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University of Buea Releases Lists of 2022/2023 newly admitted Freshmen and Women



The first list of newly admitted students into the University of Buea (UB) was released Friday, September 16 2022 by UB's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ngomo Horace Manga. The list has students from the following Faculties: Arts, Education, Laws and Political Science, Science, and Social and Management Sciences. The admission lists of some other establishments whose students are admitted through a competitive entrance examination (ASTI, FAVM, FHS, FET, and HTTTC) have been released by the Minister of Higher Education.



The newly admitted students include Cameroonians and citizens of neighboring African countries. The statistics of this year's first admission list in the various establishments which are not through competitive exams is indicated in the table below:

S/N	Establishment	No. Admitted
1	Arts	325
2	Social & Mgt Sciences	1966
3	Science	2359
4	Education	772
5	Laws & Political Science	1946

The University of Buea Maiden Newsletter uses this golden opportunity to sincerely congratulate and welcome the newly admitted students whose names have entered into the data base of the institution. In an attempt to make it easier for the admission process to be completed by the new students, the UBN summarizes the next steps here. Once you have gained admission, do the following:

Acquaint yourself with your admission letter downloaded from the portal. Your matriculation number is in the letter. Master it. Pay your fees online and be careful not to be deceived by roadside assistants. If you need assistance, seek from the person you know or inside the campus at the UB IT Centre. Take the receipt obtained from the payment of registration fees to the Receipt Control in the Faculty of Arts basement. Collect an undertaking form from your faculty and fill. This is to be signed by the police. All your documents must be certified at the Divisional Office. Do the medical examination and obtain an access code to enable you do course registration online. Lastly, ensure to follow-up with orientation organised by each establishment/department. UB authorities advise students to begin lectures while following up registration procedures concurrently.

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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME



It has always been a good and memorable experience for parents to welcome a new born baby into a family. That joy is always deep and lasting. In a similar manner, I am officially announcing the birth of a new baby into the University's family; the Buea University Newsletter which is coming to supplement other news platforms already existing. In my capacity as the Vice-Chancellor and on behalf of the entire University community, I want to use this opportunity to heartily express our profound gratitude to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Research, Cooperation and Relations with the Business World for his ingenuity and innovative mind towards the realization of this Newsletter.

Out of joy and continuous assurance of the sustainability of this news forum, permit me here to welcome all the staff (academic and non-academic) coming back with renewed strength and focus on the new academic year, 2022/2023. We hope that our targets of teaching, research and outreach will be met this year in record time.

Coincidentally, this maiden edition of the newsletter is sprouting at a time when the University has just admitted its 31st batch of students into various degree

programmes. It is my pleasure to welcome this batch of students who have willingly, despite other choices, chosen to pursue a life-long career at the University of Buea, "**The Place-to-Be**". Indeed, your choice of coming here is undisputably the best. The University is readily available to assist you at all times through your journey towards achieving your goals at UB. Some of the teachers who will be teaching you are resounding testimonies to the exemplary training they received from this institution.

We have all it takes to assist you earn a good degree. The University is proud of its credible library with digital facilities to ease the acquisition of knowledge which is your priority here. Make good use of it and be a master in your domain. You are blessed with a good and ultra-modern restaurant and good sporting facilities at your disposal. These would help you to keep fit and relax. Specific departments have training laboratories which you will find very useful. We hope all these will make your learning process very remarkable.

Welcome to "**The Place-to-Be**".

FLPS: The Infant Faculty grows to maturity

Following the change of status from a University Centre to a fully-fledged Anglo-Saxon University in 1993, the University of Buea continues to grow in terms of number of Faculties. The Faculty of Laws and Political Science (FLPS) is the latest of the establishments among the list of the existing ones. It was created from the disintegration of the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences.

Though relatively young, the infant faculty has, against all odds, moved to the peak of its academic responsibilities, already running both Masters and Doctor of Philosophy programmes. A number of masters dissertations and PhD Theses have been defended in FLPS. The Faculty has, for so short a time, risen to a prominent level because of its interesting programmes like International Relations, Conflict Resolution, Law, Political Science, Public Administration, amongst others.

As part of its institutional policy, the Faculty has continued to be a leading ground for research and learning. The dynamism of the faculty has been evident in the strengthening of her partnership with the African Leadership Centre in King's College, London and the development of new partnerships with MEVEO, MTN

Cameroon and the Catholic University of Central Africa just to mention a few.

