

The Department of Clinical Studies

Newsletter



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Theme:

Excellence in postgraduate clinical studies

The postgraduate Forum

Graduation Ceremony 2013

The Department of Clinical Studies continues to offer quality teaching and delivery of clinical services in Animal Health, Welfare and Wildlife Management and Conservation. During the academic year that ended, the following postgraduate students graduated from the department;

Dr. Joan Muraya graduated with a Master of Science degree in Clinical Studies (Theriogenology).

Dr. Ruth Origa graduated with the Master of Science degree in Clinical Studies (Theriogenology).

Dr. Edwin Willie Mwangi graduated with the degree of Master of Veterinary Surgery.

Ms. Linda Mutwiri Gatwiri graduated with the degree of Master of Science in Wildlife Health and Management.

We take this opportunity to congratulate these graduates for doing us proud in their academic achievements. Dr. Joan Muraya is Tutorial Fellow in the department where she is attached to the Theriogenology Section while Dr. Willie Mwangi is a Clinician in the department. Ms. Linda Mutwiri Gatwiri works for a Non-Governmental Organization while Dr. Ruth Origa is a Veterinary Officer in the Directorate of Veterinary Services of the State Department of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

Candidates Enrol for PhD in Clinical Studies

We are pleased to announce that during the 2013-2014 academic year, the following applicants successfully defended their Research Proposals and obtained full registration to pursue PhD degree in Clinical Studies;

Dr. Sherry Johnson, a Lecturer from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ghana is registered for PhD in Clinical Studies (Medicine) working on a Thesis entitled "Prevalence and Pathological Features of Her **supervisors** are; **Dr. Daniel W. Gakuya, Prof. Ndichu Maingi, Prof. Paul G. Mbuthia and Dr. John D. Mande**

Dr. Gilbert K. Kirui, a Tutorial Fellow in Medicine Section, Department of Clinical Studies is registered for PhD in Clinical Studies (Medicine); researching on Equine Lameness. **Supervisors; Dr. Andrew G. Thaiyah, Dr. James Nguhiu-Mwangi, Dr. Vijay S. Varma & Prof. Charles M. Mulei.**

Dr. Ambrose Y. Kipyegon, a Tutorial Fellow in the Theriogenology Section, Department of Clinical Studies is registered for PhD in Clinical Studies (Theriogenology) and researching on Reproductive Toxicology in Pigs. His supervisors are; **Dr. Henry M. Mutembei, Dr. Victor T. Tsuma & Dr. Jemima Oduma**.

Dr. David Kios, a Lecturer in the Department of Animal Science at Chepkoilel University is registered for PhD in Clinical Studies (Theriogenology) and is conducting research on Embryo Transfer Technologies in Dairy Cattle. He is being supervised by **Dr. Victor T. Tsuma and Dr. Henry M. Mutembei**.

On behalf of the department, it is my privilege to take this opportunity to congratulate these great minds and wishes them every encouragement, support and motivation to complete their graduate studies in a timely manner.

PhD Candidates Completing Thesis

We look forward with excitement as we wait for the completion of the following candidates registered for PhD in Clinical Studies;

Dr. Jafred M.A. Kitaa, a Lecturer in Small Animal Medicine, Department of Clinical Studies is expected to submit his PhD Thesis. He is supervised by **Prof. Charles M. Mulei, Dr. John D. Mande and Prof. James K. Wabacha**.

Dr. John K. Muthee, a Lecturer in Large Animal Medicine, Department of Clinical Studies submitted and is expected to defend his PhD Thesis in Clinical Studies. His supervisors are **Dr. Daniel W. Gakuya, Prof. James Mbaria and Prof. Charles M. Mulei**.

Dr. Tequero O. Abuom, a Tutorial Fellow in Large Animal, Department of Clinical Studies and Veterinary Faculty Farm Manager on secondment, has recently submitted his PhD Thesis in Clinical Studies. His supervisors include **Prof. John Njenga Munene, Prof. James K. Wabacha, Dr. Victor T. Tsuma & Prof. John Vanleewan**.

