# UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

# **DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Department of Chemistry is located in Department of Chemistry Building, Chiromo Campus, Off-Riverside Drive. It is one of the four departments in the School of Physical Sciences in the College of Biological and Physical Sciences.

The Department offers the following undergraduate degree programmes:

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry combined with another subject, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Chemistry, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Chemistry and Bachelor of Science in Analytical Chemistry. In addition the department also offers service courses to the College of Health Sciences (School of Pharmacy), College of Architecture and Engineering (Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, Civil and Construction Engineering, Environmental and Biosystems Engineering) and College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (Food Science and Technology, Agriculture).

At postgraduate level the Department offers the following degree programmes:

Master of Science in Chemistry, Master of Science in Environmental Chemistry, Master of Science in Analytical chemistry, Master of Science in Industrial chemistry, MSc Organic Chemistry, MSc Inorganic Chemistry and Ph.D in chemistry.

In addition to our day programmes, the Department is offering module II evening programs at both the undergraduate and post-graduate levels.

#### 1.2 ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER AND THEIR DESIGNATION

| Professors           | 6  |
|----------------------|----|
| Associate Professors | 7  |
| Senior Lecturers     | 8  |
| Lecturers            | 16 |
| Tutorial Fellows     | 6  |
| Assistant Lecturer   | 1  |
| Graduate Assistants  | 3  |
| TOTAL                | 47 |

# 2.0 STAFF APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS

## 2.1 NEWLY APPOINTED/RECRUITED ACADEMIC STAFF

| NAME             | GENDER | TITLE           |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Dr John Onyatta  | Male   | Lecturer        |
| Ms Ruth Odhiambo | Female | Tutorial Fellow |

## 2.2 ACADEMIC STAFF PROMOTED

| NAME             | GENDER | PREVIOUS TITLE  | PRESENT TITLE |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|---------------|
| Dr. John Wabomba | M      | Tutorial Fellow | Lecturer      |

# 2.3 STAFF RETIRED, ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE, TERMINATED, DECEASED

| NAME                 | GENDER | TITLE                 | STATUS           |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Prof. Raphael        | M      | Professor             | Leave of absence |
| Munavu               |        |                       |                  |
| Dr Evans Kituyi      | M      | Snr Lecturer          | Leave of absence |
| Prof. Paul Shiundu   | M      | Professor             | Leave of absence |
| Mr Joseph M.         | M      | Pricipal Technologist | Retired          |
| Ng'ang'a             |        |                       |                  |
| Mr. Francis K. Ndule | M      | Lab Attendant         | Retired          |
| Dr. Wenwa A. Odinga  | F      | Snr. Lecturer         | Leave of absence |

#### 3.0 ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

# **Undergraduate Programmes**

B.Sc. Industrial Chemistry

B.Sc Chemistry

BSc Analytical Chemistry

**BSc** Environmental Chemistry

# **Postgraduate Programmes**

M.Sc. in Chemistry

M.Sc. in Environmental Chemistry

M.Sc. in Analytical Chemistry
M.Sc. in Industrial Chemistry

M.Sc. in Organic Chemistry

M.Sc. in Inorganic Chemistry

# 4.0 NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED INTO EACH UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

| PROGRAMME                 | NUMBER |
|---------------------------|--------|
| BSc.                      | 565    |
| BSc –Industrial Chemistry | 149    |
| BEd (Sc)-Kenya Science    | 280    |
| BSc- Analytical Chemistry | 22     |

# 5.0 NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED INTO EACH POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME

| PROGRAMME                        | NUMBER |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| M.Sc. Chemistry                  | 24     |
| M.Sc. in Environmental Chemistry | 43     |
| M.Sc. in Analytical Chemistry    | 11     |
| M.Sc. in Industrial Chemistry    | 3      |
| M.Sc. in Organic Chemistry       | -      |
| M.Sc. in Inorganic Chemistry     | -      |

| Ph.D. | 6 |
|-------|---|

## 6. NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED FROM EACH PROGRAM

| Ph.D.                     | 1  |
|---------------------------|----|
| M.Sc                      | 12 |
| B.Sc Industrial chemistry | 19 |

