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A note from the HOD



The Department of Chiropractic continues to emphasise progress within the department and the curriculum. As will be seen in the newsletter, we have shown great strides, with 8 year ECCE accreditation, 5 publications in 2019, awards one and international conferences attended.

We would like to thank the previous Dean of the Faculty, Prof Andre Swart, for his continued leadership over many years, and his support for the department. He has moved on to be the Chief Operating Officer at UJ, and we wish him all the best for the position.

As you may have heard, the curriculum and programme have undergone a rearticulation in line with the HEQSF. This has allowed for a critical analysis of the current offering, and what I believe to be an enhanced programme that emphasizes earlier clinical development. The new programmes, namely the BHSc Chiropractic and MSc Chiropractic, will be fully offered from 2020, and have been approved by the CHE and SAQA. The Faculty has also got approval for a generic Doctoral degree, that will have a specific Chiropractic designation. This will allow candidates to complete doctoral level studies in the profession, which can only enhance the status of the profession.

I would like to thank the staff for their continued support and dedication to the programme. The achievements can never be the result of one persons, and we are fortunate to have the team we do at UJ.

I hope you find the newsletter informative and if you want more information, please feel free to email me on chrisy@uj.ac.za.

Regards,

DR C YELVERTON

UJ OBTAINS 8 YEARS ECCE ACCREDITATION



THE ECCE COUNCIL AWARDED THE UJ 8 YEARS ACCREDITATION, THE FIRST PROGRAMME TO BE AWARDED THIS MAXIMUM TIME PERIOD.

The programme at UJ has been accredited since its initial review in 2010, and in 2013, where it was awarded the maximum time period for accreditation (3 years and 5 years respectively).

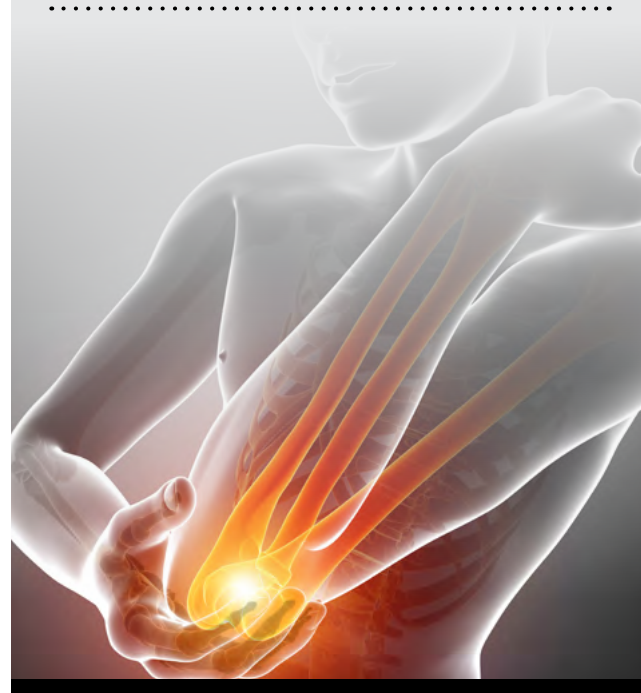
The department underwent the review in September 2018 for the renewal of the accreditation. This required a self evaluation report and a site visit by the international panel.

The ECCE council awarded the UJ 8 years accreditation, the first programme to be awarded this maximum time period.

This is a testament to the quality of the programme offering, based on international benchmarks, and certainly puts UJ amongst the top programmes in Europe and internationally.

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EDUCATION



INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION

THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE AND IMPACT AT CONFERENCES.



2018 WFC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Dr Yelverton was an invited speaker, and had 2 podium presentations at the WFC Education Conference in London in 2018.



2019 ECU/ WFC BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Dr Hay, Dr Yelverton and Prof Barnard (Water and Health Research Unit) presented research posters at the ECU/ WFC Biennial Conference in Berlin in 2019, where one of the posters was awarded the top African research poster award. In total, the department had 6 posters presented at this conference.



ECCE

Dr Yelverton was also elected in 2018 onto the executive of the ECCE as Vice-president.