Dr. David Ndeereh a Wildlife Field Veterinarian at the Kenya Wildlife Service registered and is progressing with his Research Project leading to the PhD in Clinical Studies (Medicine). His supervisors are **Dr. Andrew G. Thaiyah, Dr. Gerald Muchemi and Dr. Moses Kariuki Njenga (CDC-Welcome Trust)**. He is self-sponsored.

Dr. Hope Otsyina, a Lecturer in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ghana is finalizing his PhD Thesis in Clinical Studies and expected to submit anytime this year. He is

supervised by **Dr. James Nguhiu-Mwangi, Dr. Eddy M. Mogo, Prof. Paul G. Mbuthia & Prof. William O. Ogara**.

MASTERS STUDENTS REGISTERED IN CSD

Candidates enrol for Masters degrees in CSD

We are pleased to observe that during the 2013-2014 academic year, the department was privileged to register the following postgraduate students for various Masters academic programmes;

Dr. Juma Paul Okoth, a Lecturer at the Animal Health and Industry Training Institute (AHITI) Ndomba, registered and has completed year I of the Master of Science degree in Theriogenology. He is sponsored by the East Africa Agricultural productivity Project (EAAPP) and is preparing his Research Proposal under the supervision of **Dr. Victor T. Tsuma, Dr. Henry M. Mutembei & Prof. Gilbert J.O. Agumbah**.

Dr. Moses Olum registered and has completed year I of the Master of Veterinary Medicine degree specializing in Bovine Medicine and Herd Health. He is developing a research project proposal under the supervision of **Dr. Daniel W. Gakuya and Dr. John M. Mugambi from Kenya Agricultural Research Institute**. He is a recipient of the Ghandi Memorial Scholarship.

Dr. Jamleck Bundi Muriuki registered and has completed year I of the Master of Veterinary Medicine specializing in Small Animal Medicine. He was awarded the University of Nairobi Graduate Scholarship. He is developing his research proposal under the supervision of **Dr. Andrew G. Thaiyah and Prof Susan W. Mbugua**.

Dr. Cecilia W. Njoroge registered and has completed year I of the Master of Veterinary Surgery degree, having been awarded the University of Nairobi Graduate Scholarship. She is developing her research proposal in the area of Soft Tissue Surgery under the supervision of **Dr. John D. Mande & Prof. Eric S. Mitema**.

Dr. Anderson Nyaga Gitari, a Private Practitioner at the Andy's Veterinary Clinic, registered and has completed year I of the Master of Veterinary Surgery. He is a self-sponsored student and is developing his research proposal in the area of Equine Colic under the supervision of **Dr. Vijay S. Varma, Dr. James Nguhiu-Mwangi and Prof. David O. Kihurani**.

Dr. Jamila Mamujee Zulfikar and Dr. Zahra Mamujee are Private Practitioners at the Shifaz Veterinary Clinic. They registered and have completed year I of the degree of Master of Veterinary Surgery. They are in the process of developing their research proposals.

Dr. Hassan Mohammed registered and has completed year I of the **Master of Veterinary Surgery** degree. He is self-sponsored and is developing his research proposal in the area of equine lameness and orthopaedics under the supervision of **Dr. Vijay S. Varma, Dr. Eddy M. Mogoa and Dr. James Nguhiu-Mwangi**.

CANDIDATES COMPLETE MASTERS DEGREES IN 2014

We are pleased to note that during the 2013-2014 academic year, the following postgraduate students were registered and progressing well in the various programmes within the department;

Dr. Sylvia Nafula Situma defended her thesis leading to the award of the degree of Master of Veterinary Medicine and is expected to graduate in August 2014. Her supervisors were; **Prof. George K. Gitau, Prof. Charles M. Mulei & Prof. John Vanleewan**. We congratulate Dr. Situma and her supervisors for completing her Masters studies and graduating within 3 years and look forward to her graduation in August 2014.

