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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the third edition of "Research Happenings". We hope that these magazines will continue to provide information that will assist you in becoming familiar with the services that the OSR provides.

Special points of interest:

- * Handing over of books donated to UWI from the University of Maryland Eastern shore
- * Feedback from Research Ethics Conference 2005
- * Research Ethics Conference 2006

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Donation of Books to UWI from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore

It all began on that fateful day in September 2004, when Ivan "the terrible" paid a visit to Jamaica. On this particular visit which ravished the Island of Jamaica, the University's Main Library was not spared and several hundred books were damaged.



The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) conferences are events where you keep abreast of Intellectual Property and its development and you form new relationships out of which can come collaborative efforts via Memoranda of Understanding. Having met Dr. Ladd Colston from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) at one such event, we were in the process of arranging an MOU when Ivan showed up. In one of our conversations, he asked if we had suffered much damage on the University Campus and we answered in the affirmative. This got the process going.

We received a list of books from UMES and with the assistance of Mrs. Enid Brown, a selection of books that the Library needed was identified. After much activity which saw the input of Jamaican Ambassador to America and former Head of the Mona School of Business, Professor Gordon Shirley and Air Jamaica Limited, the books were finally delivered to the UWI Mona Campus on Thursday, February 9, 2006.

On hand to receive the books on behalf of the Main Library was Mrs. Joan Vacianna, Senior Librarian, Acquisition.

PICTURE GALLERY



Left: Mrs. Lorna Thomas-Black, OSR; Right: Mrs. Joan Vacianna, Main Library

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Feedback from Research Ethics Conference 2005

Professor Ewart Thomas of University of Stanford wrote:

".....Thanks for a most stimulating conference! Ignoring my part on the agenda, allow me to say that the talks were intellectually rigorous, informative and well delivered. My favourite was the essentially philosophical talk by Rev. Callam. I felt pride listening to the science tutorial given by Prof. Norma McFarlane-Anderson, a lucid development of typologies yet personal and witty. The talks by Prof. Lolas and Sir George were brilliant and I could go on. My point is that you put together a brilliant program and I congratulate you heartily".

Professor Trevor Jackson wrote re proceedings:

"Congrats to you and the team for an excellent and well done job. The CD idea is the way-to-go, and capturing the conference in this way is both novel and innovative".

ANNOUNCING RESEARCH ETHICS CONFERENCE 2006

The University of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica, in collaboration with the University of Miami Bioethics Program, University of Miami, Florida, USA will be having the 2nd Annual Caribbean Ethics Conference set for May 18 to 20, 2006 at the University of the West Indies, Mona. The theme of the conference is "Responsible Conduct of Research: Beyond the boundaries – the role of ethics in ensuring responsible research".

ALL ARE INVITED!!!!!!!!!!

BE THERE AND SHARE IN THIS VERY EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE



Other Recent Activities

- ◆ Two Yam Patents received in January 2006
- ◆ Sexual Survey Project being undertaken by Dr. Blossom Anglin-Brown, Head of UWI Health Centre funded by the National Health fund
- ◆ Provisional Patent application for Bitterwood research on behalf of Dr. Trevor Yee of the Natural Products Institute

Lack of Application for Fellowships etc.

The OSR has noticed a very worrying trend with regards to taking up offers of fellowships/ scholarships offered by donor institutions. A case in point is scholarships offered through the Fulbright Programme.

The information on available scholarships is received and sent to the Deans in the Faculties. The information is then placed on Campus Pipeline where applicants are directed to send their applications to the OSR. The responses are few or most times non-existent.

This lack of response from UWI has not escaped the eyes of the donors and they have com-

mented on the fact that other institutions are seizing the opportunities to apply and are wondering if it is a lack of interest on the part of our academics.

We would like to encourage members of the academic staff, where possible, to apply for the opportunities, since if we are to retain the coveted position of the premier University in the Caribbean, we need to be competing with institutions that are up and coming instead of assuming the laid-back position we seem to have taken.

Remember to visit our website at:

www.uwimona.edu.jm/osr



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What does man love more than life?
Fear more than death or mortal strife?
What do the poor have, what the rich require,
And what contented men desire?
What does the miser spend, the spend-thrift save,
And all men carry to their graves?

Solution : NOTHING