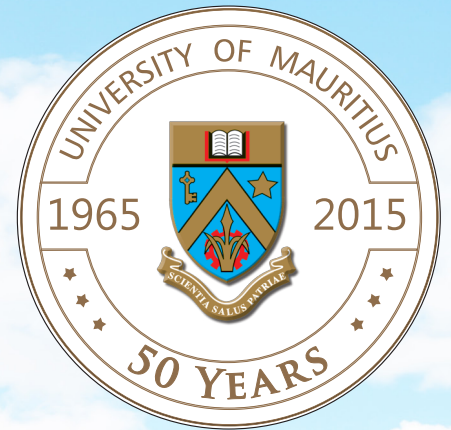


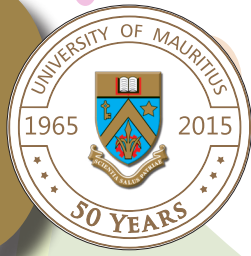
# University of Mauritius



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## JUBILE D'OR DE L'UNIVERSITE DE MAURICE.

Le bicentenaire de l' Université de Maurice a été célébré en grandes pompes sur le campus de Réduit, le coup d'envoi des célébrations a été donné le 10 décembre dernier à L'Auditorium Paul Octave Wiéhé.

Le Premier Ministre, Sir Anerood Jugnauth, GCSK, KCMG, QC était l'invité d'honneur de la cérémonie officielle et il a aussi procédé au dévoilement d'une plaque commémorative et au lancement du livre, « Parliament in Mauritius, 2ème édition » du feu Prof H Mathur, ancien Professeur d'histoire et de sciences politiques de l'université de Maurice.

Présent pour l'occasion, le Professeur G Boulton, ancien Vice-Recteur de L'Université d'Edimbourg et éminent scientifique a donné une conférence sur le thème, < les défis modernes pour les universités >.

Les célébrations comprenaient plusieurs activités, entre autres, une vidéo relatant les 50 années de l'université, ses débuts difficiles et sa place prépondérante dans la région actuellement; une exposition de photographies anciennes et récentes sur les différentes étapes du développement de l'Université, des activités sportives, caritatives, récréatives et festives.

Ces dernières ont été aussi l'occasion pour anciens diplômés et employés de renouer avec l'institution et de développer un plus grand sens d'appartenance avec celle-ci.

Les activités se sont prolongées tout le long du premier trimestre 2016 et les conférences académiques et autres activités spécifiques aux facultés continuent à marquer de leur sceau un demi-siècle d'histoire.





- 1914 : L'École d'Agriculture est créée
- 1925 : L'École d'Agriculture devient le Collège d'Agriculture
- 1960 : Le professeur Colin Leys de l'Université de Makerere et de l'Institut d'Études en Développement à l'Université de Sussex propose officiellement la création d'une université de développement pour répondre aux besoins de notre nation émergente.
- 1965 : L'Université de Maurice est officiellement fondée sur le concept développemental pour aider à l'avancement général de l'île Maurice en 1965.
- 1968 : L'École de Technologie Industrielle est créée. Elle est ensuite rebaptisée École d'Ingénierie.
- 1971 : L'École d'Administration est créée.
- 1971 : Le « University Act » est voté au parlement.
- 1972 : Le campus a considérablement changé avec la construction de l'École d'Agriculture, de l'École de Technologie Industrielle, de l'École d'Administration et de la Bibliothèque Universitaire. Ces locaux ont tous été officiellement inaugurés par la Reine Elizabeth II en 1972 .
- 1981 : L'Auditorium Paul Octave Wihé tient son nom de l'ancien vice-chancelier, le Docteur Paul Octave Wihé (première pierre posée le 28 juillet 1975 par M. Pierre Abelin, ministre de la Coopération du Gouvernement de la République Française).
- 1989 : L'École des Sciences est créée.
- 1993 : Toutes les écoles deviennent des facultés.
- 2014 : Faculté d'Études Océaniques est créée

### Chiffres et Faits

Population estudiantine en 2015/2016 : **12,273** (incluant des étudiants en Mphil/PhD, 54 étudiants étrangers & 600 étudiants des institutions partenaires)  
 Nombre d'étudiants admis en 2015/2016 : **3,085**  
 Nombre de titulaires d'un doctorat en 2015 : **170**  
 Nombre de programmes d'études offerts en 2015/2016 : **180**  
 Nombre d'employés : **303** (personnel académique) et **720** (personnel non-académique)

## Editorial

Chers lecteurs,

C'est avec un immense plaisir que je vous invite à parcourir la 6ème édition de notre Newsletter qui présente entre autres les importants évènements tenus à l'Université de Maurice ces derniers mois.