WELCOME TO THE NEW DEAN

The Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) is proud to introduce the new Executive Dean: Faculty of Health Sciences, Prof Sehaam Khan to drive the university's ambitious interdisciplinary education and research agenda in medicine, allied health and sports science. Prof Khan will assume her duties with effect from 1st March 2019.

Before joining the University of Johannesburg, Prof Khan was the Dean at NUST – Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences. She has a proven track record of strategic planning and reporting; managing the re-circulation and programme review process of all undergraduate and postgraduate degrees offered within the Faculty; lead stakeholder engagements partnerships both locally and internationally, fostering exchange opportunities, and finally, lead the Faculty in the pursuit of total quality management in research, teaching and learning.

We wish Prof Khan well with her new appointment and trust that she will continue to enjoy a fulfilling career as she takes up her new position at UJ.



» PROF SEHAAM KHAN



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Chiropractic students excel in sport

THE DEPARTMENT IS EXTREMELY PROUD OF TWO STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXCELLED IN THEIR FIELD OF SPORT AT AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

▶ **ELEANOR DE KOCK**



Eleanor de Kock recently represented her country in Sheffield, England playing underwater hockey at the Age Group Underwater Hockey World Championships for the U/24 ladies team.

There were a total of 7 teams that included New Zealand, France, South Africa, Great Britain, Columbia, Netherlands and Argentina.

The South African U/24 ladies team, captained by Eleanor de Kock, a 5th-year chiropractic student brought home a bronze medal after losing a sudden-death semi-final against the champions, New Zealand. The ladies ended their tournament when they beat Great Britain, stripping them from the podium.

The South African U/24 ladies have only received two bronze medals in all the years competing, of which Eleanor shares a part of both medals. She has played her 7 World championships and has the entire collection of 2 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals.

Her time as an age group competitor has come to an end, yet her road as a South African underwater hockey player still has many kilometres ahead.

▶ **KRISTEN PATON**



KRISTEN PATON HAS EXCELLED AT HOCKEY WITH THE FOLLOWING ACCOLADES:

2014: Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing

2015: South African U21 team

2016: South African U21 junior World Cup team to compete at the junior World Cup in Chile

2017: Premier hockey league player of the tournament, U21 inter-provincial player of the tournament, junior player of the tournament at senior inter-provincial tournament, South African women team – gold medal at the Africa Hockey Cup of Nations

2018: South African Commonwealth Games team (in Gold Coast, Australia) and South African World Cup team (World Cup in London)

2019: South African Olympic Games qualifying team for world series in Valencia, Spain



Chiropractic student body strong as ever



The UJ chiropractic student body has for many years been a strong movement, and have been led by Sam Pearson, Micheala Van Praag and Kayleigh Posthumus over the last few years, as President of the Chiropractic Student Council. The committees under this council include Sport, WCCS and SCAG. This is a synopsis of their activities for 2019.

» SCAG (STUDENT CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION OF GAUTENG)



as create an archive with all necessary documents in one place.

All voting took place on the digital platform Google forms. Links were sent out to the student body and students were required to enter their email addresses. This ensures the elimination of human error in counting votes, easy accessibility to all students, transparency and valid voting. It helped the student body in being more efficient and effective.

CSC has continued progress with the CASA mentorship program which is making slow but steady progress.

SCAG (STUDENT CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION OF GAUTENG)

SCAG did a phenomenal job in organising all the first year events which included camp, a meet and greet and the Inter-Faculty Games (which we won).

Over and above the integration of the first years into the system, SCAG has been very involved in Fundraising and events for Ethembeni. SCAG has been integral in arranging Oath taking. Together with CSC, SCAG has made huge efforts to increase

CSC (CHIROPRACTIC STUDENT COUNCIL)

For 2019, the mission was to make information accessible and move the entire student body into a space that was current, professional and transparent.

This began with the drafting of 1st

year student guides which were made into PDF documents, including links for easy browsing.

Another big project included the creation of a student body website (www.cscuj.com) which acted as a one stop shop for everything students required to successfully register with the appropriate external bodies as well

the social media presence and get information regarding educational talks, opportunities and events on at least 3 platforms at any given time.

