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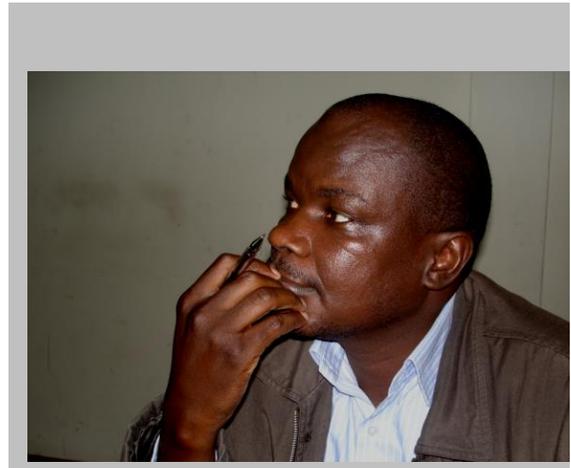
RECENT NEWS

December 2012:

- Clinical Studies Welfare Group held a successful Christmas Party.
- Prof. Charles M. Mulei was elected as Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Nairobi for a term of 2 years.

January –March 2013

- Dr. Idle Farah was appointed Chairman of the University of Nairobi Council for a term of 6 years.
- Prof. Japheth Chesire Kiptoon was appointed as Chancellor, Karatina University for a period of 6 years.
- Dr. John Demesi Mande was appointed Chairman, Department of Clinical Studies on January 9, 2013 for a period of 3 years.
- Dr. Jafred MA Kitaa was elected as Honorary Treasurer and Dr. Gilbert Kirui nominated as Member of the Executive Committee of the Kenya Veterinary Association- Head Office



DR. JOHN DEMESI MANDE

FOREWORD

The Department of Clinical Studies is pleased to publish the 1st Issue of its Newsletter. This comes one of the mechanisms available for staff members to communicate in sharing their thoughts and ideas as family.

The Department has witnessed tremendous changes arising from the changing political and legal framework related to the enactment of the Universities Act (2012) as well as the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act -29 (2011) and Regulations (2013). In addition, there is renewed momentum following the establishment of a new structure of devolved governance and system of managing Higher Education.

More recently, the Department of Clinical Studies Strategic Plan has been developed to guide its operations for the next 5-years. These changes provide opportunities for growth among staff and stakeholders at large.

Dr. John Demesi Mande
Chairman
Department of Clinical Studies

PROMOTION OF HERD HEALTH AND PRODUCTION WHILE LEARNING AND BENEFITING THE COMMUNITY

Final year veterinary students carry out a field visits in selected areas of the country. Areas visited so far include Narok 2012, Eldoret 2011, loitoktok, Bomet and Kibwezito name a few.

During such visits various activities are carried out by students under supervision of the Department's academic staff members. Such visits prepare the students for field practice by exposing them to practical cases and scenarios and gives a chance to put in practice the theory learned, it also breaks the monotony of classroom learning.

Farmers questions are answered satisfactorily and new developments relevant to their locality communicated.

Apart from benefiting the students and farmers the outreach also popularize the university in the visited community and also acts as a way of the university giving back to the community.



FINAL YEAR STUDENTS



FIELD VISIT TO TANA RIVER



LAMU DONKEY RIDING

UPCOMING EVENTS

Postgraduate students registered in the department have started preparing their Research Projects and will present Departmental Seminar in July 2013.

Equine welfare-challenges in developing a standardised assessment framework

Equines and more specifically donkeys play an important role in livelihoods of many Kenyans. While performing their role in facilitating farming, trade and human sustenance, equines are subjected to unfavourable working environments, whether adversities, overworked or malicious injuries. In order to plan better for equine welfare improvement and human livelihood improvement, there is need to ensure good welfare of working equines. Welfare assessment of working equines requires assessment of parameters including those indicating both physical and mental state of the animal. There is also the challenge in that most assessments give a point assessment and there is need to postulate past welfare challenges and or to identify potential future welfare challenges. There are many frameworks that have been developed for measuring welfare in equines including horses, mules and donkeys. All these frameworks require one to be trained in using the framework and findings of one assessor should agree with another assessor if they assess the same animal at the same time. However repeatability and agreement of scores between welfare assessors for donkeys has not been as good as is in the horses. There is therefore need to research further into the best combination of parameters to assess welfare in donkeys with a good enough repeatability between welfare assessors.

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