Je dois souligner que l'université a vécu des moments forts au mois de décembre 2015, lors de la célébration de son jubilé d'or. Elle a rassemblé une très grande majorité de son personnel et étudiants, ainsi que ses anciens employés et ses collaborateurs pour des différentes activités organisées en son honneur. Ces activités ont connu un succès retentissant. La conférence du Professeur Boulton au cours de la cérémonie d'ouverture a aussi contribué à ce succès.

Autre point fort pour cette fin d'année, fut la visite de son excellence, Madame la Présidente de la République de Maurice, Dr Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, GCSK, CSK, PhD qui a par ailleurs une appartenance à notre institution ayant été Professeure et Pro-Vice-Chancelière de l'université. Sa visite sur le campus de Réduit a été accueillie par ses anciens collègues et amis avec grand enthousiasme.

Le premier trimestre 2016 a été marqué par de nombreuses conférences d'intérêt national et international, tel que le Smart Island Mauritius Workshop, La formation du personnel de la Force policière, le Ramanujan Contest et les collaborations «Industrie et Université» et tout récemment la signature d'un accord avec l'institut Confucius de la Chine qui va ouvrir de nouvelles avenues pour l'université.

D'autre part, les étudiants ne cessent de s'investir dans des activités extracurriculaires, sportives, sociales et culturelles, lesquelles indéniablement, rapprochent l'université de la communauté.

Je vous invite à découvrir d'autres évènements au cours de votre lecture.

Cordialement

Prof. R. Mohee, CSK

Vice Chancelière

# Visit of the President of the Republic of Mauritius



Celebrations in honour of the President of the Republic of Mauritius, Her Excellency (Mrs) Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, GCSK, CSK, PhD, were held at the University of Mauritius.



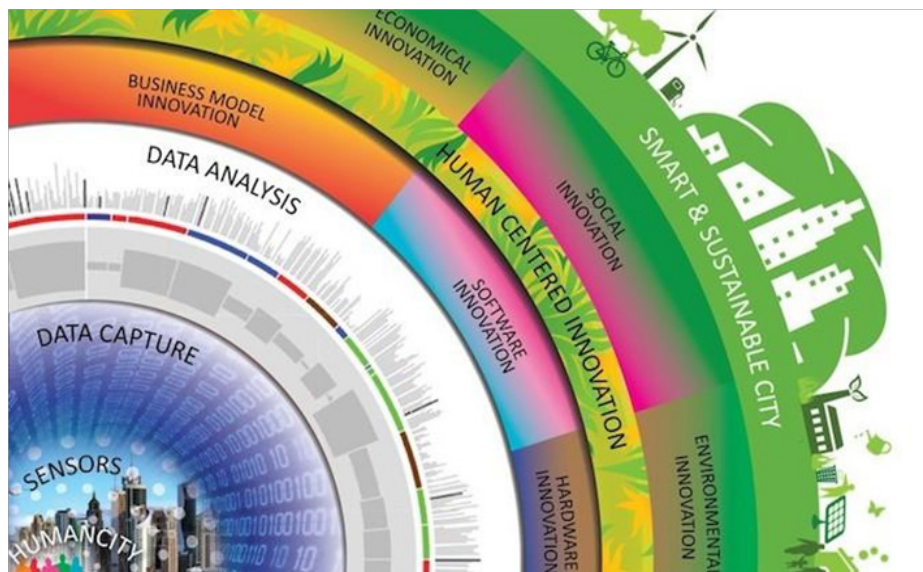
The ceremony was attended with great enthusiasm by students and staff of the UoM. They gathered in great numbers in the Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, eager to meet their former Pro-Vice Chancellor, lecturer or colleague in her new capacity as the President of the Republic of the country. It was, indeed, a matter of great pride to welcome her back at the UoM.

