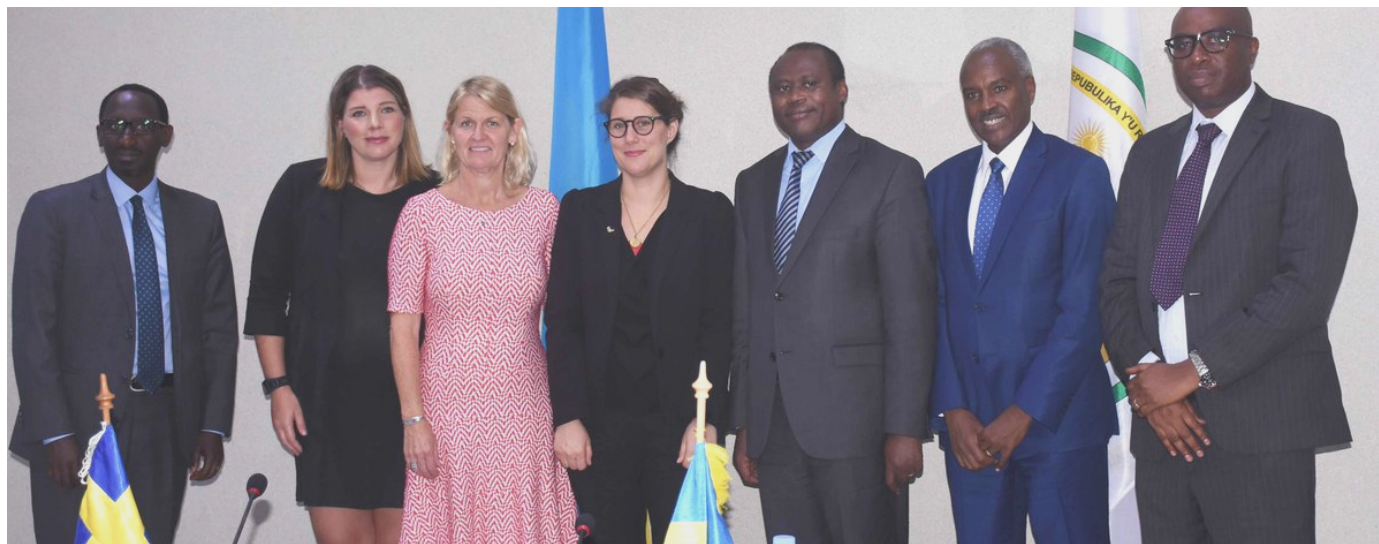


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SEK 330M to support UR researchers

by Darius Murangwa

The University of Rwanda has been granted Frw 31,5 Billion by the Government of Sweden to boost research and use of scientific knowledge in Rwanda under the existing UR-Sweden Programme. The 5-year bilateral collaboration witnessed by Rwanda Finance Minister Dr Uzziel Ndagijimana and Swedish ambassador to Rwanda H.E Jenny Ohlsson.

The DVC-IA, Amb. Dr Charles Murigande, informed that the agreement will complement to UR ambition to train more people to attain PhD level in order to create a critical mass of people who can do research on issues affecting the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Raymond Ndikumana the Overall Coordinator of UR-Sweden Programme noted that the coming 5 year phase is expected to train 80 PhD candidates compared to 52 PhD that were enrolled during the previous phase 2013-2018.



Solar drying can save our food says Jonathan Murwanashyaka

University of Rwanda fresh alumni Jonathan Murwanashyaka has managed to make a step towards in reducing postharvest loss through his GIRIKIGEGA Social enterprise that contributes in reducing horticulture post-harvest loss.

Thanks to the support of his school supervisors, Murwanashyaka got an idea of drying horticulture harvest and transform them into powders as a way to preserve them without losing the natural nutritional contents.

"I managed to create a job for and for other people. I currently get a benefit that range between 85,000 Frw -100,000 Frw per month. I believe that things work when one is really committed and not discourages by peer pressure and doomsayers" Murwanashyaka says.