## 7. NUMBER OF STUDENTS DISCONTINUED ON ACADEMIC GROUNDS

| BSc  | 0 |
|------|---|
| MSc  | 2 |
| Ph.D | 0 |

# 8.0 ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS IN DEPT OF CHEMISTRY

# 8.1 Undergraduate research projects

# 8.2 Ongoing Postgraduate research projects (M.Sc)

| NAME                 | TITLE                                | SUPERVISORS          |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                      |                                      |                      |
| Kerandi, Anne Moraa. | Investigation on Genotoxicity of     | Prof Wandiga         |
| 156/76301/09         | Solar Disinfected (SODIS) Water.     |                      |
| Pembere, Anthony M   | Investigation of Heavy Metals in     | Prof Jumba, Dr Oduor |
| 156/77607/09         | Vegetables Grown in the Agricultural |                      |
|                      | and Industrial Areas of Webuye and   |                      |
|                      | Mumias                               |                      |
| Okanga, Boventure.   | Determination of the Alcoholic       | Dr Benson Wamalwa    |

| I56/60505/09        | Content of Various Spirits:           |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                     | Denatured and Undenatured Among       |                           |
|                     | Selected Small Scale Production       |                           |
|                     | Units with Respect to Excise          |                           |
|                     | Legislation in Kenya                  |                           |
|                     |                                       |                           |
|                     |                                       |                           |
| Njogu, Rachael.     | Investigation of Leaf Nutrient Uptake | Dr Kariuki and Dr D.M.    |
| I56/77605/09        | of Camellia Sinensis in the Eastern   | Kamau (TRFK)              |
|                     | and Western Highlands of Kenya        |                           |
|                     | Following Foliar and Compound         |                           |
|                     | Fertilizer (NPK) Application          |                           |
| Karani, Christopher | Industrial Production of Sodium       | Prof Kamau                |
| I56/60531/10        | Hydroxide and Chlorine Gas form       |                           |
|                     | locally available Materials           |                           |
| Kavivi, Lynnette    | Use of Homology Modelling in the      | Dr Damaris Mbui           |
| I56/60282/09        | Development of the G-Coupled          |                           |
|                     | Protein Receptor of the Migratory     |                           |
|                     | Locust. Use of Homology Modelling     |                           |
|                     | in the Development of the G-          |                           |
|                     | Coupled Protein Receptor of the       |                           |
|                     | Migratory Locust.                     |                           |
| Riungu, Emily       | Municipal Wastewater Treatment        | Dr H. Njenga and Prof L.  |
| 156/60538/10        | with Anodizing Solid Waste            | Njenga                    |
|                     |                                       |                           |
| Kathambu Muriithi   | Bioassay Guided Characterization of   | Prof Midiwo and Prof Abiy |
| 156/78601/09        | Rheumatic Principles from Cyperus     |                           |
|                     | Articulatus (Ndago) Plant             |                           |
| Fredrick Mzee       | "Physico-chemical characterization    | Prof Kamau, Dr Mwaniki    |
| Mwazighe            | of chamomile extract and stability    |                           |
| 156/60158/2010      | monitoring of the extract".           |                           |