The introductory speech of the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Mr. P. Chitamun, CSK, lauded the outstanding performance and the achievements of Prof. Gurib Fakim. He focused on her trailblazing career which eventually culminated in her being sworn in as the first female President of Mauritius, twenty-four years after its accession to the state of a Republic.

The ceremony took place in the presence of Lady Sarojini Jugnauth and the Honourable Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, who both addressed the audience. They encouraged the students to be inspired by Dr. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, a successful academic, researcher and woman of excellence and to also empower themselves to scale the heights of success.



# Smart Cities need Smart Leaders and Even Smarter Citizens



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**The Smart Island Mauritius Workshop was organised by the Centre for Innovative and Lifelong Learning and was held at the CORE Building, Ebene, University of Mauritius Branch on the 15th to 17th December 2015 to mark the celebrations of the University's 50th Anniversary.**

Dr. Philippe Bouvier, Associate Professor in Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Hamdan bin Mohammed Smart University (HBMSU) – Dubai facilitated the workshop. He has also founded and co-manages Urban Value Creation consulting.

The 25 participants were mainly tertiary education staff and students, Smart City representatives and staff members from the finance, logistics and development sectors. They were introduced to the definition and model of the smart and sustainable city and the reasons why developing a smart city creates value at the social, environmental and economic levels for the citizens, the companies, the investors and the government. The facilitator emphasized the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship as key values created in Smart Cities. In his words: "All these innovations are meaningful only if they are human centered [ones]."

Indeed, the vision of a Smart and Sustainable Mauritius depends on taking an integrated approach and the interactive sessions allowed the participants to understand the importance of not working in silos. They felt that the University of

Mauritius should provide a platform where ideas could be generated, tested and refined. It is to be noted that the CILL will be organising follow-up workshops soon.

The current workshop was sponsored by the Tertiary Education Commission, Microsoft and Phoenix Beverages limited.



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# Science Show 15-19 Feb 2016



**A Science Show was organized at UoM from 15 to 19 February 2016. The resource person was Dr Andrew Szydlo from Highgate School, UK and the coordinator was Prof Ponnadurai Ramasami. The Science Show was targeted at secondary school students and science educators. It consisted of demonstrations aimed at generating interest in the fundamental principles of science.**

For the opening session of the Science Show, the chief guest was the The Honourable (Mrs) Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun. The Minister emphasized on the importance of asking “Why” in Science. The Award Ceremony of a video competition organised as part of the International Year of Light (IYL 2015) was held as part of the Opening Session.

The winners were: Miss Duragane Juggessur (First Prize), Mr Yovan Ramful (First Runner up) and Mr Irfaan Luckhoo (Second Runner up).

Dr Szydlo gave an informative talk entitled “Who Discovered Oxygen?” at the Closing Ceremony. As part of the Science Show and the 50th anniversary of UoM, there was a poster exhibition highlighting the research activities carried out at the Faculty of Science.

The Science Show was sponsored by UNESCO and SWAN Ltd.

The coordinator, Prof. P Ramasami thanked all those who have contributed to the success of the event.



## World Cancer Day

04 February 2016

UoM participated in the sensitisation and awareness event at the Gymkhana Sports organised by the Cancer Association of Mauritius (CANMA). The event was a huge success with massive participation from both public and private organisations.



# The Ramanujan Contest 2016

After the success of the first edition of the Ramanujan contest held in 2014, a second edition was organised by the Srinivasa Ramanujan Trust and the Faculty of Science at the University of Mauritius this year. The main objective was to stimulate interest in pure mathematics among young Mauritian students.



Srinivasa Ramanujan was a self-taught Indian mathematician who is now widely recognized as being one of the greatest mathematicians of the 20th century. In this sequel, Professor Bruce Reznick from the University of Illinois, USA, set several test questions related to the work of Ramanujan. The competition was open to all HSC (upper form) and University students and about 300 applications were received online.

The contest took place at the University of Mauritius in February 2016. The three runners-up were Bhuheekhan Muhammad Azhar from John Kennedy College, Dhiren Jhugroo from Royal College Port-Louis and Russeeawon Cyndie from the University of Mauritius. The Ramanujan Gold Medal 2016 was awarded by Dr Jean-Claude Autrey, the Chancellor of the University of Mauritius to Vijaye Prakash Gopee. The winner, who happens to be a former laureate ranking first on the Economic sides in 2013, is now reading for a BSc (Hons) in Mathematics at the University of Mauritius.