In addition to the classical programme and the professional masters programme in Local Government, Conflict Resolution, Peace and Security and Human Rights and Development, FLPS has developed short courses to build expertise in the mediation of workplace disputes and community mediation.

The strength and achievements of the infant faculty has been outstanding. FLPS has organised four seminars that were widely attended by staff and students. In a similar vein, a highlight of the academic year 2020/2021 was the publication of the maiden edition of the *University of Buea Laws and Political Science Quarterly journal (UB-LPSQ)*.

While hoping that the faculty will remain focused on achieving its goals, we wish that the vast majority of staff should take advantage of its interesting programmes and actively engage students in teaching, research and outreach activities.

FLPS Grows in programmes and students size

University of Buea Hosts the Data Science Centre for Study of Surgery, Injury and Equity in Africa (D-SINE Africa) Project

It is a privilege for the University of Buea to have won a giant project titled “**Harnessing Data Science to Promote Equity in Injury and Surgery for Africa**”. This is an international project funded by a grant awarded to the University of Buea by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the Fogarty International Center (FIC). The project which has far reaching impact on health was won by an eminent scholar and deep-rooted researcher in health-related issues, Professor Chichom Alain Mefire of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) of the University of Buea. The project was officially launched at FHS, University of Buea on 14 April 2022. It saw the participation of foreign partners through a zoom link.

The National Institute of Health awarded grants for two different research projects.

The **first award** is developed under the framework of Data Science Initiative for Africa (DSI-Africa) and seeks to establish a programme of systematic collection of data on injuries through Trauma Registries in various hospitals in Cameroon, in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health of Cameroon. The ultimate mission of D-SINE Africa is to reduce the burden of injuries and bridge the gap of inequities to surgical services in African countries. The project awarded to the University of Buea involves the following institutions:

1. University of California Los Angeles (UCLA),

USA

2. University of California Berkeley, USA
3. University of Cape Town, South Africa
4. African Institute of Mathematical Science (AIMS), Cameroon.

The total amount of funds awarded for a period of 5 years (from September 2021 to August 2026) is **\$6,492,990** (six million, four hundred and ninety-two thousand, nine hundred and ninety USD).

The **second award** is a training grant submitted by the University of California Los Angeles in collaboration with the Department of Public Health and Hygiene of the Faculty Health Sciences of the University of Buea for the training of critical mass of trauma researchers in Cameroon. This award sets the foundation for a sustainable Injury Center at the University of Buea. The beneficiaries over the five-year period of the grant will include **2 Post-Doctoral Fellows, 8 PhD in Public Health, and 24 Masters of Public Health (MPH) trainees**. They will all receive Attestations of training delivered by the University of California Berkeley. The funds available for this project amount to **\$1,348,450** (one million, three hundred and forty-eight thousand, four hundred and fifty USD). For more information, visit: www.dsineafrika.org. or www.ubuea.cm.



Prof. Chichom Mefire, Director of D-SINE Africa



D-SINE Africa Project Team with VC at Project Launching

UB Exploits its Entrepreneurial Prowess; creates “UB CORPORATE LIMITED”

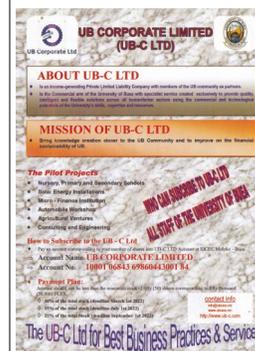
The “UB CORPORATE LIMITED” (UB-C LTD) was born from the need to improve on the financial sustainability of UB. The UB-C Ltd is an income generating private company with members of the UB community as partners. The company shall serve as the commercial arm of the University of Buea and seeks to make use of the commercial and technological potentials of the University’s skills, expertise and resources.

Its pilot projects include creating:

- Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools,

- Solar Energy Installations
- Micro-Finance Institution
- Automobile Workshop
- Agricultural Ventures
- Consulting and Engineering

Shares are open for purchase and the least share is 50,000FCFA. For more information, visit UB website: www.ubuea.cm





Project Team and UB TOP MGT after proclamation of grant award

UB Incubator Project: Agric Don wins Maiden Award

In an attempt to achieve one of its goals, outreach, the University of Buea decided to initiate and develop an incubator project. Motivated by the interest to overcome employment challenges within the Buea municipality and immediate environs, the developers of the project saw the essence to identify an incubator model, setting up business incubators, training of young Cameroonian graduates and with a proud vision of training young African talents to commence product-led businesses.

