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## New Postgraduate Research Degrees Up and Running



MA students enjoying their new furniture, from left Thomas Davai (jnr), Serah Keliwin, Jennifer Vele and Obed Yama

### Climate Change Conference Monday April 26, 4pm @ HSL

US visiting Speaker, Mr Franz Litz will be here on Monday April 26 at 4pm to speak to staff and students on the topic "Climate Change".

Day Students you are also required to attend, your bus will leave straight after the seminar.

**All are encouraged to attend!**

PAU now offers a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Master of Theology (MTh) at its Koiari Park Campus apart from the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry and Postgraduate Diploma in Pastoral Ministry.

These new research degrees have 8 students enrolled in 2010 with further enrolments expected next year. The current eight students include one MTh student, Thomas Davai (jnr) and 7 MPhil students: Obed Yama, School of Business; Warren Marape and Rodger Nascimento, School of Arts & Humanities; Jennifer Vele and Serah Keliwin, School of Education; and Lester Asugeni, School of Health Sciences. It is interesting to note that 4 of the 8 postgraduate research degree students were in the 2008 PAU graduating class!

The semester started with a

Postgraduate Orientation in February where students were introduced to their course and what a thesis journey is like. The day included a panel of speakers, Dr Jennifer Litau, Unia Api and Eric Katovai, all who have recently completed a research thesis. This semester the research degree students are completing a research methods subject and full-time students are working on a directed reading subject. This work lays the foundation for a research proposal to be submitted early in the second semester.

Further improvements were made to the Postgraduate Studies Room, where the research students are based, with the addition of a new set of furniture. These included filing cabinets for each student, a rug and chairs. A student expressed, "it makes the environment conducive for learning and will make us work harder."



*Dr Branimir Schubert - PAU VC*

## **The Future of PAU Industries**

In the context of PAU looking towards the future and contemplating the aggressive growth we anticipate in the next ten years, PAU must ensure that all its activities are strategically aligned. While Dr. Fifaia Matainaho is currently consulting with PAU on the development of the Strategic Plan for the period of 2011 – 2020, we need to be aware that for a number of departments at PAU it will not be “business as usual” Some significant changes will need to be implemented to strengthen the University’s ability to fulfil its mission.

One of the big areas that will be under review is the operation of PAU Farm and other industries. The Council has noted several years in a row that our industries are in need of being evaluated and reorganised for greater efficiencies. Our Farm is employing a large number of individuals and has become a large operation, but the net outcome for the University is relatively insignificant. Of course, the many people that come to purchase their vegetables and fruits on Sunday is a great PR exercise, but not necessarily translating into achieving of our strategic objectives. PAU must be known in the community for the best academic programs we offer and for the quality of graduates we produce. Any industry that we may have must directly contribute to the fulfilment of our vision/mission.

The PAU Administration is currently looking at all options with regards to the Farm and other industries. Those options include strategic restructuring and streamlining of products to maximise the profit. Other options include leasing of the farm to a partner or going into partnership with a firm that will assist us in increasing the impact of the operation on the PAU overall operations. In the last

couple of years PAU farm has become more of a “retail operation” and the Administration is not sure that this is the direction we would like to see PAU take in the future.

After a series of evaluations and a period of consultation and careful weighing of all options, a proposal will be put to the Council outlining the future direction for the PAU industries.

## **PAU Welcomes the Adventist Accreditation Team**

On Wednesday, 21st April 2010 we have welcomed Dr. Lisa Beardsley, Dr. Barry Hill and Dr. Steve Currow who form a team that will evaluate PAU’s Postgraduate Degrees. As part of the PAU’s ongoing commitment to highest standards of education and in compliance to the AAA criteria, they will be working with Dr. Tracie Mafile’o and others assessing the MA, MPhil and MLD programs offered at PAU. Although the programs have been approved by the various committees (PAU Senate, PAU Council, General Conference Education Department / AAA), it is still essential to ensure that the University has the capacity and systems in place to deliver those programs satisfactorily.