The awarding ceremony was held at the Paul Octave Wi  h   auditorium on the 2nd March 2016 in the presence of Professor Bruce Reznick who also gave a memorial lecture on Ramanujan.



## Gold Award Ceremony

The Ramanujan Contest, an annual event

At a ceremony held in connection with the Ramanujan Contest 2016, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Mohee stated that following the MOU between the Ramanujan Trust and the University of Mauritius, the contest would now become an annual event.

Mr Vijaye- Prakash Gopee, the winner of the Gold attested

*"As a student in mathematics at the UoM , it was a really enriching experience which has deepened my love and passion for the subject."*

The prize was handed by Mr B. Ganguly, Chief Manager of LIC Mauritius, the main sponsor of the event.



Mr A. Parsuramen, Chairperson of the Ramanujan Trust greatly encouraged the LIC to contribute as a corporate organization to the forthcoming Ramanujan Awards.



# Leadership and Management programmes for Police Cadres



The Commissioner of Police, Mr K. M Nobin, PMSM, addressing the Awardees

An Award Ceremony was organised on 27 February 2016 for 305 police officers who have successfully completed the Certificate in Leadership and Management. The Certificate in Leadership and Management

programmes are offered at three levels: Operational, Tactical and Strategic, with each level targeting different cadres, ranging from Sergeant to Deputy Commissioner of Police. The training programmes are delivered through distance education mode to ensure maximum flexibility for the trainees and they aim at building capacity in terms of management and leadership skills, legal knowledge and communication.

It is to be noted that a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the University of Mauritius and the Mauritius Police Force in 2011. So far, several training programmes targeting more than 5,500 students have been delivered.

## Semester at Sea: Students Visit University of Mauritius



Our visitors were introduced to the tertiary education sector in Mauritius and learnt about the various undergraduate, postgraduate, and professional programmes offered by University of Mauritius. They also had the opportunity to meet and interact with undergraduate students from the BSc (Hons) Tourism, Leisure and Recreation Management programme.

**Semester at Sea (SAS)** is a study abroad programme founded in 1963, now managed by the Institute for Shipboard Education in Charlottesville, Virginia. Students on the SAS program visited the University of Mauritius on Wednesday 9 March 2016. The visit was organized by the International Center for Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality of the University of Mauritius and was coordinated by Dr Robin Nunkoo.

A guest lecture on 'Destination Marketing and Planning' by Mr. Sen Ramsamy, the then Director of the Mauritius Tourism Authority also figured on the agenda. Students had the opportunity to discuss the various challenges the Mauritian tourism industry faces in such a competitive environment. The visit ended with a visit to The Hilton where students were provided an insight into the hotel's operations and its marketing strategies.



## COLLABORATION BETWEEN the UOM AND THE INDUSTRY



**Several workshops have been held at the Faculty of Engineering to promote the collaboration between industry and the University.**

One of the workshops was organised by representatives of Kolos Cement Limited. The purpose of the 'atelier de travail' was to create awareness among the engineering students about the importance of quality and environment in the Cement industry. The 'atelier' was animated by Mr Patrick Bouchard who is an Engineer in 'Bâtiment et Travaux publics' from l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Industries de Strasbourg. He was previously director of quality management in Kolos Cement Ltd. Mr Bouchard gave a brief overview of the different types of cement that exist in the country and emphasised the importance

of sustainability in the construction sector. The examples of Bagatelle Dam and the Port were used to illustrate the necessity of using the most appropriate type of materials.

Another workshop was carried out by representatives of Gamma Materials Ltd. Gamma is one of the country's most powerful and distinctive brands and currently employs 3,300 people.

The main theme of the workshop was 'How would the partnership between Gamma Materials Ltd and University of Mauritius be beneficial for both parties including trainees and future graduates?'

The main speakers for Gamma Materials Ltd were:

- Mahen CONHYEA - Head Technical & Product Development: He gave an overview of the importance of the quality materials in the construction sector.
- Louis-Marie ALLIOTTE - Deputy Manager: He has been working in the Colas Group in the following countries since 2007: Guyana, St Martin, Guadeloupe, Reunion Island & Mauritius. He explained the evolving role of the Colas group.
- Ms Isabelle LEW - HR Manager: She provided an insight into the opportunities available in this sector to the students.

