

The School of Pharmacy hosted Mr. Paul Peters, Director, EMEA Sales of the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) on August 5, 2015. Mr. Peters is responsible for CAS sales in Europe, Middle East and Africa. CAS is a service of the American Chemical Society and offers several innovative products that aid scientists globally in their research. One such product is Scifinder which provides unlimited access to the world's most comprehensive and authoritative source of references, substances and reactions in chemistry and related sciences (<http://www.cas.org/products/scifinder>). A request had been made to the University Library to consider acquiring a Scifinder licence to assist staff members and students enhance their research experience. Mr. Peters gave an exciting overview of the history of Scifinder and an intriguing behind-the-scenes peek at the work that goes on to keep the program up-to-date. A presentation on recent improvements to Scifinder was made. It emerged during the discussion that most of the faculty who had spent some time studying outside the country had used Scifinder. The faculty members present felt that Scifinder is more than ever an essential requirement for the University. The tool once acquired will be especially useful for staff in the Colleges of Health Sciences (College of Health Sciences), Physical and Biological Sciences (CBPS) and Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (CAVS). Mr. Peters was accompanied by Senior University Library managers. The School is grateful to the Library in particular and the University in general for promptly responding to their request.