## **Dr. Schubert Participates at the Vice-Chancellor’s Committee**

On Tuesday, 20th April 2010, the PNG Vice-Chancellors met at the University of Papua New Guinea for their regular meeting. During these meeting issues of importance to the Tertiary Sector were discussed and concerns raised with regards to the operation and implementation of the tertiary education in the country. During the Tuesday’s meeting the Vice-Chancellors have noted with great concern some of the negative press recently published in Post Courier (16th April) denigrating the tertiary education in the country. The articles are not factual and place the sector in disrepute. Therefore, there will be an official statement published in the media to counter such unprofessional journalism. The Universities also agreed to work towards an MoU for greater cooperation in the area of IT, particularly

in the area of hardware and software purchasing, exchange of expertise and a more uniform approach to technology.

## **PAU Vice-Chancellor to Speak to Married Students**

Dr. Branimir Schubert has accepted the invitation to speak to married students and their families this coming Friday evening. At an event scheduled to be held at C School, Dr. Schubert will present a topic on “The Best is Yet to Come.”

## **PAU Contemplating Another Agreement with the Institute of Sustainable Communities, University of Canberra**

At the last Senate meeting, it has been agreed to respond positively to the request for an affiliation between PAU and the Institute of Sustainable Communities, University of Canberra. The MoU will be drafted to satisfy both parties, and it is hoped that such agreement will enhance PAU research profile and partnerships with other institutions of higher learning in the region.

## **Combined Affiliation Meetings Scheduled**

In our effort to further strengthen the Affiliation agreements between partner institutions, Dr. Jillian Thiele and the Deans have organised a Combined Affiliation Meeting that will be held at PAU Koiari Campus in June and July 2010. Sonoma College and Fulton College faculty will be at PAU for a week-long discussion, training and dialogue. Three main Schools are organising the events: The School of Business, The School of Education and the School of Theology. Most, if not all faculty from Fulton and Sonoma will be at Koiari Park, and we will need cooperation from our residents to provide accommodation to such a large group of people. More details to come in future Harina.

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## School of Business to Actively Seek PhD-qualified Faculty

At the last Senate meeting it has been agreed that the School of Business needs to strategically pursue the hiring of a PhD-qualified faculty member to cater for our fastest-growing School. The details on how will this objective be reached will be discussed with the Administration and all options will be explored. PAU is strategically committed to ensure that all Schools have adequate staffing, and that includes faculty with doctoral qualifications who are capable of teaching 300 and 400 level subjects.

## PAU on NBC Radio

PAU has been on NBC Radio for the past two weeks and plans are for future weekly interviews to continue. The Development team has been informing the nation on some of the projects in place, are underway and for the future. The interviews are on Monday at 1:10pm

## PAU Fun Run - Sunday 16th May, 2010

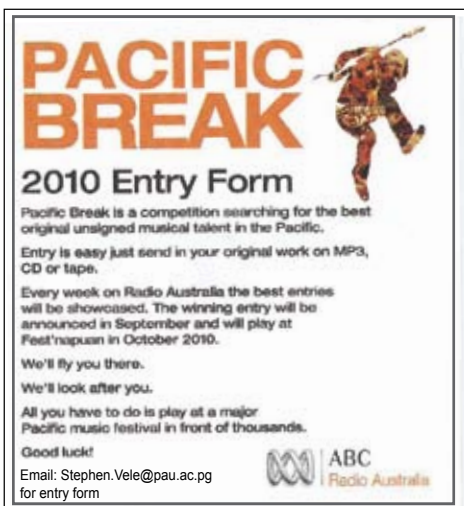
We hope that the preparations are going well for you and you are looking forward to the big day. It is encouraging to see staff and students doing their morning and afternoon walks. We encourage you to continue not only in preparation for the fun run but for your health.

The fun run will be in the following categories:

2½KM 5KM 10KM 21KM

Place prizes and spot prizes

Happy training!



**PACIFIC BREAK**

**2010 Entry Form**

Pacific Break is a competition searching for the best original unsigned musical talent in the Pacific.

Entry is easy just send in your original work on MP3, CD or tape.

