

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **WORKSHOP**

From Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June to Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013, two members of the academic staff of the Sub-Department of French, namely, Dr. Bilha Mwenesi and Mr. Michael Nginye took part in a workshop on the teaching of Business French using the latest language teaching method, “la méthode actionnelle” where language teaching and acquisition is approached from the point of view of the tasks to be accomplished in the language in question and where the learner is placed at the centre of the didactic activities.

The workshop was funded by the language cooperation bureau of the French Embassy in Kenya and organized by the same bureau in conjunction with the Alliance Française of Nairobi, with the latter offering the facilitation services.

Participants were those with experience in teaching business French and/or came from institutions in different parts of Kenya which offer business French.

### **MR; SMITH OF SCIENCE PO UNIVERSITY, FRANCE, VISITS THE SUB-DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Smith of Science PO university, France, which has signed a collaboration agreement with the Faculty of Arts of the University of Nairobi visited the Sub-Department of French and held fruitful discussions on possible student exchanges with Dr. Bilha Mwenesi of the Sub-Department.

### **Retreat for faculty of arts heads of department and faculty committee chairmen**

The Sub-Department of French was represented by Dr. Bilha Mwenesi at this retreat, which took place from May 30, 2014 to June 1, 2013, at the Maanzoni Lodge, Machakos County.

### **Cerfruna French Day**

To celebrate the March 2013 francophony week, the French club of the University of Nairobi, CERFRUNA, organised a successful French Day on March 23, 2013. Several universities in Nairobi and alumni of the Sub-Department responded positively to the invitation of the French club as did members of staff of the Sub-Department, Drs. Bilha Mwenesi and Caroline Oyugi and officials of the French Embassy, Mr. Claude Frey and Ms Nassima Benrabia. The material support accorded to the French Club by the Embassy officials served as a good supplement to the financial donations the club had received from Dr. Bilha Mwenesi and Mr. Michael Nginye, academic members of staff of the Sub-Department of French.

CERFRUNA club members and some of their guests later proceeded to the Nairobi French School and the following day to Windsor Hotel to participate in other Francophony week activities.

## **COMPLETION OF DOCTORATE STUDIES**

Miss Caroline Oyugi came back from the Franche Comté University of Besançon, France, as Dr. Caroline Oyugi, having completed the last part of her PHD studies in January of 2013. Her thesis had to do with the internalisation of the foreign language spoken word competence.

## **Kenya Association of Teachers of French CONGRESS and AGM**

These two activities took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2012 with two members of staff of the Sub-Department, Dr. Bilha Mwenesi taking part in the congress and Miss Oyugi taking part in both the congress and the AGM..