

Congratulations Prof Louis Kotze and Prof Anel du Plessis!



The Volkswagen Foundation, the Deutsche Messe and the Stiftung Mercator in 2010 will provide a platform for leading intellectuals, researchers, business people, and politicians as well as promising young researchers and future leaders in all branches of society to enter into a dialogue culminating in the conference "Our Common Future" to be held from 2 to 6 November 2010 in Hanover and Essen, Germany. It is the objective of the conference to further the exchange of ideas among established as well as upcoming young researchers, politicians, business people, and decision-makers. The Volkswagen Foundation offered up to 100 grants for highly motivated young researchers from all over the world and invites them to attend the conference, take part in the plenary sessions, topical workshops, and panel discussions. Prof Anel du Plessis and Louis Kotze are among these participants.

7 August 2009 - Recognition for second year students!



On 7 August 2009 the faculty hosted an all-time first recognition was given to second year students who passed all their first year modules in 2008. The event took the format of a graduation ceremony. The vice-rector (academic) of the Potchefstroom campus, Prof Mariette Lewis, added glamour to the proceedings with her presence. She congratulated the students with their academic performance and wished them well with their academic, and later on also their professional, career.

Mr. Freddy Terblanche of Ramsay Webber firm in Illovo also addressed the students and explained to them the importance of working hard for future career prospects.

The importance of the occasion was highlighted with the presence of parents and other guests of students who attended the ceremony.

The event was conducted by first year students signing their commitment to the Code of the Faculty.

LAW CAREER FAIR



On the 7th May the Law Faculty hosted its first ever Career Fair. The event took place in front of the Old Main Building. The umbrellas were pitched up very early and the tables gave a rather festive atmosphere with colourful table clothes and even lolly pops.

Five firms, namely Weber Wentzel, Edu Loan, Spoor & Fischer, Denys Reitz en Cliffe Dekker & Hofmeyer came out for the day to introduce themselves to the students. On their part students attended en masse to abstain more information and also to introduce themselves to the representatives. In fact, feedback from the representatives was extremely positive and they thoroughly enjoyed, not only the enthusiasm of the students but also the hospitality of the faculty.

Lectures also used the opportunity to discuss typical issues with the representatives, more in particular, what is expected of students when entering the profession.

Open day 1 May 2009



Conference on traditional and indigenous knowledge

Potchefstroom - The Faculty of Law at the Potchefstroom Campus of the North-West University (NWU) hosted a conference on traditional and indigenous knowledge in the legal context and several local and overseas experts shared the expertise with congress attendants.



Front: Ms Lee-Ann Tong from the University of Cape Town, Prof Annette Combrink Rector of the Potchefstroom Campus of the North-West University (NWU), Ms Mari-Elise Gates (University of Louisville, Kentucky, United States of America (USA), Mr Pieter Brits (University of the Free State), Ms Tracy Rangecas (Spoor & Fisher, Pretoria) and Tracy Gutuza from University of Cape Town. Back: Profs Enyinna Nwauche (River State University, Nigeria), Alexander Peukert (Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany), André van der Merwe (DM Kisch Inc., Pretoria) and John Cross (University of Louisville, Kentucky, USA).

Winter/summer school presented by NWU and the University of Tilburg

A joint winter/summer school is presented by the NWU and the University of Tilburg in January each year. The school either takes place during the African summer or the European winter. In 2009 a group of NWU students visited Tilburg and in 2010 the NWU Potchefstroom campus will be the host for the event. The 10 day school is attended by approximately 15 selected LLM or LLB IV students from this campus, as well as students from the Mafikeng campus and the UVT. The purpose is to give these senior students the opportunity to intensively discuss a central theme, under guidance of lecturers from both the NWU and UVT. Lectures are presented in the morning and students have to complete an assignment each afternoon, with a late afternoon group discussion of the assignment. At night and over the weekend, students may take part in the social programme that is organised by fellow students. The official programme includes a visit to places of interest for law students, such as the International Criminal Court or Palace of Justice in The Hague or the Constitutional Court in Johannesburg. Previous themes were "Good governance" and "Contemporary human rights challenges". The theme for 2010 and 2011 will be "Legal challenges to regional cooperation: The African and European experience". If you are interested in attending the school, you may submit your CV to either Prof S de la Harpe or Ms R Roos before the end of September 2009.