Every week on Radio Australia the best entries will be showcased. The winning entry will be announced in September and will play at Feest'napuan in October 2010.


We'll fly you there.

We'll look after you.

All you have to do is play at a major Pacific music festival in front of thousands.

Good luck!

Email: Stephen.Vele@pau.ac.pg for entry form



## Oevi awarded Masters degree from University of Papua New Guinea

PAU assistant registrar, Ms Daphne Oevi graduated from the University of Papua New Guinea with a Masters in Business Administration on Friday 16th April during the 55th Graduation ceremony of UPNG. Daphne's graduation was witnessed by family and friends which included PAU registrar Mrs Pele Alu.



Below is the eldest daughter of Mrs Yvonne N'Dramei, PAU Academic Secretary. Her name is Raelee N'Dramei who also graduated on Friday 16 April during the 55th Graduation Ceremony of UPNG. Raelee graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.

To both Daphne and Raelee, PAU says **CONGRATULATIONS!**



## Climate Change Conference

**Speaker:** Mr Franz Litz

**Topic:** Climate Change

**Date:** Monday April 26, 2010

**Time:** 4pm - 5pm

**Venue:** HSL

## Brief information about the

**Speaker:** Franz Litz is a senior fellow with the World Resources Institute (WRI), an environmental think tank based in Washington, D.C. Franz leads WRI's climate change work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and at the state and provincial levels in North America. He has played an active role in advising the major regional climate change initiatives in the United States and Canada, as well as a number of individual states and provinces.

Before joining the World Resources Institute, Franz directed New York State's climate change policy efforts from a post with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. While in New York, Franz was a driving force behind the Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), an effort by 10 Northeast states to implement the first flexible, market-based cap-and-trade program for carbon dioxide in the United States. RGGI is the only mandatory greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program operational in North America.

Franz served on the California Environmental Protection Agency's Market Advisory Committee that issued recommendations on how to implement California's landmark Global Warming Solutions Act. Prior to entering public service in New York in 2001, Franz practiced environmental law with the large Boston law firm Brown Rudnick. He is a graduate of Union College, magna cum laude, and Boston College Law School, cum laude.

## Mr Litz will be speaking about:

1. The status of worldwide climate change action, beginning with the U.S. And Europe, and then also China
2. The UNFCCC process
3. Addressing climate change through mitigation

# First year History Students visit Papua New Guinea Archives

**Presenter:** Dr David MacLaren

**Topic:** Culture, Colonisation and Christianisation: Negotiating Health Care Provision in East Kwaio, Malaita, Solomon Islands.

**Date:** Thursday 29th April 2010

**Time:** 10am – 11am

**Venue:** T5

## About the presenter:

Dr David MacLaren worked at Atoifi Adventist Hospital 1992-1994 managing the hospital's medical laboratory. He then undertook both Masters (1999-2000) and Doctoral (2002–2007) research at Atoifi Adventist Hospital and in both coastal villages where Christianity is practiced and mountain villages where Ancestral religion is practiced. David's research has documented structural barriers to health care experienced by people who practice Ancestral religion and advocates for the equitable provision of health care for all sectors of the Kwaio community.

## Brief background to the presentation.

The Kwaio people of Malaita, Solomon Islands, who practice the culture and religion of their ancestors, have historically faced a stark choice when seeking medical treatment at Atoifi Adventist Hospital—relinquish precepts fundamental to Kwaio culture and religion by entering a building used for childbirth, or remain true to Kwaio beliefs and stay away. Many choose to stay away. The result has been considerable untreated acute and chronic illness and preventable death. Forty years of exclusion from the only hospital in the region has resulted in antagonism and mistrust between those who practice ancestral religion and the church run hospital. A recent participatory action research project sought to address this and worked with hospital, church and community groups to explore the provision of health services for the entire community, not just the Christian majority. This resulted in the community raising funds and contributing resources and labour to construct a modest leaf house on the edge of the hospital campus. This facility was opened in 2006 and allowed for a health service to be available for people who practice ancestral culture and religion. However after only 3 years the leaf house is in disrepair and the main hospital continues to expand. This presentation describes the collision of beliefs and practices of a church run health institution and the community it is there to serve.¶



The group standing with the Director of National Archives, Mr Jacob Hevelawa (third from left), Acting Senior Activist, Mrs Puro Hanua.