The students participated actively in the workshops and their corresponding interactive sessions. The Faculty intends to keep on enhancing the collaboration between the UoM and the main stakeholders in respective fields.



## The Magic of National Day celebrations



“This is the one day when all staff and students under the spell of Flag Raising Ceremony assemble in the Auditorium to share feelings of pride and of sense of belonging to the nation” said the Master of Ceremony, Mrs A. Nivault.

The 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence and the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Republic of Mauritius, under the theme “*Nou destin dan nou*

*Lame*”, was a day to remember the history of our young nation and also to reflect upon the creation of a modern Mauritius.

The speech of the Prime Minister, Sir Hon Sir Anerood Jugnauth, was read by the guest of Honour Mr Manvendra Singh, CEO, Mauritius Telecom. Mr Singh also explained to the UoM students how connectivity was likely to widen access to information for all Mauritian nationals and result in greater scope for employment.

The address of Ms Heylane Shanto, President of Students Union was followed by that of Prof. Mohee, Vice Chancellor, and Dr Autrey, the Chancellor of the University of Mauritius.



## Youth Rally

Students of the University (SU) took part in the National Youth Rally organised by the Committee for Promotion of National Unity (CPNU) on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Chateau Réduit.



Photos, courtesy CPNU

With a view to promote an inclusive society, this year’s rally brought disabled students from different centres of the island to the State House where they were welcomed and addressed by the President of the Republic, Her Excellency Mrs Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, GSCK, CSK, PhD.

In a spirit of full support and solidarity with the youth, the UoM students joyfully guided their peers with disabilities

and assisted them all throughout the ceremony. The national anthem sung with Ms. Jane Constance, the star and ambassador for the disabled youth of Mauritius was the emotional moment binding all together “*as one people, as one Nation*”.

The CPNU team thanks the students of the University of Mauritius

# UoM Open Days



Some 5000 HSC school leavers attended the Open Days organised by the University of Mauritius on 23 and 24 February 2016. All Faculties and Centres offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes were present for the event.

Potential students, often accompanied by their parents, had the opportunity to discuss and interact directly with dedicated academics regarding the wide range of programmes offered and possible job prospects after the completion of their studies.



They were also closely guided by representatives of the Admissions & Student Records Office on the procedures to follow for online application. In order to assist them in making more relevant choices, they were provided with an overview of their respective programme requirements. Furthermore, the online admission toolkit which they could consult at leisure with regards to their enrolment at the University was of great assistance.

19739 applications have been received from 4912 applicants for the admission exercise for the academic year 2016/2017. Admission is still open for international students and postgraduate applications.

## UOM STUDENTS' ENGAGEMENT IN COMBATING CORRUPTION



It is fairly common for UoM students to participate in Anti-Corruption Campaigns. A case in point is the 4th edition of the Public Speaking Competition organised by the Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC) where the majority of 166 participants were from the UoM.

Out of the 6 prize winners, 3 students hailed from the UoM.

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Prize went to Ms. Lovna Ramburuth for her performance on the theme 'Whistleblowers'

legislation is an essential element in the successful fight against Corruption".

- Ms. Jaleela Hassenally (FOE) was the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up. Her presentation centred on the theme 'Bold anti-corruption initiatives in the education sector can trigger a corrupt-free generation', and

- The 1<sup>st</sup> runner up prize went to Ms. Yashoda Fezah (FLM) for her presentation on the topic: 'Businesses should

work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.'

The 15 participating tertiary institutions also received an award.

The writing and public-speaking skills of the students were widely recognised by the panel of jurists which was chaired by Mrs M Seetulsing and also by the two guest speakers, Mrs. R. Awotar from the Ecole Hôtelière Sir Gaëtan Duval and Mrs A. Nivault, PRO from the University of Mauritius.

# The Power of Sports



## Achievements

The last Academic year was a very fruitful one for the Sports Unit as its participation in national and international competitions and programmes was met with great success.

### UoM Gymnastic Club

The UoM Gymnastics Club successfully organized their '3<sup>rd</sup> Annual University of Mauritius Gymnastics Championships' and distinguished itself by winning most of the gold medals.