SCHOOL OF LAW WINS NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

by Vincent KANKIRIHO

The University of Rwanda School of Law won National Moot Court Competition in Property and Land Law under theme "Adjudication of Land Rights Before Rwandan Courts : Legal Challenges and Judicial Perspectives" that took place at UR Gikondo Campus on 27th Jun. 2019.

Patricia Mutesi a Law student at the University of Rwanda says that the competition has sharpened her minds practically. "This competition helped me to learn how to expressing myself through articulating and interpreting laws on side of claimants or respondents," she said.

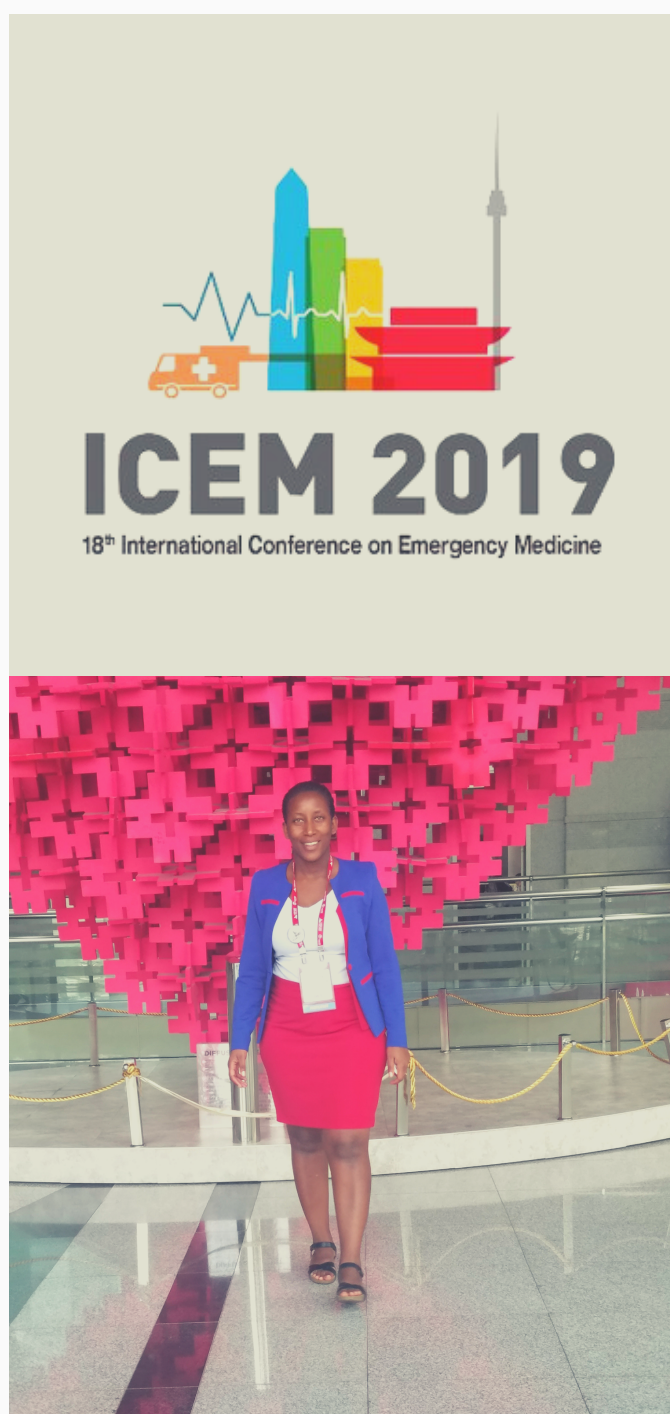
The University of Rwanda won the first seat against University of Kigali (UoK). Other participants were from Kigali Independent University (ULK), Institut D'enseignement Supérieur de Ruhegeri (INES) and University of Lay Adventists of Kigali (UNLK).