**The flag that is hanging behind them is the FIRST PNG flag that was raised when the Australian flag was lowered for the last time on 16th September, 1975**

## Mr. Soda Ihania, Lecturer In -charge

On April 9, 15 first year History students visited the National Archives, and the two museums: The National Museum & Art Gallery and the Modern History Museum in the city.

The group discovered that the National Archive keeps official government records and administrative history of Papua New Guinea since 1883. These records help in many ways when needed. The archival materials such as the Patrol Reports are some of those most authentic primary source documents available for public access.

The students then visited the National Museum and the Art Gallery which is a world on its own! Over 100,000 cultural items are kept in this Museum, which is divided into 5-6 sections. For example

Coura Pigeon which is an endangered species of bird is kept in the Court Yard—an open air section in the museum itself. The final location the group visited was the Modern History Museum at Gordons. Most of the items in this museum are war relics.

Students learned from the excursion that both written and material evidences are vital for our current generation and for those in the future. It is hoped that more of these excursions will be organised for the benefit of our students who are going to be leaders one way or another in their home countries Pacific wide.

The purpose of the visit was to see where PNG keeps most of the material that relates to its history.¶

*“...National Archive keeps official government records and administrative history of PNG since 1883”.*

## Sonoma Affiliation Visit

During March, Dr Jillian Thiele and Dr Gil Valentine spent several days on Sonoma Campus consulting with Sonoma faculty and administration on affiliation issues. During the visit the first meetings were held for the three Joint Boards of Studies for the affiliated Ministerial Training, Teacher Training (Primary) and Business programs. Each of the program directors presented a report on the previous year and the meetings recorded a number of Subject Moderation reports. Dr Valentine and Dr Thiele were able to present detailed written moderator reports on 21 different subjects across the three discipline areas. At the next scheduled Joint Boards of Study it is planned that further moderator's reports will be sought from academics at nearby tertiary institutions.

A highlight of this visit to Sonoma was the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Teacher Training program. Head of the Teacher Training Program, Mr Jeffrey Wadah and PAU Affiliation Officer Jillian Thiele signed the document in a short ceremony in the College Chapel. "Jeffrey was delighted



Mr Jeffrey Wadah and Dr Jillian Thiele sign the Teacher Training program agreement while Dr Sam Kuku, College Principal, and Jonathan Toba, College Registrar, look on.

that this stage of the affiliation could at last be brought to fruition," stated Dr Valentine. "He is pleased that the formal linking of the two institutions for the delivery of the teacher training program will better enable Sonoma to meet the needs of its students and the church."

Dr Kuku and Dr Branimir added their signatures to the agreement document during the Council Meeting at Koiari Park on March 21.¶



Mr Jeffrey Wadah and Dr Jillian Thiele following the signing of the agreement.

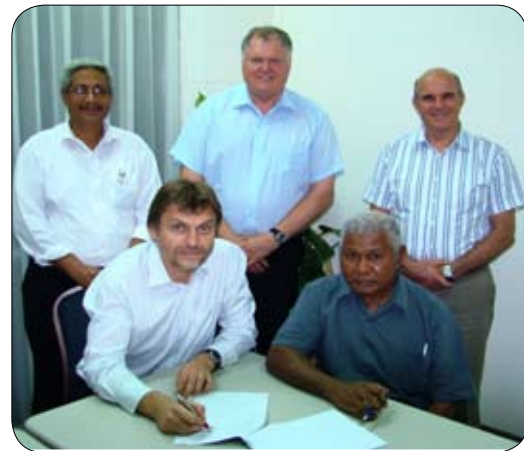


Photo caption:  
Above: Dr Schubert just about to add his signature to the agreement while Dr Samson Kuku (seated) Pr Thomas Davai, Dr Barry Oliver and Dr Barry Hill look on.