Dr. Peter Kimeli defended his thesis leading to the award of the degree of Master of Veterinary Surgery and is expected to graduate in August 2014. His supervisors were **Dr. James Nguhiu-Mwangi & Dr. Eddy M. Mogoa**. We congratulate Dr. Kimeli and his supervisors for the timely completion of his Masters studies within 3 years and look forward to his graduation in August 2014.

Dr. Albert Tambudzani Rhangani, a South African Veterinary Surgeon recently submitted his thesis leading to the award of the degree of Master of Veterinary Surgery. He is awaiting oral defence of thesis and is expected to graduate in 2014. His supervisors are **Dr. John D. Mande & Dr. Eddy M. Mogoa**.

Dr. Rhanghani has completed his Masters studies and submitted within 3 years and we wish him all the best while he awaits the remaining process of examination of Thesis.

ONGOING MASTERS STUDENTS

Dr. Lilyan W. Mathai, a self-sponsored student and Clinician in the Department of Clinical Studies, registered for **Master of Veterinary Surgery**, has completed research and is drafting her thesis in the area of Diagnostic ultrasonography. Her supervisors are **Prof. David O. Kihurani and Dr. John D. Mande**. She is a Clinician in the Department of Clinical Studies.

Dr. Getrude Shepelo Peters registered and is preparing her thesis leading to the award of **Master of Veterinary Medicine (Bovine Medicine and Herd Health Specialty)**. Her supervisors are **Prof. George K. Gitau, Prof. Charles M.**

Mulei and Prof. John VanLeewen. She is a recipient of the **University of Nairobi Scholarship**.

Dr. Andrew K. Matole, a self-sponsored Private Practitioner from **Andy's Veterinary Clinics Ltd**, registered and is drafting his thesis leading to the award of the **Master of Veterinary Medicine (Small Animal Medicine Specialty)**. His supervisors are **Prof. George K. Gitau, Dr. Daniel W. Gakuya & Prof. Japheth C. Kiptoon**.

Dr. Sharon n. Mbindyo registered and is drafting her thesis leading to the award of the **Master of Veterinary Medicine (Small Animal Medicine Specialty)**. Her supervisors are **Prof. George K. Gitau, Dr. Daniel W. Gakuya and Prof. Susan W. Mbugua**. She is a recipient of the **University of Nairobi Scholarship**.

Dr. Daniel W. Muasya, a self-sponsored student and Clinician in the Department of Clinical Studies, registered and is drafting his thesis leading to the award of the **Master of Veterinary Medicine (Bovine Medicine and Herd Health Specialty)**. His supervisors are **Prof. George K. Gitau, Dr. Andrew G. Thaiyah & Dr. Daniel W. Gakuya**.

Dr. Ann Ndululu Ndeke registered and is drafting her thesis leading to the award of **Master of Science in Theriogenology**. Her supervisors are **Dr. Victor T. Tsuma and Dr. Henry M. Mutembei**. She is a recipient of the **University of Nairobi Scholarship**.

Dr. Mutua Mutuku, an employee of the **Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI)**, registered and is drafting his thesis leading to the award of the **Master of Science in Theriogenology**. His supervisors are **Dr. Victor T. Tsuma and Dr. Henry M. Mutembei**. His is sponsored by the **East Africa Agricultural Productivity Programmes (EAAPP)**.

Revised A.I. Syllabus Approved by CAB

The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act 2011 and Regulations 2013 require that Institutions offering training in Animal Breeding courses must use curriculum that has been approved by the regulatory body; namely the Kenya Veterinary Board. Following due process that involved stakeholder consultations and approval by the relevant University academic organs, the Department of Clinical Studies is pleased to announce that the Revised Regulations and Syllabus for the Certificate course in Artificial Insemination and Fertility Management was considered and approved for implementation by the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences Academic Board Meeting held on Monday June 30, 2014. The next intake is expected to be admitted in August 2014.