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The University of Ghana

ACU Seminar on Effective Dissemination of Research Results

Centre for African Wetlands, University of Ghana, Legon

Wednesday, 2 April 2008

The Association of Commonwealth Universities is hosting a one-day conference, addressing issues in University Extension and Community Engagement activity, and in disseminating research for the benefit of local communities and regions. The ACU is organising this event as part of our commitment to research dissemination and to the Development Partnerships in Higher Education (DeIPHE) scheme. (www.britishcouncil.org/delphe)

The conference will feature presentations of good practice in Extension projects and systems at higher education institutions in Africa and in Asia, with discussion as to how these projects have succeeded, what challenges remain to overcome, and what lessons may be transferable to different regions.

This event will be of interest to those involved in:

- research management, industrial liaison, and consultancy management;
- community engagement, extension, and service learning;
- agricultural development and rural development;
- distance education;
- lifelong learning; among other related fields.

The seminar will be followed by a strategy meeting to plan the establishment of a new **ACU International Network for Extension Professionals** on the morning of Thursday, 3 April. Delegates to the one-day conference are invited to register their interest in joining this strategy meeting upon arrival on 2 April.

The one-day ACU conference follows the workshop of the West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA) titled “**The Fundamentals of Research Management**,” also hosted by the Centre for African Wetlands, at the University of Ghana, Legon, on 31 March and 1 April 2008.

To Register for the **ACU Seminar on Effective Dissemination of Research Results**, please contact Liam Roberts at l.roberts@acu.ac.uk Fees are payable at the event on 2 April 2008.

ACU Seminar (2 April 2008): Effective Dissemination of Research Results

Please note that participants in the WARIMA workshop may attend the ACU Seminar free of charge

Free (if also attending WARIMA workshop)

US\$45 (if attending this seminar only)

The WARIMA Workshop will take place on 31 March and 1 April 2008, and registration for this event is US\$100 for WARIMA members and US\$150 for non-members. More information can be found at www.warima.org/events.asp

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9:00am – 9:30am	Registration		
9:30am – 10:00am	Introduction and Welcomes		
10:00am – 11:15am	Rural and Community Engagement: West, Central, and East African Experiences: Part 1	<i>Case Studies in Biodiversity and Resource Management in Cameroon</i>	Dr. Bernard Yerima University of Dschang (Cameroon)
		<i>Enhancing University Extension in Local Communities via Students' Supervised Enterprise Projects</i>	Dr. Moses Zinnah Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education (Nigeria)
<i>Break</i>			
11:30am – 12:45pm	Rural and Community Engagement: West, Central, and East African Experiences: Part 2	<i>Enhancing Rural Economies through Marketing Techniques for Rural Communities in Uganda</i>	Masokoyi Wasswa Islamic University in Uganda (Uganda)
		<i>Rural Engagement and Disseminating Research</i>	Dr. Stella Odebode University of Ibadan (Nigeria)
<i>Lunch</i>			
2:00pm – 3:45pm	International Experiences in Extension Project Management	<i>Updating and Standardization of Laboratory Procedures for Diagnosis of Emerging Opportunistic Parasite Infections in Indonesia</i>	Dr. Agnes Kurniawan University of Indonesia (Indonesia)
		<i>Case Studies in Poverty Reduction through Open and Distance Learning</i>	Dr. Chandrakant Puri SNDT Women's University (India)
		<i>District Agricultural Advisory and Transfer of Technology Centres – a Successful Innovation in Technology Dissemination in Andhra Pradesh</i>	Dr. Parisa Rao Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (India)
		<i>Aquaculture and other Case Studies in Extension Activity at the University of Allahabad</i>	Dr. Sandeep Malhotra University of Allahabad (India)
<i>Break</i>			
4:00pm – 4:45pm	Towards a New Network of Extension Professionals: Sharing Experiences, Connecting with Communities	<i>Trends in Extension Capacity: Results of the ACU Extension Capacity Survey in Africa and Asia</i>	Liam Roberts Association of Commonwealth Universities (United Kingdom)
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Review of Day's Proceedings and Seminar Close		
Thursday, 3 April 2008		Session details	
10:00am – 12:30pm	Strategy Meeting to establish new ACU International Network for Extension Professionals		



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Each session will address the following key questions

- In what ways can university extension project make a positive impact upon local communities and region?
- What can be done to improve upon extension capacity at universities in lower-income countries?
- What challenges are shared between institutions in implementing extension, community engagement, and service learning projects?
- How can we build upon collaborating with non-HE actors such as civil society organisations and government in these projects?
- What lessons can be shared between lower-income countries in different regions?
- Are there specific lessons in research dissemination and extension that would apply in a West African context?

Recommended Hotels in Accra

Mensvic Palace

www.mensvichotel.com

USD 80 SINGLE; 120 DOUBLE

Jaria Hotel

www.jariahhotel.com

USD 80 SINGLE; 110 DOUBLE

Elking Hotel

www.elkinghotel.com

USD 100 SINGLE; 120 DOUBLE

Erata Hotel

www.eratahotel.com

USD 90 SINGLE; 110 DOUBLE

Contact Us

For any questions on arriving in Ghana, or to request invitation letters for visas, please contact **Ms. Afua Yeboah** of the **University of Ghana** at ayeboah@ug.edu.gh

If you require transport from the airport to the hotel or to the venue, please write to **Liam Roberts** of the **ACU** at l.roberts@acu.ac.uk to confirm your flight arrival time at Kotoka International Airport, Accra. Registration queries and any other questions about the event are also welcome.

Please visit www.warima.org/events.asp for further information.