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March 2009 graduation

During the March 2009 graduation ceremony the following degrees were awarded:

118 LLB students

14 BA Law students

71 B Com students

5 LLB students, 2 BA Law students and 6 B Com Law students received their degree cum laude.

Ms G Herbst received a award for excellent academic achievement and received the Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyer medal for her achievement as best LLB student. Mr Faan Coetzee, the representative of Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr presented her with the medal.

Mr Sam Moleko presented the Phatshoane Henney medal to the following LLB cum laude students: G Herbst, S Botes, M Rossouw, A Spies and B Tenner



Faculty Meeting 17 February 2009

Historic first was achieved in the faculty when a meeting comprising of lecturers and some 300 students was held. Prof Venter, dean of the Faculty, addressed the meeting on various contentious issues in the faculty. He emphasized that lecturers and students are the owners of the Faculty as a unitary institution who need each other to achieve the goals the Faculty has set for itself

Judge Deon van Zyl visited the faculty

The honourable Judge Deon Van Zyl, professor extraordinary of the faculty, visited the faculty on the 13th October. He presented two lectures to students on enrichment law and professional conduct for legal practitioners. He also delivered a paper at the 7th FW de Klerk Lecture Series. The theme of his presentation was "The Judiciary as Bastion of the Legal Order in Challenging Times." The event was attended by various academics as well as by members from the legal profession and from business.



Inaugural Lecture of Prof Werner Scholtz

Title: Who killed the "S-words"?

A Discourse on Adaptation: Reconceiving International Environmental Law without Spawning Obsolescence.



Prof Lowes congratulating and presenting the Charter at the inaugural lecture of Prof. W Scholtz



An Insolvency seminar was presented on Tuesday 12 August 2008 by the Faculty. The seminar was specifically aimed at introducing students to leading academics who do research and publish in this field. It had the advantage that students had the opportunity of meeting authors of articles which they have to consult in the course of their insolvency law studies. Distinguished academics who took part in the seminar included two colleagues from abroad. The speakers and subjects were as follows:

Prof Kathleen van der Linde (UNISA) - New developments relating to the liquidation of companies

Prof Anneli Loubser (UNISA) - The business rescue procedure *vis-à-vis* the liquidation procedure in company law.

Prof Andre Boraine (Tukkies) - Alternatives for sequestration: Do we find while we err?

Prof Roger Evans (UNISA) - Some thoughts on excluded and exempt property in South African insolvency law.

Prof David Burdette (Oxford) - Creditors' duty to contribute

Prof Patrick O'Brien (UJ) - The "*bona fide* and value given"-defense in impeachable transactions

Prof Stefan van Eck (Tukkies) - The impact of labour law on the insolvency law

Harry Rajak (Sussex) - The Cross-border insolvency phenomenon

Advocate Johan du Toit visited the Faculty

Advocate Johan du Toit of the International Criminal Tribunal, the Hague, the Netherlands recently visited the Faculty. His primary obligations include, amongst others, the prosecution of the alleged Yugoslav war criminal, Karadic.

Advocate Du Toit highlighted legal aspects regarding the prosecution. It was an enriching

experience and colleagues made full use of the opportunity to learn more about the prosecution.



Appearing above are the dean Prof Francois Venter, Advocate Du Toit and Prof Erika de Wet, professor extraordinary of the faculty and currently visiting from University of Amsterdam.

Deneys Reitz visit the Faculty



Above: Sbu Gule, Reshma Daya, Christina Kotze and Tony Chappel. Representatives of Deneys Reitz, a well-known Corporate Law Firm in South Africa. They visited the faculty on Thursday 31st of July 2008, to educate the students on possible career opportunities in the Legal Profession.



All Africa Moot Court

The 17th All Africa Moot Court was held in Pretoria (by the Centre for Human Rights) from the 30th of June to the 5th of July 2008.

73 Teams from 28 African countries took part. Potch Campus took 9th place.

According to information it is only the second time in 17years that Potch Campus were in the top 10.

Congratulations to the team:

Latoya Wright (3rd year B.Com student)

Chantelle de Souza (final year LLB)

Special thanks to their mentors

Me C Feldhaus

Prof. Linda Jansen van Rensburg

Me D Horsten

All Africa Moot Court team: Students and Mentors



Latoya Wright gives feedback on their experience at the All Africa Mout Court



Prof Francois speaks to the lecturers about highlights of the faculty.

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