With these preconceived ideologies, and in an attempt to set the ball rolling, the University launched a call for incubator projects. A total of 16 applications were received and after a serious scrutiny considering the criteria for selection, 4 projects were short-listed.

The 2022 Research Planning Day which held on March 18 2022 took a new trend from its usual training-focused themes to attaching substantial importance to the maiden incubator project. Consequently, the theme of the Research Planning Day was "Funding Income Generating Projects: Start-Up Research Incubators". The activities of the event witnessed the brilliant presentation of the 4 short-listed

projects with Dr Divine Ewane and his team, from the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, emerging victorious with a cash price award of 5,000,000 (five million) fcfa.

Dr Ewane in his project to support a business incubator approach to the teaching of live-stock production at the University of Buea, thrilled and assured the audience with the possibility of achieving socio-economic progress among the students and other stakeholders of the institution.

Though at its creeping stage, the content of incubator is enriching and high sounding with mechanisms put in place to ensure its continuity. Being one of the projects that has come to augment the economic facelift of Buea and its environs, given the institution's readiness to fund income-generating projects, staff are encouraged to coin projects that could be funded. In the days ahead, the Research Office will launch the second phase of the project. For more information, you can contact the Research Office, Central Administration R103.



Jam Jude Jua



Asonglefac Bonita



Acha Derick

UB's M.Sc. Students win Competitive AFROHUN Research Grant

A collaborative research team of three post graduate students from the University of Buea, namely, **Jam Jude Jua (M.Sc. Animal Science); Asonglefac Bonita Fonkem, (M.Sc. Public Health) and Acha Derick Atemlefac, (M.Sc. Zoology)** has won the competitive grant of the African One Health University Network (AFROHUN). The grant amount is **USD4000**. The project is entitled '**Broiler Production, Processing and Supply in Fako Division: Practices, Procedures, Challenges and Health Implications on Products and Consumers**'.

The African One Health University Network (AFROHUN) promotes global health security by empowering One Health University Networks in Africa and Southeast Asia, to build the human resources and boosters to the workforce for more effective disease surveillance and control. This interdisciplinary research team will, within four months (August to November 2022), engage some 200 smallholder/commercial poultry farmers to collect information on production management, drug use, type of antibiotics, purpose of drug use, type of diseases and observance of withdrawal period. In

addition, key informants will be interviewed/ and focus group discussion on types/amount of veterinary drug use, availability of professional advice on the uses of antibiotics, diagnosis and treatment of chicken diseases, and if there were health effects noted due to veterinary drug toxicity.

The study will provide information on antibiotic use practices in the production, processing and supply chain, as well as levels of microbial susceptibility. There will be recommendations on production/ management, processing and supply practices that reduce bacteria resistance and contamination of meat during processing.

The data will be helpful to stakeholders in the poultry industry, public health officials and councils in preventing diseases and reducing bacteria resistance in products and consumers.

Wind of Change Sweeps over UB

On June 17 2022, the Head of State, His Excellency President Paul Biya signed two decrees appointing Deputy Vice-Chancellors and Directors of State Universities. The decrees affected the University of Buea at both levels.

The first Presidential Decree No. 2022/238 of 17 June 2022 appointed Dr Kingsley Lyonga Ngange, Associate Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, to the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor in-charge of Research, Cooperation and Relations with the Business World. Before his appointment, he was the Head of Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, University of Buea.

The same Decree appointed Dr Peter Sakwe Masumbe, Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, to the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in-charge of Internal Control and Evaluation. Before his appointment, he was serving at the Prime Minister's Office.

The second Presidential Decree No. 2022/239 of 17 June 2022 appointed Dr Lucy Mande Ayamba, Associate Professor of Microbiology as Director of Students Affairs. Before this appointment, she was serving as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in-charge of Research, Cooperation and Relations with the Business World at UB.

UB Programmes Convocation for December 2022

For three years running, the University due to the preventive measures to limit the spread of Covid-19 pandemic did not organise the normal academic ritual, the convocation.