OUR STAFF GOT INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

BY MIKE KARANGWA

Dr Chantal UWAMAHORO, emergency medicine physician at CHUB and Lecturer of UR-CMHS got an International Scholar Award for the outstanding paper and excellent presentation in INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE 2019 that took place in the Republic of South Korea.



"I am very proud of our UR staff for his Best Presentation Award at ICGISRSA 2019 in Danmark." - Dr Ignace GATARE

Dr Chantal presented on "Evaluation of a Modified South African Triage Score as a Predictor of Patient Disposition at Tertiary Hospital in Rwanda". The International Conference on Emergency Medicine (ICEM) is a biennial conference on international emergency medicine for emergency physicians. It is organized by the International Federation for Emergency Medicine.

In this issue, we are also celebrating **Mr Maurice MUGABOWINDEKWE** from the College of Science and Technology who got a certificate of Best Presentation award in 5th International Conference on GIS and Remote Sensing.

ICGISRSA 2019: International Conference on GIS and Remote Sensing in Agriculture aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of GIS and Remote Sensing in Agriculture.

It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of GIS and Remote Sensing in Agriculture.



4TH EABEW WAS A SUCCESS

WRITTEN BY MIKE KARANGWA

The three-day conference was well attended with a host of lively and informative speakers taking part on the University of Rwanda – College of Business and Economics & Jonkoping University- International Business School 4th Eastern Africa business and economic watch 2019 annual international conference that took place June 12th – 14th, 2019 in Kigali.

The conference started on Wednesday 12th June 2018 in the afternoon with introduction about University of Rwanda and a welcome remark by Dr Charles Murigande. The speaker of the day Ms. Eve de la Mothe Karoubi (SDSN, France) presented on “The role of universities in SDG implementation”.

The next day, the conference was kicked off with an official opening ceremony under the theme of “Inclusive growth & sustainable socio-economic transformation”.

The conference was opened by the Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Academics and Research Affairs Prof Nelson Ijumba. The Guest of was Mr. Stephen Anthony Rodriques, UNDP Resident Representative.

Speaking to UR MONTHLY, Prof Rama Rao who coordinated the organization of 4th EABEW stated, “It was once again a great EABEW conference. The quality of the guest speakers and the subjects they have shared with the audience were inspiring”.

“The 4th EABEW was success. Our thanks go out to all 100+ people who attended from around the world,” says Prof Rama Rao. 4th EABEW 2019 is an international conference in series organized by UR-CBE in collaboration with the Jonkoping International Business School of Jonkoping University, Sweden under the UR-Sweden, Economics and Management Sub-programme.

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THE STAFF PROFILE



The Spotlight

AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. ANNE MARIE KAGWESAGE

Dr Anne Marie Kagwesage is a Senior Lecturer in the College of Arts and Social Sciences–University of Rwanda. She completed her PhD studies in 2013 under the scholarship of UR-Sweden Programme. She is a complete researcher and many of her papers have informed decision making in the education sector.

Dr Kagwesage discusses that her PhD degree was the turning point in her career as an academic. The studies enabled her to get involved in research and presenting in various research conferences and seminars and most importantly networking with other researchers.

"I got to be trained further and open up my mind and I was able to meet the community of other researchers and scholars which ultimately enabled me to do authentic research" She said.

Her PhD Research was in the area of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Her research topic was on the Investigation of the use of a foreign language teaching and learning in higher education in Rwanda. Kagwesage admits that the findings of her PhD research findings have been very instrumental in informing the Universities on how to use the language of instruction without side-lining other native languages. According to her, the later also helps students to decode and grasp the content of subjects.

But again, as much as the language of instruction, which is a foreign language in Rwandan context might be problematic, she noted that it opens up viable opportunities for students. "The language of instruction is also much appreciated by students as it opens up their horizons and opportunities to further their studies and be part of the larger community around the world" she said.

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