| Tonkei, Wilson<br>I56/77606/09 | Development of an Electrochemical<br>Sensor for the Detection of Heavy<br>Metals in Waste Water.  | Dr Aluoch<br>Prof Shiundu   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Mr. Dennis Ndaya               | Biodiesel production from<br>Calodendrum capense seeds: Process design and technological assessment   | Dr John Onyari<br>Prof Shiundu P.M.<br>Dr James Nyangaya<br>Prof F. Mulaa |
| Mr. Evans Nangulu              | GIS clustering and mapping pollution from industries within nairobi   | Dr Aluoch Austin<br>Dr Martin Marani                                      |
| Mr. Murimi J. Mbugua.          | To improve on lead acid battery manufacture in a more environmental friendly manner   | Prof Kamau G.<br>Dr Guto P.   |
| Ms. Judith Ngugi<br>Joseph     | Chemical analysis of borehole and shallow well water in arid and semi-arid regions of kenya.  | Prof Lydia Njenga<br>Dr Kithinji J.P.                                     |
| Mr. Wanyonyi Peter<br>Namutala | Electroanalytical determination of trace metals using stripping voltammetry technique   |   |
| Mr. Rael Obong'o<br>Kasera     | Determination of effectiveness of untreated and edta-treated luffa cylindrica in removal of cr <sup>3+</sup> and cu <sup>2+</sup> from waste water. | Prof Shiundu P.M.<br>Dr Austin Aluoch                                     |
| Ndiritu, Cecilia W.            | Mobility of Heavy Metals, Microorganisms and Hydrodynamics of a Section of Nairobi River  | Prof Kamau G. Prof Mwaura, Dr Kithinji J.P.                               |
| Kundu, Bevin N.                | Comparison of Burning effectiveness   | Dr Onyari J.M.  |

|                     | of Liquid Biofuels and their Blends   | Dr Kithinji J.P.            |  |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                     | with Kerosene as Alternative Fuel for |                             |  |
|                     | Lighting and Cooking                  |                             |  |
| Masenge, Edna M.    | Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons in       | Prof Wandiga S.O.           |  |
|                     | Sediments and Water in Ngong and      | Prof Shiundu P.M.           |  |
|                     | Mathare River                         |                             |  |
| Muya, Catherine N.  | Electrocatalytic Decomposition of     | Prof G. Kamau               |  |
|                     | Organochlorine Pollutants             | Dr Peterson Guto            |  |
|                     |                                       |                             |  |
| Everlyne Kasima N.  | Efficiency of Kipevu treatment        | Dr A.O. Yusuf               |  |
|                     | works, Mombasa                        | Dr D.K. Kariuki             |  |
|                     |                                       | Dr D. Abong'o               |  |
|                     |                                       |                             |  |
| Mbewa, Tom Joseph   | Heavy Metal Analysis of               | Prof Kamau G.               |  |
|                     | Thermoplastic Paints in the Kenyan    | Dr F. Oduor                 |  |
|                     | Market and the Environmental          | Dr Kariuki D.K.             |  |
|                     | Implications of Application as road   |                             |  |
|                     | Marking Paints                        |                             |  |
| Ogange, Elphas O.   | The Role of Fertilizer Usage and      | Dr F. Oduor                 |  |
|                     | Agrochemical Effluents on the         | Dr Kariuki D.K.             |  |
|                     | Persistence of Algae Bloom on         |                             |  |
|                     | Kenyan Shores of Lake Victoria        |                             |  |
|                     |                                       |                             |  |
| Wanyama, George N.  | An Account of the Phyto-              | Prof Jumba I.O.             |  |
|                     | Bioconcentration of Copper in the     | Dr Oduor F.D.               |  |
|                     | Control of Eichhornia Crasspies       |                             |  |
|                     | (Water Hyacinth)                      |                             |  |
| Murimi, John Mbugua | An Alternative Metal/Electrolyte for  | Prof Kamau G.               |  |
|                     | Lead Acid Battery Making              | Dr Guto Peterson            |  |
| Awas, Erick Okoth   | A Comparative Study of the Toxicity,  | Prof Midiwo, Dr Mwaniki and |  |
| 156/63685/10        | Protective and Cell Defense Induction | Ndakala                     |  |