We are happy to inform our readers that after taking everything into consideration, the University has decided to run an enlarged convocation ceremony spanning for three days involving graduates of 2020, 2021 and 2022 academic years. The convocation ceremony will be by Faculty and groupings, the Newsletters gathered.

According to the same decree, Professor Tabi Atemnkeng, Professor of Economics, was appointed Director of Financial Affairs. He was previously the Vice-Dean in-charge of Programmes and Academic Affairs in the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, UB.

Without doubt, those appointed are square pegs in square holes. While thanking and acknowledging the Head of State for his constant wisdom, we hope that these newly appointed officials will paddle UB to safer coastline even when the water tides are high and uncertain.

Presiding over the installation ceremony at the Dorothy Limunga Njeuma Amphitheatre 23 June 2022, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Ngomo Horace Manga called on the newly appointed officials to respect their new status and be committed to their responsibilities. The VC did not hesitate to remind the newly appointed officials to see themselves as public figures who should bring sanity and innovation in UB.

The brief ceremony which witnessed the attendance of students, staff, friends and family members ended with a series of group photographs and handshakes.

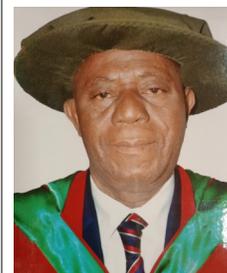


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The Newly Appointed Officials have been described by many as "a square peg in a square hole"



Kingsley L. Ngange, Ph.D



Peter Sakwe Masumbe, Ph.D



Lucy N. Ayamba, Ph.D



Prof. Tabi Atemnkeng

Date	Establishments
Wednesday, 14 December 2022	Faculties of Science, Engineering and Technology and Veterinary Medicine
Thursday, 15 December 2022	Faculties of Social and Management Sciences, Education, and Advanced School of Translators and Interpreters
Friday, 16 December 2022	Faculties of Laws and Political Science, and Arts

Faculty of Science stands Tall on winning most externally funded research grants

Ongoing Externally Funded Research Projects at UB

Over the years, the University of Buea has won and executed more than 115 (one hundred and fifteen) externally funded research projects (research and consultancy). This is another area where UB’s competence has been exemplary considering the high international competitiveness of all the externally funded research grants.

Presently, the institution is running 32 (thirty-two) externally funded projects. Of this number, two projects are funded by the Cameroon Development Corporation (CDC) and the South West Development Authority (SOWEDA). The former is involved with UB in the testing of agro-chemicals used by CDC. Directly under the supervision of the Faculty of Science, the project has been beneficial to both parties. The latter contracted UB’s experts for the experimentation and production of fast and resistant seedlings to be made available to farmers at affordable prices.

There is a great disparity in the distribution of externally funded research grants in the various establishments.

The Faculty of Science is housing approximately 69% of the externally funded research grants. We would

S/N	Establishments	Number of Grants
1	FS	22
2	FHS	3
3	Arts	2
4	FAVM	2
5	FET	2
6	FSMS	1

like to use this opportunity to appreciate the efforts of all those burning the mid-night oil to win externally funded research grants and by so doing, ranking UB high in the field of research and development.

It is worthwhile to state here that the three projects housed in FHS and the two projects housed in FET are all managed by the same Principal Investigators: Professor Alain Mefire Chichom of FHS and Professor Tanyi Emmanuel Beti of FET.

Stakeholders Vow to Fight Podoconiosis in Cameroon



Prof. Samuel Wanji

The commitment to fight podoconiosis in Cameroon was taken during the “First National Conference on Podoconiosis in Cameroon”. The conference was organized at the Tolatel Hotel in Bafoussam September 8 and 9, 2022 by a team of Principal Investigators (PIs) in the University of Buea, headed by Professor Samuel Wanji.

Podoconiosis, a chronic inflammatory, geochemical skin disease caused by prolonged exposure to irritant red clay soils derived from volcanic rocks, causes bilateral asymmetrical swelling of the lower legs.

In his welcome presentation, Professor Wanji, lead researcher said the conference objectives were to: share with the various stakeholders knowledge on podoconiosis acquired through over two decades of research, enhance/integrate podoconiosis in health policy, introduce the fight against podoconiosis into the national health plan in Cameroon, and push for podoconiosis to be taught in medical schools so that students and researchers can master it and continuously look for solutions to tackle it.