Titles:	Names	Faculty
<b>Champion Epee (GOLD MEDAL)</b> Category Male 18-21years:	David Sylvio Brandon	Faculty of Engineering
<b>Vice Champion (SILVER MEDAL)</b> Category Male 18-21years:	Hatchootah Suryaprakash	Faculty of Law and Management
<b>Champion Epee (GOLD MEDAL)</b> Category Female 18-21years:	Dosha Bungsy	Faculty of Law and Management
<b>Vice Champion (SILVER MEDAL)</b> Category Female 18-21years:	Joan Leung Kwok	Faculty of Law and Management

### UoM Fencing Club

The UoM Fencing Club participated in the National Competition of Fencing organised by the Fencing Federation of Mauritius held on the 4th of July 2015.

**Sports Activities were organised to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University of Mauritius**



### Badminton Men & Women:

Badminton	Winner	Runner's Up	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Men	MIE	UoM	Middlesex
Women	UoM	MIE	CTI

### Volleyball Men & Women:

Volleyball	Winner	Runner's Up	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Men	MIE	UoM	UDM
Women	MIE	UoM	CTI

### 7 A Side Football Tournament:

7 A Side Football	Winner	Runner's Up	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Men	Academic Staff	Non- Academic Staff	Farm Staff



## University Staff Club



USC took part in the Table tennis tournament organised by the FMSC (FEDERATION MAURICIENNE DES SPORTS CORPORATIFS) on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and six trophies were awarded to the participating team

Single women:

Nela Ramdhony (Runner-Up)

Double women:

Nela Ramdhony/Tina Mahadeo-Gopaul (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

Double-mix:

Nela Ramdhony/Viraiyan Teeroovengadam (Runner-up)

Single women (Veteran):

Sabrina Dyal (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

Single men (Veteran):

Henri Li Kam Wah (Winner) and Matthew Lamport (3<sup>rd</sup> Place).

# World Water Day

22 March 2016

The World Water Day is celebrated annually as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for sustainable management of freshwater resources. The International WWD was celebrated this year on 22, 23 and 24 March 2016 at the CWA La Marie Water Treatment Plant under the aegis of the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities. This year, the theme was 'Water and Jobs'.

The Faculty of Ocean Studies, together with the Faculties of Engineering and Agriculture, participated in the various activities organised on 22 and 23 March 2016. These were as follows:

- Poster Exhibition (academic staff and students);
- Maquette demonstration (1) on Aquaponic by Ms Kaullysing and (2) on RWH and Aquaculture by Mr N Nazurally;
- Presentations by firstly Miss Mauree & Miss Ramdharee, Research Assistants, on Groundwater exploitation using Geophysics and secondly by M.D Nowbuth on Drought predictions; and
- A poster competition by students on the theme 'Water & Job' (4 best posters preselected by a Panel) was organized and the general public was invited to vote on the day.



## Logo and Domain Name Competitions organised by the Faculty of Ocean Studies

In the context of the celebrations of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of Mauritius, the Faculty of Ocean Studies organised a logo competition and a domain name competition for a Web Portal on Ocean Data Management System, a research project which is funded by the Mauritius Research Council. The competition was open to all students of the University of Mauritius. Both competitions were launched on 3 December 2015 and closed on 12 December 2015.

This research project aims at developing a web portal of oceanography to promote sharing of ocean-related information. It involves the collection of ocean-related data from various sources (for instance, national institutions working on ocean-related matters, the internet, books, research publications and others). An online portal (an online knowledge management tool) is being created to store different kinds of information (images, graphics, documents, text, audio files, videos, animations, etc.). Each piece of information will be adequately tagged with relevant details. Emphasis is being placed on making the



interface highly user-friendly so that even people with low levels of computer literacy will be able to access and use the portal with little effort.

The winner for the logo competition was Mr Ilishad Muhammad Luckhoo.

The winner of the domain name competition was Mr Darshan Purnmessur.

Both winners received a certificate and a shield from the Faculty of Ocean Studies.

