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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter, which will be published quarterly. The department plans to utilize current opportunities such as its strategic location, vast land resources, a rich body of alumni, and emergent technologies such as biotechnology to surmount challenges and attain its vision of remaining a leading center of excellence in training, research, consultancy and community services for sustainable exploitation of traditional and emerging animal genetic and feed resources. To achieve the objectives and align to vision 2030 blue print for the country's development, the department will focus on strengthening research and research capacity, expansion of academic programs, continuous revision of current curricula, improving teaching facilities, expansion of linkages and income generation to increase revenue base. We will be glad to partner with you in these endeavors.

Prof. M.S. Badamana, Chairman

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

- June 2013:** Dr. Joel W. Ochieng appointed by IAEA as expert facilitator for an International course on Use of genetic markers for gene discovery, July – August 2013
- May 2013:** Dr. Joel W. Ochieng appointed by Vice-Chancellor to Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
- May 2013:** Dr. Joel W. Ochieng appointed Chief Judge for Innovations (Paper presentations) by the National Commission for Science, Technology Innovation

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Ananga A, Georgiev V, **Ochieng JW**, Phills B, and Tsoleva V (2013) Production of Anthocyanins in Grape Cell Cultures: A potential Source of Raw Material for Pharmaceutical, Food, and Cosmetic Industries. In: The Mediterranean Genetic Code - Grapevine and Olive, by Sladonja B (Ed), Intech, **ISBN 980-953-307-597-1. (BOOK CHAPTER)**

RECENT VISITORS

13 June 2013: Columbia University representatives visited the department to discuss collaborations and capacity strengthening with JW Ochieng and Catherine Kunyanga. The two researchers are lead partners in consortium bidding for an African Development Bank funded programme

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

A new partnership in student training is developing between the department and Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI), the first involved a KARI sponsored tour of Naivasha for Animal Science students in May 2013.

Editor's Corner

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