The representative of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buea (UB), Professor Eneke Bechem, who is Registrar of UB, stressed on the need for concerted efforts towards eradication of podoconiosis in Cameroon.

Meanwhile, the Director of Epidemiology in the Ministry of Public Health in Cameroon, who doubled as representative of the Minister of Public Health, Professor Epee Emilienne thanked UB for continuous research on epidemiological diseases, especially podoconiosis.

The current stakes show that podoconiosis is a neglected tropical disease (NTD), and does not appear on the World Health Organization’s (WHO) list of NTDs.

The conference was split into three scientific sessions: Epidemiology and public health, management of disease, and future research on podoconiosis. These sessions had a total of ten presentations, with demonstrations on results of podoconiosis research in the world, Africa, and Cameroon.

Various presentations revealed that there are 41,556 cases of podoconiosis in Cameroon. Major causes include: irritant soil, genetic susceptibility, and bare-foot exposure. Consequences include: physical disability, reduced quality of life, stigma, and depression for those affected. Findings demonstrate that stigma increases with the stage of podoconiosis.



Conference participants

University of Buea: Connecting the World through Partnership Agreements

Since its inception in 1993, UB has extended its influence to be felt far and wide in different capacities with a cumulative record of 195 Partnership Agreements. All these categories of agreements have varying opportunities for the parties concerned.

Within the national territory, UB is running 80 partnership agreements with other Private Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs) for academic supervision and mentorship. Due to her prowess in academic performance, the institution has made a breakthrough even in PHEIs in the francophone zone of the country that are running English programmes for academic mentorship.

Research, training and business partnerships are evolving with positive results. Recently, the telephone company, Orange Cameroon offered a token to some deserving students cutting across all the establishments of the university.

On record, the university has 100 international linkages comprising institutions from Africa, Europe, United States, Canada, South America and Australia. Through these linkages, some of our students and staff have benefitted from exchange programmes that facilitate studying abroad. Some academic staff, through our partnerships with some international organisations like the Association of Commonwealth Universities, have won numerous seed grants to boost academic excellence and research.

It is our wish that students and staff should make maximum use of the partnership agreements that are available. Meanwhile, the university is determined, more than ever before, to maintain the existing linkages and create new ones. Below is the summary table of the existing partnerships for exploitation.



Staff of Cooperation Division

UB Cooperation Linkages with the Rest of the World

S/N	Region/Country/Item	Number of partnerships
National Linkages		
1	Academic supervision (Mentorship)	33
2	Research, training and Business Partnerships	57
Sub-total		80
International Linkages		
1	Africa	17
2	United States of America (USA)	33
3	Canada	6
4	United Kingdom	7
5	Europe (EU)	35
6	South America (Brazil)	1
7	Australia	1
Sub-total		100
8	International Organisations (including, AAU, ACU, AUF etc.)	15
Sub-Total (International Linkages)		15
Grand total		195

Most of the cooperation linkages have staff and students exchange programmes. Visit the Cooperation Office for more information on available opportunities.

Statistics of Theses and Dissertations Defended Since 2019

Research, one of the pillars within the university milieu is gaining momentum at the University of Buea. The institution has been active in postgraduate academic research and supervision in all its establishments except the Higher Teachers' Technical Training College which for now is running only training programmes as laid down by the text governing its creation.

Within a period of three years, UB has in record a total of 2026 (two thousand and twenty-six) defended Masters and Doctor of Philosophy Dissertations and Theses respectively. The details have been given on the table below. At the time of publication, this is the figure we had and is obvious that the number of defended theses and dissertations has continued to increase.

The Faculty of Social and Management Sciences recorded the highest number of dissertations and theses defended with 454. The Faculty is the most populated on campus and works hard to allow students defend in record time.

The second on the list is the Faculty of Science with a total of 396 (three hundred and ninety six). This could be possible because over the years, the Faculty of Science has developed professional programmes that are attracting the future generation. The Faculty equally has a large number of students.

