUT-IREC is dedicated to supporting the research community in achieving this goal.

Dr MV Thuraisingham
DUT FAI-FREC Chairperson



EXPLORING THE FRONTIERS OF FOOD SCIENCE: PROF JOHN MELLEM'S INAUGURAL LECTURE

WAHEEDA PETERS

The Durban University of Technology (DUT) recently hosted the exciting professorial Inaugural Lecture of Professor John Mellem which took place at the Coastlands Umhlanga Hotel.

Prof Mellem is a Food Science Professor in the Department of Biotechnology and Food Science, Faculty of Applied Sciences. The guests in attendance included DUT academics, DUT students, friends and family of the dynamic Prof Mellem.

Dr Azwitevhelwi Nevhutalu, Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching and Learning, gave the opening address, warmly welcoming the distinguished guests to the momentous occasion to celebrate the sterling milestone of full professorship which was achieved by Prof Mellem.

This was followed by the special introduction of the inaugurand event, which was presented by the charismatic Prof Suren Singh, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Prof Singh gave insight into Prof Mellem's journey at the Durban University of Technology (DUT). He explained that it was a truly unique and a remarkable achievement, illustrating a journey from obtaining a National Diploma to achieving the status of Full Professor in just under 25 years.

He shared that Prof Mellem's academic career began at the Durban University of Technology (DUT), where his early exposure to research during Work Integrated Learning (WIL) under the mentorship of Prof Bux at the Institute of Water and Wastewater Technology ignited his passion for research.

Prof Singh further shared that Prof Mellem's impressive research track record highlights his dedication to excellence and mentorship in the field of biotechnology and food science.

"Beyond his academic and professional achievements, Prof Mellem is known for his neuted personality and diverse interests. A passionate soccer fan, he is a dedicated supporter of Liverpool FC. His culinary talents are also noteworthy; he is affectionately known as the Pinetown's King Chef, always outshining his wife in the kitchen, showcasing his passion for cooking," added Prof Singh.

Prof Singh shared heartwarming insights about the esteemed Prof Mellem, shedding light on, his marriage to Kameshnee Mellem, the Faculty Research Officer, for 20 years. Together, they are proud parents to two wonderful children: Liam, who is 16, and Madison, who is nine years old.

"Prof Mellem's academic contributions have been recognised with significant accolades, including his promotion to Associate Professor in 2018 and later to Full Professor in 2023. He received a National Research Foundation (NRF) C2 rating in January 2022, a testament to his impactful work in the field," he said proudly. "On behalf of the Faculty and Department of Biotechnology and Food Technology I wish you continued success in your research, especially your great work towards wellness in society. May your knowledge and research contribute to a healthier and more prosperous future for our society," added Prof Singh.

During his inaugural lecture, Prof Mellem discussed his presentation titled: The Future of Food. He spoke about the context of his studies, current and future research focus areas, and the deliberations of his research.



Prof Mellem looked at the role of food in society in terms of health and nutrition. He offered insights into the field of Food Science and its application to health-related issues such as cancer, a topic that held personal significance for him due to his father's passing from the disease. Additionally, he explored how Food Science can be utilised to address food security concerns.

The NRF C2-rated researcher's investigations focused on characterizing biomolecules to develop functional foods or nutraceuticals for addressing diet-related diseases and malnutrition. In his presentation, he focused on his research into cancer and the most common treatment methods, including radiotherapy, chemotherapy and surgery. He also explained the use of alternative therapies such as vitamin therapy and nutrition.

Additionally, he discussed of the tools used in research such as microscopy, apoptosis and key enzymes. Prof Mellem further emphasised the vital usage of probiotics.

"The use of probiotics and prebiotics have been trending in the food industry with an increase in functional foods such as probiotic based food products and beverages. Probiotics are non-pathogenic, live microorganisms considered to be beneficial to the host body as they aid in digestion and reduces the symptoms of many chronic gastrointestinal diseases. Also, the nature of the probiotic, viability in the gastrointestinal tract, and stability in food products poses a problem within food systems," he shared.

Prof Mellem provided further details on the current meat production system and mentioned that his research is focused on alternative meat substitutes, a field that has experienced significant growth since 2013.

"The focus of studies has been on the reduction of costs associated with media used for cell growth as well as the development of scaffold materials to support the adherence of cells for better differentiation and tissue development," he said.

He then looked at the production costs, feasibility, energy efficiency and the organoleptic properties. In concluding his talk, he said that his research, which spans over 19 years, is just the tip of the iceberg.

He hopes to introduce the use of lab-grown meat after much research, and mentioned that lab-grown meat is currently being used in Singapore as the legislation had been approved.

After his thought-provoking presentation, a robust question and answer session followed, which was



Pictured: Professor John Mellem



concluded by the closing remarks and vote of thanks given by Prof Fulufhelo Nemavhola, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Engagement.

"As you embark on this new chapter in your academic career, we not only celebrate your past achievements but also eagerly anticipate the exciting possibilities that lie ahead. Your leadership, vision, and adherence to the principles of DUT will undoubtedly continue to elevate the standards of research and education at DUT and beyond. We look forward to witnessing the continued impact of your work as we collectively strive towards the goals and aspirations as set out by DUT ENVISION2030," he said.



SPORTS DAY SUCCESS: FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES BRINGS DUT COMMUNITY TOGETHER

WAHEEDA PETERS

The Faculty of Management Sciences at DUT, in collaboration with DUT Business School and Gagasi FM, successfully hosted its first Annual Sports Day on 13 September 2024.

All 11 departments from the faculty gathered at the university's sports grounds for a day filled with camaraderie, sportsmanship, and fun.

The event featured various sporting activities, such as soccer, volleyball, and netball, with participation from both staff and students. In addition to the sports, the day was packed with games and entertainment, bringing together the entire DUT community in a celebration of social cohesion and healthy living.

Gagasi FM added to the festive atmosphere with live music and interactive activities.

Executive Dean, Prof Netswera, expressed his pride in the faculty's participation, noting that the event fostered unity across departments. He also declared the day a "no-lecture, no-work" event, allowing everyone to fully immerse themselves in the activities.

This annual event aims to strengthen relationships within the Faculty of Management Sciences and beyond, encouraging a holistic approach to well-being.

The day concluded with a vibrant awards ceremony to recognise outstanding performances across the various sporting codes. Plans are already underway to make next year's event even bigger and better.

DUT staff and students having fun at the annual Sports day

