

## DEPARTMENT REPRESENTED AT A SURGERY PROGRAM DIRECTORS MEETING AT BRACHENHURST, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2015



The Chair of Department attended the above meeting themed “training the next generation of surgeons” in his capacity of as the chairman of the Surgical Society of Kenya (SSK). A collaborative venture by SSK, College of surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) and Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS), this meeting of program directors from the University of Nairobi (UON), Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, Aga Khan University, Egerton University, Tenwek hospital and Kijabe Mission Hospital shared best practices in program administration. It was noted that program directors (PD) remain key in delivery of the training with highlighted roles including selection and firing of residents, scheduling of learning and rotations, assessments, development of program handbooks, work plans and budget and the establishment of a residency training council and program for mentorship, leadership, professionalism and spiritual growth. Ideal training sites should have adequate volumes and case mixes, available and supporting faculty, residency training committees, supporting administration and availability of critical care beds. Leadership should be embedded in all curricula. A follow up meeting will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 at which a draft document on role and qualifications of a program director will be presented for debate and adoption. The March meeting will also explore mentorship, training environment and resident/faculty evaluations.

*Present: Saidi Hassan (Chair, SSK, UON), Prof P. Jani (Secretary General of COSECSA, UON), Bruce Steffes (CMO PAACS), , Carol Spears (Convenor, Tenwek), Susan Koshy (PAACS), Wendy Wilmore (Tanzania), Andrew Chew (Soddo, Ethiopia), David Thompson (Egypt), Steve Sparks (Mbingo, Cameroon), Rich Davis (Kijabe), Wayne Koch (Johns Hopkins), Jim Brown (Mbingo), Frank Madinda (Arusha), Arega Fekadu (Malawi), Ryan Hayden (Malawi), Keir Thelander (Gabon), Jason Axt (Cameroon), Mark Lutomia (Nakuru), Eric Mitchell, Kiprono Koech, Agneta Odera (Tenwek), Bill Wood (Emory, PAACS), Peter Oduor (Egerton), Abdul Karim Abdalla (Aga Khan), Yakoubou Sanoussi (Niger), Peter Nthumba (Hon Sec SSK, Kijabe), Andrew Wandera (Moi) Jana McCloud (Karen), Andrew Ndonga (Kenya COSECSA Country Rep, Mater), Daniel Ouka (UON).*

## SENIOR SURGEONS COMMIT TO MENTORSHIP ROLE, ADVOCACY AND THE FORMATION OF A SURGERY FOUNDATION



Prof. Saidi Hassan chaired a consultative meeting between the Surgical Society of Kenya (SSK) Council and senior members of the Surgical profession at the KAVI boardroom, College of Health Sciences, on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2015. In his brief, he outlined the SSK vision and strategic goals for 2013-2018. His brief included efforts with enhancing quality of scientific conferences, establishing beneficial networks, the SSK office at Hurlingham, programs for surgical trainees, governance and strategy execution. The surgeons present engaged in discussions on a wide range of issues including approaches to training, professionalism, surgical workforce and devolution, offshore surgery, welfare and philanthropy. They resolved to support the association with mentorship roles, advocacy and exploration of alternative revenue lines. They supported the establishment of the Foundation and proposed the following to spearhead it: Prof. Magoha, Mr. Patel, Mr. Oketch and Mr. Khan.

*Present: Mr. Yusuf Kodwavala, Prof. Pankaj Jani, Prof. Stephen Ogendo, Mr. Andrawes Safwat, Mr. Moses Oketch, Mr. S.C. Patel, Mr. George Jumba, Prof. Saidi Hassan, Mr. Nyaim Opot, Mr. Kirsteen Awori, and Mr. Eric Hungu.*

Department explores collaborations with UCSF (Moses)

Oral and Maxillofacial surgery explained: Fawzia Butt does it again!

Departments welcomes new student for the mortuary science course (Martin)

Medicine meets anatomy: The story of tall people (Ongeti/Mwachaka)