|                         | Capacity of Flavones from Kenyan         |                                 |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|                         | Plants and Lipophilic Semi-Synthetic     |                                 |
|                         | Derivatives                              |                                 |
| Njeru, Daisy Nyawira    | Phytochemical Investigation of the Root  | Dr Derese and Prof Abiy         |
| I56/63228/10            | of Desmodium Ramosissimum for            |                                 |
|                         | Antiplasmodial Principles                |                                 |
| Mugo, Fredrick Muriithi | Total Element Speciation and Soil        | Prof Njenga L.                  |
| I56/63877/10            | Fertility Analysis Around Mt. Kenya      |                                 |
| Ogalo, Linet            | Use of Electro-Analytic Methods in the   | Dr Mbui D.                      |
| I56/65065/10            | Development of Biosensor for Detection   |                                 |
|                         | of Bisphenol A.                          |                                 |
| Everlyne Kasima         | Effectiveness of the Kipevu Treatment    | Dr A. Yusuf , Dr. D.K. Kariuki, |
| I56/60282/08            | Works                                    | Dr D. Abongo                    |
| Ochieng, Fredrick       | Assessment of pesticide and              | Prof Wandiga S.                 |
| Nyateng I56/64713/10    | polychlorinated biphenyls residue Levels |                                 |
|                         | in Fish from Kericho and Upper Nyando    |                                 |
|                         | of River Nyando drainage basin in        |                                 |
|                         | Kenya                                    |                                 |
| Oyagi, Moses Ondabu     | Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles at     | Prof Kamau G.                   |
| 156/64280/10            | Room Temperature using Tea Extracts      |                                 |
|                         | from Terminal Bud and Two Adjacent       |                                 |
|                         | Leaves.                                  |                                 |
| Muraga, Joseph          | Determination of Dissolved Ions and      | Prof Wandiga S.                 |
| I56/77605/09            | Microbial Coliforms in Ground Water in   |                                 |
|                         | Selected Areas in Athi River Basin       |                                 |
| Katithi David           | Green Synthesis and Characterization of  | Prof Kamau G.                   |
| I56/65092/10            | Iron Nanoparticles using Aqueous         |                                 |
|                         | Sorghum Bran Extracts and their          |                                 |
|                         | Application in Environmental             |                                 |
|                         | Remediation.                             |                                 |
| Marube Elijah           | Application of Cleaner Production        | Prof Kamau G.                   |
| I56/63820/10            | Techniques in Leather Industries in      |                                 |
|                         | Kenya                                    |                                 |

| Makokha, John Wanjala | Utilization of Titanium Oxide in                    | Dr Kariuki D.K. |  |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| I56/64538/10          | formulation of Refractory Clay Bricks               |                 |  |
| Victor Nthusi Kyalo   | Assessment of Organochlorine, PCB,s Prof Wandiga S. |                 |  |
| I56/63840/10          | and Organophosphate Pesticide Residues              |                 |  |
|                       | in Fish from Lower Nyando Drainage                  |                 |  |
|                       | Basin   |                 |  |

# 8.3 Ongoing Postgraduate research projects (Ph.D)

| NAME  | TITLE   | SUPERVISORS                                    |
|---|---|--|
| Madadi O. Vincent                           | Studies of pesticide and macronutrient interaction dynamics in water-sediment/soil systems  | Prof. Shem O. Wandiga<br>Prof. Paul M. Shiundu |
| Godfrey A. Wafula                           | A Study of atmospheric fine particulate matter and their toxic components in Nairobi and its environs   | Prof. Shem O. Wandiga<br>Prof. Paul M. Shiundu |
| C.W. Mirikau                                | A computerized model for the identification and location of water polluting industries in Nairobi   | Prof. G.N. Kamau<br>Prof. I.O. Jumba           |
| Mrs. Marina Mukabi                          |   | Prof. Duke Orata Dr. Austin Ochieng'           |
| Ms. Joyce G. Njagi-                         | Distribution of diazinon and  | Prof. S.O. Wandiga                             |
| Kithure                                     | chlorpyrifos in selected aquatic<br>matrices from the upper Tana River<br>in Kenya  | Prof. I.O. Jumba                               |
| Mrs. Ruth Odhiambo                          | Synthesis of bionucleating macrocycles incorporating thiolato andpolyether compounds fused to 1,10-phananthroline as sensors for soft heavy metal | Prof. S.O. Wandiga<br>Dr. Austin Ochieng'      |
| Farida Hussein Were                         | Assessment of levels of selected  | Prof. Geofrey Kamau                            |
| 2 di la | heavy metals and their effects on the<br>health of industrial health workers in<br>Nairobi and Athi River, Kenya                                  | Prof. P.M. Shiundu<br>Dr. C.M. Muturi          |