Theses and Dissertations Defended between 2019/2020–2021/2022 Academic Years

Establishments	Year						Total
	2019/2020		2020/2021		2021/2022		
	Masters	PhD	Masters	PhD	Masters	PhD	
Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine	10	1	21	0	14	0	46
Faculty of Education	40	30	92	15	34	6	217
Faculty of Social and Management Sciences	233	16	140	17	40	8	454
Faculty of Laws and Political Science	42	16	140	11	70	1	280
Advanced School of Translators and Interpreters (ASTI)	64	0	51	0	22	0	137
College of Technology	1	0	12	0	8	0	21
Faculty of Science	230	18	97	20	21	10	396
Faculty of Arts	66	5	20	9	12	2	114
Faculty of Health Sciences	162	0	175	19	1	4	361
Total	848	86	748	91	222	31	2026

UB's updated Theses and Dissertation Guide is now available for use by staff and students. Visit website at: www.ubuea.cm.

University of Buea at the 9th Batch Graduation Ceremony of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)-Cameroon

A Tripartite Agreement was signed between the Ministry of Higher Education, AIMS and the University of Buea on 19 of October 2020 empowering AIMS Cameroon to run MSc and PhD in different fields of specialization in Mathematical Sciences under the supervision of the University of Buea. As part of the implantation process of this Tripartite Agreement, the University of Buea signed a Specific Agreement with AIMS on the 2nd of February 2021 to define the scope of how this supervision could be effectively done. After a successful 2021/2022 academic year, the University of Buea was invited to assist at the AIMS –Cameroon Structured Master’s Graduation ceremony.

The ceremony which took place at the campus of AIMS-Cameroon in Limbe Wednesday 29th June 2022 was attended by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buea, Professor Ngomo Horace Manga who also doubles as the President of the AIMS-Cameroon Advisory Board.

The ceremony was chaired by the Secretary General at the Ministry of Higher Education,

Professor Wilfred Gabsa, who represented the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education. After a welcome address by the City Mayor of Limbe and another by Chief Operating Officer of AIMS-Cameroon, an Academic Discourse was delivered by Professor Emeritus Godfrey Tangwa of the University of Yaounde 1 on the topic, “Genuine and Fake African Intellectuals at a Critical Moment of Our History”.

The certificates of the fifty-five (55) graduates from ten (10) African countries including Cameroon, Kenya, Ghana, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Egypt, Chad, Sudan, DRC and Burkina Faso were then handed over and the Vice-Chancellor of UB officially conferred the degrees on them. Of the seven students who passed with distinction, 4 were females. The valedictorian was a female from Cameroon.

After a key note address by the representative of the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, a refrain of the National Anthem was sung to close the event.



About the Service of the DVC/RCB

The Service of the DVC/RCB under the stewardship of Dr. Kingsley Lyonga NGANGE, Associate Professor, has three key Divisions namely: Division of Research and Publications, Division of Cooperation, and the Business Unit. Each of these Divisions is headed by a Head of Division and each Division has a specific mandate to be accomplished on behalf of the University of Buea.

The Division for Research and Publications anchors the “Research” mission of the University. Over the years, this Division has made positive strides to advance the mission within its tight financial, human resources and infrastructural constraints. The office amongst its activities, organises capacity building workshops annually during its Research Planning Days to enhance the capacity of emerging researchers and PG students on grant writing and management skills. The Division is at the disposal of UB’s researchers in assisting them in the process of grant application, grant administration, and regularly liaises with the Division of Cooperation in establishing cooperation ties for researchers who wish to establish one with project partners. The present vision of the entire service is to enhance communication and bridge the information gap between the works of researchers and the audience. The staff of the entire service are receptive, hospitable and ready to offer assistance where needed. Our doors are widely open.



Prof. Kingsley L. NGANGE, DVC/RCB

Our vision:

“Bridging the information Gap”

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UB Research Conference is Scheduled for 25 October, 2022, on the theme: “Enhancing the Capacity of Emerging Researchers”.

Maiden Research Conference to hold in UB

Still in the process of enriching the University of Buea research profile as well as fulfilling one of its triple missions, ‘research’, a maiden research conference has been billed for 25th October 2022. This conference, which targets staff and postgraduate students of the University of Buea will be organised under the theme: “Enhancing the Capacity of Emerging Researchers”.

To ensure the smooth organization of the event, two preparatory meetings were held, attended by Principal Investigators and the Service of DVC/RCB to brainstorm on the possibilities of realizing maximum output at the conference. Consequently, the meeting recommended the invitation of seasoned researchers to give their experiences and expert knowledge on enhancing the capacity of emerging researchers.