SCSC (STUDENT CHIROPRACTIC SPORTS COUNCIL)

SCSC has been phenomenal in arranging and facilitating huge amounts of events for students to work at. A number of new bed covers, bags and banners were also purchased this year to help UJ keep looking it's best at Sports Events. SCSC together with CSC hoped to open the opportunity to pay for a financially strained individual with an interest in sport to attend the FICS hands-on module, unfortunately, this has been postponed until 2020, at which point the idea will be revisited.

WCCS

The World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) is a global organisation which is recognised for continually changing global consciousness. The organisation achieves this through addressing education, legislation, healthcare reform and the understanding of chiropractic and its contribution to the optimal expression of human health and potential.

Every year, different chapters globally attend an AGM which is held in a different location each year. The WCCS UJ Chapter was elated to attend the WCCS AGM in Brisbane 2019 which hosted almost 150 delegates.

Along with proposal discussions and feedback on progress made throughout the year, delegates received talks from phenomenal keynote speakers including Dr Doyle, Dr Dickins, Dr Garbutt (President of FICS), Dr Coxon (President of ACA), Dr Timchur, Dr Leahy and Dr Tornatora.

In addition, research and education panels presented by Dr Holt, Dr Duehr, Dr Brown (Secretary-General WFC) and Dr Grace added a number of discussion points to the congress floor.

We honour Nerina le Roux for her phenomenal work on the World

SCAG DID A PHENOMENAL JOB IN ORGANISING ALL THE FIRST YEAR EVENTS WHICH INCLUDED CAMP, A MEET AND GREET AND THE INTER-FACULTY GAMES

Congress of Chiropractic Students – WCCS Board of Directors, and congratulate Lebogang Khesa for his election from African regional coordinator to Board of Directors member.

WCCS chair Kelly Samson did an amazing job in representing the UJ chapter and along with Tayla Wagner helped to keep the chapter members back home up to date.

Tayla Wagner was also chosen as our convener for the African Regional Event for 2020. Thank you to our CSC president, Kayleigh Posthumus, for representing not just the WCCS UJ chapter but the University of Johannesburg Department of Chiropractic.

We are so proud to announce that WCCS UJ Chapter was nominated best chapter for this event.

WCCS arranged two fundraisers to help facilitate the accessibility of the WCCS AGM which more can be read about in the AGM summary report.

Additionally, almost monthly talks with doctors were arranged for the students at a small fee. These talks encouraged clinical learning as well as fundraising. These funds have gone towards the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation along with portions from the other two fundraisers.

Funds have also been used to make donations towards victims of the cyclone in Mozambique, numerous animal shelters as well as rise against hunger.

In addition, the WCCS UJ chapter won the WFC World Spine Day Competition in 2018 for the Educational Institution Category.

» WCCS



CASA AWARDS

The following students received the CASA Excellence Awards for 2018 and 2019:

► DR SAM PEARSON (2018)



► DR MICHAELA VAN PRAAG (2019)



These recipients should be proud of these excellence awards, and we are sure they will continue to enhance the profession as practitioners.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC FELLOW

The Department of Chiropractic is proud to announce that Dr Yelverton has been admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Chiropractors. The College is a Royal chartered membership organisation, that promotes and supports high standards of education, practice and research, enabling chiropractors to provide, and to be recognised for providing, high quality care for patients. We congratulate Dr Yelverton on this notable achievement.



The Royal College of Chiropractors

2019 LOVE CHIRO Student Seminar



The 2019 Love Chiropractic Student Seminar was hosted at the University of Johannesburg on the weekend of 19th-21st July.

The event was an absolute success attended by 60 chiropractic students 19 speakers, with all profits being donated to charity, and could not have been held without the hard work of Geraldine Cartwright.

The speakers were all experts in their own fields. Some topics covered were geriatrics, paediatrics, homeopathy, finances and adjusting classes. The seminars' main goal was to inspire and motivate the students for their final stretch of studies each speaker managed to do this in their own way which was truly phenomenal.

A big thank you to the speakers who gave us their time and an insight into their area of expertise.