| Immaculate Achieng' | Evaluating the efficacy of selected | Prof. P.M. Shiundu |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                     | lignocellulosic materials of Kenyan | Dr. A. Aluoch      |
|                     | origin in the adsorption of textile | Dr. B. Wamalwa     |
|                     | dyes and inks from aqueous          |                    |
|                     | industrial effluents                |                    |
| Beatrice Irungu     | Bioprospecting for antiplasmodial   | Prof. Abiy Yenesew |
|                     | compounds from some albizia, turea  |                    |
|                     | and zanthozylum species in Kenya    |                    |
|                     |                                     |                    |

#### 9.0 LIST OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Endale M, Alao J.P., Akala H.M., Rona N.K., Eyase F.L., Derese S., Ndakala A., Mbugua M., Walsh D.S., Sunnerhagen P., Mate E. and Abiy Y. (2012): Antiplasmodial quinines from pents longiflora and pentas lanceolata, planta Med, 78, 31-35.
- 2. Gumula I., Heydenreich M., Derese S., Ndiege I.O. and Abiy Y., (2012): Isoflavones from the stem bark of platycelphium voence, Phytochemistry Letters, 5, 150-154.
- 3. Alice Anyango Onyango, Joseph O. Lalah and Shem O. Wandiga (2012). The effects of local cooking methods on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) content in beef, goat meat and pork as potential sources of human exposure in Kisumu City, Kenya. **Polycyclic aromatic compounds. 32:** 1-13.
- 4. Alice Anyango Onyango, Joseph O. Lalah & Shem O. Wandiga (2012): The effect of Local Cooking Methods on Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) Contents in Beef, Goat Meat, and Pork as Potential Sources of Human Exposure in Kisumu City, Kenya, Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds, 32:5, 656-668

#### 10.0 WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

| School | Staff Name    | Conference attended           | Date     | Venue    |
|--------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1      | Prof G. Kamau | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17    | Nairobi, |
|        |               |                               | February | Kenya    |
|        |               |                               | 2012     |          |
| 2      | Dr P. Gitari  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17    | Nairobi, |
|        |               |                               | February | Kenya    |
|        |               |                               | 2012     |          |
| 3      | Dr L. Kerubo  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17    | Nairobi, |
|        |               |                               | February | Kenya    |
|        |               |                               | 2012     |          |
| 4      | Dr A. Ndakala | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17    | Nairobi, |
|        |               |                               | February | Kenya    |

|     |                      |                               | 2012             |          |
|-----|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| 5   | Mrs R. Odhiambo      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
|     |                      |                               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             |          |
| 6   | Dr S. Derese         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
|     |                      |                               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             |          |
| 7   | Prof S. Wandiga      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
| •   | i i oi oi ii aiiaiga |                               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             | 1101.74  |
| 8   | Dr A. Yusuf          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
| Ü   | Di 7t. Tubui         | 2 110 0011101000              | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             | Keriya   |
| 9   | Prof R. Munavu       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
| ,   | i ioi ix. iviuitavu  | Z ITO CONICIECE               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             | Kenya    |
| 10  | Dr. I. Kithinii      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
| IU  | Dr J. Kithinji       | Z IT C Contended              |                  |          |
|     |                      |                               | February<br>2012 | Kenya    |
| 11  | Drof Abia Voncesia   | 2nd IVC Conforces             | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
| 11  | Prof Abiy Yenesew    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece |                  |          |
|     |                      |                               | February         | Kenya    |
| 10  | D (D D) !!           | 0.410.00                      | 2012             |          |
| 12  | Prof B. Bhatt        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
|     |                      |                               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             |          |
| 13  | Mr W. Tonkei         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
|     |                      |                               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             |          |
| 14  | Mr C. Karani         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
|     |                      |                               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             |          |
| 15  | Mr T. Hannington     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
|     |                      |                               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             |          |
| 16  | Mr F. Mwazighe       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
|     |                      |                               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             |          |
| 17  | Mr D. Buyinza        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
| -   | <i>y</i>             |                               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             | 1137.7   |
| 17  | Mr E. Terer          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
| .,  | 2. 10101             | 2 5 5611161 666               | February         | Kenya    |
|     |                      |                               | 2012             | Ronya    |
| 19  | Mr P. Lekimain       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece | 15-17            | Nairobi, |
| 1 / | IVII I . LUNIIIIIIII | Z TI O COMBIECE               |                  |          |
|     |                      |                               | February<br>2012 | Kenya    |