Preparatory meeting with some Principal Investigators and the DVC/RCB's Service

The keynote address of this conference will be given by Professor Joyce Endeley. Her research experience and output has been outstanding. In her infinite wisdom, Professor Joyce Endeley will drill the audience to the maximum.

The conference will x-ray the importance of research not only as way to career development but as a means of providing solutions to immediate problems. In line with this, Professor Samuel Wanji, Principal Investigator in the University of Buea, has been engaged in efforts to seek solutions to a wide range of tropical diseases in Africa and beyond. He will be addressing conference participants on the importance of research.

Among the difficulties of being able to engage in research is the availability of funds. This maiden research will educate young researchers on the right methodology to implement when sourcing for research funding. Professor Achidi Eric will break the grounds with new techniques in sourcing for research funds. He will drill participants on how to write attractive and highly competitive funding proposals.

Other interesting topics among others capable of changing the mindsets and enhancing the capacity of emerging researchers during the conference are: Research Networking, Communication and Commercialization of Research Results, Grant and Proposal Writing for Emerging Researchers and many more to be handled by key research experts.

The maiden research conference marks a genesis of a new era, guaranteeing a platform and possible springboard from where young and emerging researchers would spring for the betterment of research and development in the University of Buea. You cannot afford to miss this conference.

College of Technology offers ICT Certification Programme

The College of Technology of the University of Buea runs the ICT certification programme in collaboration with Cisco Networking Academy. The professional programme is transforming the lives of learners, communities through the power of technology and career opportunities. You can choose a career path along any of the following areas:

1. System Administration and IT Support Technicians
2. Network Administrators and Network Engineers
3. Software Developers, Automation Engineers, Programmers, Application Developers.

4. Security Administrators, Cyber Security Incidence Responders, Network Defenders and SOC Analyst.

For more information, visit:

www.ubuea.cm



Michael Anumoh, A Professional trainer of certification program at COT, UB

UB RHIZO BIOLOGY LABORATORY (RHIZOLAB)

RHIZOLAB which centers on a systems approach to biological processes for landscape and farm-level management is a result of one of our emerging scholars, Professor Ngosong Christopher.

The essence of the RHIZO BIOLOGY is its provision of viable solutions to food/nutrition, food security and ecological sustainability in boosting crop productivity. It also focuses on interconnections between food security and health outcomes.

This project is valuable to a developing nation like Cameroon with all the environmental challenges inhibiting food production.



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UB Scholars Fronting International Conferences

Professor Pierre Fandio, Vice/Dean in Charge of Research and Cooperation at the Faculty of Arts attended an international conference at Rabat, Morocco from 21 to 23 September 2022. The conference theme was “*La famille vue comme un labyrinthe ou une métaphore*”.

He presented a paper during the conference entitled: «*Du français dans le théâtre camerounais d'expression anglaise comme modalité de mise en scène d'un dialogue différé entre les communautés «francophones» et «anglophones» : une approche socio historique de la dramaturgie de Bate Besong*».

FLPS sent out a team of three academic staff to visit the University of Fort Hare

Professors Jonie Fonyam, Irene Samalang, and Patience Sone visited the University of Fort Hare in South Africa for curriculum prospection, student exchange programmes, teaching, supervision and fellowship in September 2022.



Staff of FLPS

Academic Staff listen to Inaugural Lecture for the 2022/2023 Academic year

The inaugural lecture which was held on 20 September to ignite the 2022/2023 academic year was presented by Professor Charles Ngiewih Teke, an expert in Literary and Cultural Studies. This event saw in participation, the top officials of the institution and a cross section of academic staff from all the establishments of UB. In his inaugural lecture on “Postcolonial Globalisation: Counter Discourses to Hegemonic and Epistemological Dominance”, Professor Teke argued that postcolonialism, especially of the African sort, has produced a brand of globalisation which is different from the contemporary semantic context of globalisation in Western discourse.

The presentation thrilled the audience on the components of postcolonial globalisation including postcolonial intellectualism, culture, economy and politics which are evidently inscribed in its agenda. In his opinion, globalisation is conceived as a subtle or overt new face and phase of Western imperialism and colonialism and equally enhancing Western centrist influences on the globe.