## L'Institut Confucius sur le campus universitaire de Réduit Une réalité mauricienne



Si l'Île de la Réunion a déjà un Institut Confucius comme d'autres îles de l'océan Indien, c'est une réalité mauricienne depuis mars 2016 grâce aux efforts concertés du Ministère de l'Éducation, de l' Université de Maurice et le soutien indéfectible de l'Ambassade de Chine. En effet, une Convention a été signée entre le Gouvernement de la République de Maurice et celui de la République populaire de Chine afin que l'université de maurice accueille l'Institut Confucius sur le Campus de Réduit.

Une cérémonie officielle a eu lieu le vendredi 04 mars 2016 à l'Université de Maurice en présence de Son Excellence, l'Ambassadeur Li Li, et des membres de l'Ambassade de Chine, et aussi des représentants du ministère de l'éducation et des ressources humaines, de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche scientifique.

l'Institut Confucius est connu pour sa philosophie mais a de plus, un but très académique : renforcer la compréhension

mutuelle entre les deux pays à travers des formations dispensées sur le campus ou au sein de la communauté pour l'enseignement de la langue chinoise, et aussi des échanges interculturels au moyen d'activités diverses et variées. Les épreuves telles que le HSK (Chinese Proficiency test - han yu shui ping kao shi), YCT (Youth Chinese Test) , BCT et HSKK seront offertes.

Quant à l'Université de Maurice, l'institution souhaite développer son expertise dans l'enseignement de la langue chinoise en partenariat avec la Southeast University de Nanjing, et aussi promouvoir la dimension interculturelle à travers des camps d'été, des expositions et des ateliers de calligraphie et de peinture, sans négliger l'usage des nouvelles technologies pour développer des liens entre jeunes. L'Institut Confucius offrira ainsi une plateforme pour y inscrire l'amitié liant les deux pays.

## International Conference on Agribusiness

The Faculty of Agriculture, University of Mauritius will be hosting an International Conference on Agribusiness in collaboration with the AFMA (Africa Farm Management Association), from 20-24 November 2016 under the main theme "Sustainable Agricultural Development: Innovation Systems Approach for Agricultural Transformation in Africa."

The sub themes are as follows:

- Sustainable Agriculture and Organic Farming
- Food Safety, Food Security and Nutrition
- Agribusiness and Farm Management
- ICT in Agriculture and Agricultural Innovation Systems

- Biotechnology and Technology Development
- Climate change and Climate Smart Agriculture
- Market Development for increased production and Agricultural trade policies

University Staff are invited to register via the webpage address: <http://www.allevvents.co.za/afma-10/main.html> (or follow link on University of Mauritius website under highlights).

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Faculty of Agriculture



Installation of a Scientific Weather Station - the Campbell CR1000 - of the Department of Physics successfully completed on the University Farm.

This weather station has sensors to measure the usual meteorological parameters, i.e. temperature, humidity, wind-speed & direction, rainfall, barometric pressure as well as the global solar radiation. The station is already receiving Réduit Weather data since the beginning of this year.

The data collected will be most useful to students working on any scientific project requiring weather data. The addition of soil humidity sensors would make the data useful to FoA students also. It is to be noted that as part of a collaboration with the Université de la Réunion,

the Department of Physics and the MRT, a similar météo station has also been installed at the MRT and is mainly geared towards the accurate measurement of solar radiation .

It is hoped that eventually both the MRT based measurement of solar radiation and the Réduit based station will form part of the Geosun Network .

“Such data” , explains Dr N Issur, Assoc prof in Dept of physics and Head MRT, “can be very useful for predicting the efficiency of solar energy installations and can provide interesting research opportunities for UoM staff and students”.

## Talks

### Marketing the Competitive Destination

by Prof M. Hall  
organised by FLM  
14 January 2016

### New Generation of Super Foods to address some of the Major Health Issues'

by Prof Vijay Jayasena  
organised by FOA  
20 January 2016

### Youth Inclusion and Democratic Consolidation in Mauritius -

organised by the Institute of Social Development and Peace (ISDP), FSSH  
16 January 2016

### Research and Work at Scripps Institution of Oceanography

by Dr. Richard Norris  
organised by FOCS  
29 January 2016

### Salmonella Infection in Poultry: Management Strategies, Public Health Concerns and challenges

by Mr Yousouf Gaungoo  
organised by FOS  
10 February 2016

## Conférences

### La survie de la presse papier – Comment Libération a fait pour changer son format pour survivre?

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