| 20 | Mr A. Negera           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece                                       | 15-17              | Nairobi,          |
|----|------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
|    |                        |   | February           | Kenya             |
|    |                        |   | 2012               |                   |
| 21 | Ms A. Kerandi          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece                                       | 15-17              | Nairobi,          |
|    |                        |   | February           | Kenya             |
|    |                        |   | 2012               |                   |
| 22 | Dr H. Njenga           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece                                       | 15-17              | Nairobi,          |
|    |                        |   | February           | Kenya             |
|    |                        |   | 2012               |                   |
| 23 | Prof L. Njenga         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece                                       | 15-17              | Nairobi,          |
|    |                        |   | February           | Kenya             |
|    |                        |   | 2012               |                   |
| 24 | Dr P. Guto             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece                                       | 15-17              | Nairobi,          |
|    |                        |   | February           | Kenya             |
|    |                        | 0.410/0.0   | 2012               |                   |
| 25 | Ms M. Mutisya          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece                                       | 15-17              | Nairobi,          |
|    |                        |   | February           | Kenya             |
|    |                        |   | 2012               |                   |
| 26 | Ms V. Muinde           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> IYC Conferece                                       | 15-17              | Nairobi,          |
|    |                        |   | February           | Kenya             |
| 20 | Ma C. Minilian         | ENDRA Washahan an familian antala af                                | 2012               | Ni a i a a la i   |
| 20 | Mr C. Mirikau          | FNRBA Workshop on fundamentals of                                   | 13-17              | Nairobi,          |
|    |                        | nuclear reactor safety & regulations                                | February           | Kenya             |
| 01 | Dr. A. Nidaliala alica | Carrier and Chart started and                                       | 2012               | Mainalai          |
| 21 | Dr. A. Ndakala plus    | Seminar on Short stories on   | 8 February<br>2012 | Nairobi,          |
|    | other members of Dept  | computational medicinal chemistry by Dr                             | 2012               | Kenya             |
| 22 | Dr. A. Yusuf, Dr L.    | Lewis Whitehead and Dr Heather Burke                                | 7 Fobruary         | Nairobi,          |
| 22 | Kerubo Dr J. Wanjohi   | Seminar on chemistry crystals by Prof N. Sathyamurthy               | 7 February<br>2012 |                   |
| 23 |                        | Seminar on Antiplasmodial   | 9 March 2012       | Kenya<br>Nairobi, |
| 23 | Mr A. Negera Abdissa   | •   | 9 IVIAI CII 2012   |                   |
|    |                        | anthraquinones from East African plants of the asphadelaceae family |                    | Kenya             |
| 24 | Prof S. Wandiga        | PACN round table discussion   | 23 February        | London,           |
| 24 | i iui 3. wailulya      | I ACIVITUUTIU (abie uiscussiuti                                     | 2012               | England           |
| 25 | Dr B. Wamalwa          | Workshop on jnr fellows program                                     | 15-18              | Bonn,             |
| 20 | טו ט. waiiiaiwa        | workshop on Jili Tellows program                                    | January2012        | Germany           |
| 26 | Prof S. Wandiga        | UNESCO-KALINGA Prize for  | 2-7 January        | Bhabaneswar       |
| 20 | 1 TOI 3. Wallulya      | popularizing science  | 2012               | , India           |
|    | 1                      | Popularizing science  | 2012               | , iriuia          |