Professor Teke in his presentation, made an attempt to dismantle and undermine the homogeneity of globalisation as distinctively Western inclined. While addressing the audience, he emphasised that the West “place postcolonialism at the heart of an inevitable all-embracing global experience; pluriculturalism embedded in diverse civilisations in the dire need to foster commonalities for human sustenance and progress.”



Prof. Pierre Fandio



Conference hall at Rabat

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UB Calendar of Activities for 2022/2023

UNIVERSITY OF BUEA	REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON PEACE-WORK-FATHERLAND
CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR	
DATES	EVENTS
JUNE 2022	LAUNCHING OF ON-LINE APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION INTO UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES FOR 2022/2023
JULY - AUGUST 2022	INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE
AUGUST 2022	CALL FOR POSTGRADUATE ADMISSIONS FOR 2022/2023
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022	ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS INTO PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMES OF UB: ASTI, COT, FAVM, FET, FHS, HTTTC FOR 2022/2023
05 SEPTEMBER 2022	RESUMPTION OF DUTY FOR ACADEMIC STAFF
06 SEPTEMBER 2022	ESTABLISHMENT BOARD MEETINGS
09 SEPTEMBER 2022	UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD MEETING
10 SEPTEMBER 2022	PUBLICATION OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
12 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REGISTRATION, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES, MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION INTO COURSES FOR ALL FRESH AND RETURNING STUDENTS (RUNS ALONGSIDE LECTURES) ORIENTATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR CLINICAL POSTING ORIENTATION OF FRESH STUDENTS (UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE)
20 SEPTEMBER 2022	START OF UNDERGRADUATE LECTURES
20 SEPTEMBER 2022	UNIVERSITY OF BUEA INAUGURAL LECTURE
22 SEPTEMBER 2022	POSTGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD MEETING
23 SEPTEMBER 2022	PUBLICATION OF POSTGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
25 SEPTEMBER 2022	START OF POSTGRADUATE LECTURES
30 SEPTEMBER 2022	CONGREGATION
14 OCTOBER 2022	ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)
20 OCTOBER - 21 OCTOBER 2022	ACADEMIC PLANNING I: TEACHING ORIENTATION
25 OCTOBER 2022	RESEARCH CONFERENCE
28 OCTOBER 2022*	GRADUATION FOR HTTTC KUMBA (TENTATIVE)
29 OCTOBER 2022	MATRICULATION
01 NOVEMBER 2022	ESTABLISHMENT BOARD MEETINGS (MID-SEMESTER)
02-12 NOVEMBER 2022	SUBMISSION OF ESTABLISHMENTS REPORTS ON TEACHING
12 NOVEMBER 2022*	BLOCKED PERIOD FOR CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TESTS
DECEMBER 2022	GRADUATION FOR FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES (TENTATIVE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SENSITISATION ON STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS TALENT SEARCH - SPORTS PROGRAMME STUDENTS FORUM
13 DECEMBER 2022	START OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SPORT COMPETITIONS
16 DECEMBER 2022	END OF LECTURES (FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK)
17 DECEMBER 2022	COUNCIL
18 DECEMBER 2022- 02 JANUARY 2023	CONVOCATION
03 JANUARY 2023	CHRISTMAS BREAK
JANUARY 2023	LECTURES RESUME (FIRST SEMESTER CONTINUES)
JANUARY 2023	UNIVERSITY FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CULTURE (UNIFAC)
05 JANUARY 2023	BRAINS TRUST COMPETITION (DATE TO BE SPECIFIED)
06 JANUARY 2023	END OF LECTURES FOR FIRST SEMESTER 2022/2023
09 JANUARY 2023	ACADEMIC PLANNING II: RESEARCH PLANNING DAYS
11 JANUARY - 28 JANUARY 2023	DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION OF FINAL CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
08 FEBRUARY 2023	MARKS FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER 2022/2023
	2022/2023 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
	ESTABLISHMENT BOARD MEETINGS
	REGISTRATION FOR 2022/2023 SECOND SEMESTER RESIT EXAMINATION
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	ESTABLISHMENT BOARD MEETINGS
	2022/2023 SECOND SEMESTER RESIT SENATE
	PUBLICATION OF 2022/2023 SECOND SEMESTER RESIT EXAMINATION RESULTS
	VACATION (ACADEMIC STAFF)
	*TENTATIVE
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	28 JUL 2022
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