



## UNAM RANKED 21 TOP UNIVERSITY IN AFRICA

The University of Namibia received a continental rank of 21 out of 100 top Universities in Africa. This is an improvement from its previous ranking of 26 last year.

The "World Universities' ranking on the Web", ranks approximately 16 000 Higher Education Institutions listed worldwide, making it the ranking system with the largest coverage. The ranking of Universities is reviewed during January and July of each year and publishes the results. The goal of this initiative is to convince academic and political communities of the importance of the web publication not only for the dissemination of the academic knowledge but for measuring scientific activities, performance and impact.

The rank obtained by UNAM is therefore an indication of its global performance; the quality of information provided to candidate students and scholars and reflects the commitment to the dissemination of scientific knowledge. Further improved ranking for UNAM can be achieved by a considerable increase of the volume and quality of its electronic publications available on its website in order to reflect its academic excellence.

## UNAM SELECTED TO HOLD WTO RESEARCH CHAIR



Dr. Olivier Ruppel

*UNAM is among 14 universities from developing countries that have been selected to hold the WTO Chair for teaching, research and outreach activities.*

The WTO Chairs Programme (WCP) will assist national academic institutions in providing students with a deeper understanding of trade policy issues. Through analytical input into the formulation and implementation of trade policy, the WCP will help strengthen the participation of the beneficiary countries in international trade.

From a total of 70 proposals received, 14 projects were chosen through a competitive selection process involving the WCP Advisory Board. The board is comprised of 21 scholars and experts from around the world who will contribute to all substantive decisions in respect of the programme.

The Director of the Human Rights & Documentation Centre in the Law Faculty Dr. Oliver Ruppel, holds the WTO Chair on behalf of UNAM.

## NEUDAMM DONATES COMPUTERS TO NAMIBIAN POLICE



*This forms part of the campus' social responsibility in helping the Police fight crime.*

The Neudamm Campus of the Faculty of Agriculture & Natural Resources donated two computers to the Namibian Police at the Hosea Kutako International Airport.

The computers will be used to strengthen data collection for crime prevention and community policing efforts in areas around Neudamm and the international airport. The equipment is also meant to allow for the improvement of information gathering, producing official statements and police records needed for investigations.

The Neudamm farm has an area of 10 187 hectares of land and is vulnerable to stock theft, poaching and related crime activities.

## INTERNATIONAL VISITS TO SCHOOL OF NURSING

By Dr Louise Pretorius



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The unit for Clinical Teaching, national and international, in the UNAM School of Nursing and Public Health coordinates clinical electives for about 100 international nursing students annually. These electives form part of the internationalization programmes of different international nursing schools.

During November 2009, the existing collaboration was strengthened through visits from foreign lecturing staff. These included four lecturers from the University of Trollhättan (Sweden), three lecturers from Saxion Hogeschool (Netherlands), and two lecturers from University Slagelse (Denmark).

The focus of their visit was to familiarize themselves with the clinical opportunities that are available for their students to gain clinical experience in nursing practice in Namibia.

As part of the ongoing collaboration, UNAM was invited to the University of Linköping in Sweden from 10 – 14 August to discuss the possibility of a teacher and students exchanges under the Linneaus Palme programme. A good start was made in the exchange programme by sending our colleague Ms JE de Villiers from the School of Nursing Linköping on 20 January 2010 to lecture on nursing ethics. This will be followed by a visit from Louise Hårdelin, a lecturer at Linköping in May.



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