# 11.0 RESEARCH THESIS TITLES

# 11..1 Ph.D. Thesis Titles

| NAME           | TITLE   |
|----------------|---|
| Milkyas Endale | Phytochemical analysis of selected pentas species for |

| antiplasmodial principles |
|---------------------------|

# 11.2 M.Sc Thesis Titles

| Muinde, Veronica.                 | Investigating the Factors Affecting Levels of Omega-3-  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| I56/78955/09                      | Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids (PUFA) Levels in  |  |
|                                   | Commercial Fish from Lake Victoria  |  |
| Chanzu, Harry                     | Biosorption of organic dyes using spent brewery grains  |  |
| I56/76520/09                      | in batch and continuous systems   |  |
| Kennedy Owuor Olale               | Phytochemical Screening and Infrared Predictions of   |  |
| I56/78094/09                      | Wood Density and Carbon with Emphasis on Prinus   |  |
|                                   | Africana of Kenya   |  |
| Bernard Macharia                  | Phytochemical Investigation of Milletia Oblata  |  |
| 156/77604/2009                    | ssp.teitensis for Antiplasmodial and Larvicidal   |  |
|                                   | Principles  |  |
| Ms. Amina Bakari                  | A survey of mercury pollution from fluorescent lamps disposal in selected sites in nairobi and environs.  |  |
| Mr. Leonard Baraza                | Phytochemical investigation of millettia oblata for   |  |
|                                   | antiplasmodial and larvicidal principles  |  |
| Mr. Tom Oduor Okumu               | Investigation of nutritional components of tylosema fassoglense   |  |
| Mr. Wycliffe Chisutia<br>Wanyonyi | Biosorption of organic dye from aqueous solution using <i>eichhorinia crassipes</i> from lake victoria  |  |
| Mr. Amboga Davis<br>Anzeze        | Adsorption Studies of plant biomass from water hyacinth(eichhornia crassipes) and possible utilization in removal of heavy metals from polluted water streams |  |

#### 12. OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 1. Prof. J.O. Midiwo: NAPRECA Executive secretary; External examiner, Maseno University
- 2. Prof. Abiy Yenesew: External examiner Kenyatta University, Maseno University, University of Botswana, University of Dar-es-Salaam; Journal of Bulletin of Chemical Society of Ethiopia Referee
- 3. Dr. D.K. Kariuki: KEBS Water Quality committee; NEMA Hazardous and Toxic Materials committee member; WRMA Threshold Pollution in Waste Water Committee.
- 4. Dr. B.M. Wamalwa: Board member of Japan Government scholarships
- 5. Prof. Wandiga S.O.: Chairman Bondo University Council; Pan African Chemistry Network Chairman, Regional Chapter; UNEP/GEF-UoN Project coordinator, UNEP POPs project coordinator
- 6. Dr. A.O. Yusuf: External examiner JKUAT, Kenyatta University; IDB Scholarship Selection Committee Board Member.

#### 13. NEWLY ESTABLISHED LINKAGES

The Department has the following new links:

#### 1.NOVARTIS-NIBR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Cooperation with Department in supporting the training of staff in research activities related to computational chemistry in order to generate mitishamba database. Novartis donated four computer workstations

#### 2.Grand Challenges Canada

The purpose of this grant is to pursue bold, creative ideas to tackle health problems. The funding amounts to \$100,000.

#### 3.NCST

IFS has provided a research grant amounting to KShs 2,200,000 to help Dr Hellen Njenga in advancing her research career in potential use of surfactants from commiphora.

#### 14. RESEARCH EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

The Department received a donation of GC-MS from Sweden facilitated by Michael and International Foundation of Science (ISP)

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| 3. Prof Isaac O. Jumba    | Professor   |
| 4. Prof Geoffrey N. Kamau | Professor   |

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| 8. Prof David N. Kariuki         | Associate Professor      |
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| 10. Prof Bhalendu M. Bhatt       | Associate Professor      |
| 11. Prof Lydia W. Njenga         | Associate Professor      |
| 12. Prof Paul M. Shiundu         | Associate Professor      |
| 13. Prof. John M. Onyari         | Associate Professor      |
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| <b>46.</b> Mr Wilson Tonkei       | Graduate Assistant     |
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