Left: It's all smiles after the signing of the agreement.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 23  
6:45pm @ PAU Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 24  
**Women's Ministry**  
6am @ PAU Church

**Sabbath School**  
**Sabbath School Officers**  
**Lesson 4**  
**Coordinator - Neva Jimenez**  
9am @ PAU Church

**Divine Service**  
**Dr Rodger Jones**  
10.45am @ PAU Church

**AY**  
**SOHS featuring 4th year Nursing Students.**  
4.30pm @ PAU Church

**Adventurers**  
4:00pm @ C8

**Pathfinders**  
4:00pm @ T5

MONDAY APRIL 26  
**US Visiting Speaker - Mr Franz Litz**  
**Topic: Climate Change**  
4pm @ HSL

TUESDAY APRIL 27  
**Assembly Period**  
**School Science & Technology**  
10am @ PAU Church

TUESDAY APRIL 27  
**Dr Mike Wood-Anthropologist-School of Arts & Humanities-JCU**  
**"Research Seminar"**  
4pm @ T5

TUESDAY MAY 4  
**Assembly**  
**School of Business**  
10am @ PAU Church

TUESDAY MAY 11  
**Assembly**  
**Postgraduate Studies**  
10am @ PAU Church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Academic Office

This notice serves to inform all students that April 23 (Friday) is the deadline for withdrawing from a subject without penalty.

Students who wish to withdraw from a subject after April 23 will receive a WF (withdraw fail) grade.

New students, if you have any query on this, please contact the Registrar.

### Personal Ministry

School of Education and School of Arts and Humanities in conjunction with Health Ministry plan to visit Port Moresby General Hospital on:

Date: Saturday April 24th

Time: 1.00 - 2.00 p.m.

Departure: 12:45pm from front of library

Staff and students from these Schools are invited to participate in this outreach initiative for the Church.

*Malachi 3:16-17*

God judges everyman according to his work. Not only that he judge, but he sum up the day by day and hour by hour, our progress in well doing.

### Eye check-up at PAU Clinic

An eye specialist will be visiting PAU Clinic. See details below:

Date: Friday April 30,

Time: 9am – 2pm

Who to attend? Both staff and students

Fee: Free of charge

And

Date: Monday May 3,

Time: 9am – 3pm

Who to attend? Both staff and students.

Fee: Free of charge

Please come along and check your eyes because chance comes once.

Reminders:

1: Come with a clinic book or an exercise book if you don't have a clinic book.

2: Give your name in advance for formal arrangements.

### Young Adults Sabbath School

Young Adults (17 – 20yrs) Sabbath School at Ladies Chapel @ 9am

### Transport Department

End of April is approaching; please make arrangement to pay for your May Transport Pass.

You may not be able to travel without May's Transport Pass.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HR Office

PAU welcomes;

• Ms Vivian Ningis who is the new Secretary for the School of Business. She last



worked with the Open College at UPNG. She comes from a mixed background of Sepik and Madang. Her hobbies are sewing, baking, and writing. She is very friendly and approachable and likes helping others in any way possible.

If you have any queries regarding School matters she will be available to help you.

### Postgraduate and Research Studies

#### Counting People at Kamusi: Collecting baseline population data to understand HIV risk in a logging concession.

Dr Mike Wood is a cultural anthropologist with research interest and experience in the history of logging policy and the social impact of logging in PNG. Dr Wood is currently Lead Investigator on a study that is investigating 'Local Responses to HIV and AIDS in the Logging Concessions of the Western Province'. In this presentation will Dr Wood will present findings from his initial fieldwork including the processes used to collect baseline population data and reflect on social, cultural and religious implications of 'counting people at Kamusi'. Dr Wood is also an investigator on the collaborative James Cook University, Pacific Adventist University and Divine Word University study to investigate the Acceptability of Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention in PNG.

Research Seminar

Tuesday April 27, 2010

4pm @ T5

Presenter: Dr Mike Wood

Anthropologist

School of Arts and Social Science

James Cook University