

2020 National Basic Education Sector Lekgotla

Dr Adri du Toit was recently invited to the 2020 National Basic Education Sector Lekgotla to present a keynote address on entrepreneurship education. The invitation was based on her research and publications on the topic of entrepreneurship education in South Africa and other African countries. She was one of only two national keynote speakers, together with a handful of other speakers from international academia. The purpose of the lekgotla was to report on progress made with regard to, and developing strategies for, the attainment of the goals of the National Development Plan (Education) for 2030. The lekgotla was attended by a wide range of professionals interested in education in South Africa, and included an impressive list of dignitaries, such as the President of South Africa, the Minister and Deputy Minister of Basic Education, the Director-General of Basic Education, as well as several MECs and CEOs.

Dr Adri du Toit is onlangs na die 2020 Nasionale Basiese Onderwyssektor-lekgotla genooi om as hoofspreker oor entrepreneurskapsonderrig op te tree. Die uitnodiging het op haar navorsing en publikasies oor entrepreneurskapsonderrig in Suid-Afrika en ander lande in Afrika gevolg. Sy was een van slegs twee nasionale hoofsprekers, tesame met 'n handjievol ander sprekers uit internasionale akademiese geleedere. Die doel van die lekgotla was om terugvoer te gee oor die vordering wat gemaak word, asook die ontwikkeling van strategieë om die doelwitte van die Nasionale Ontwikkelingsplan (Onderwys) vir 2030 te bereik. Die lekgotla is deur 'n wye verskeidenheid belanghebbendes in onderrig en onderwys bygewoon, en het hoogwaardigheidsbekleërs soos die President van Suid-Afrika, die Minister en Adjunkminister van Basiese Onderwys, die Direkteur-Generaal van Basiese Onderwys en verskeie LUK's en HUB's ingesluit.



The Minister of Basic Education, Mrs Motshekga and Dr Adri du Toit.



Some of the keynote speakers were (left to right) Dr Dénes Szucs (Deputy Director, Centre for Neuroscience in Education: University of Cambridge); Dr Adri Du Toit (North-West University); Mr Lindsay Clandfield (Teacher Trainer/Education Consultant: Spain & Canada); and Prof Daniel Ansari (Canadian Research Chair in Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience).

EASA Awards 2020

During the Education Association of South Africa (EASA) Conference 2020, the following medals were awarded:

Prof Mentz received the EASA Research Medal and Prof De Beer received the EASA Medal of Honour award.



Prof Per Bergamin and Nicole Kalbermatter visit the SDL research entity

Prof Per Bergamin and Nicole Kalbermatter visited the SDL research entity from 20 to 24 January 2020. Per Bergamin is a professor of Didactics for Distance Education and E-learning at the Swiss Distance University of Applied Sciences (FFHS). He is the Director of the Institute for Research in Open, Distance and E-learning (IFeL) and since 2016 he has also held the UNESCO Chair for personalised and adaptive distance learning.

The title of their lecture on Wednesday, 23 January was: “Does artificial intelligence (AI) improve personalised and customisable learning systems?” The lecture was

well attended by SDL members from all three campuses.

The NWU also has an MoA with the FFHS, and as part of this agreement three SDL experts from the NWU visited Switzerland for four months during 2018. They were Drs Roxanne Bailey, Dorothy Laubscher and Divan Jagals. Dr Donnavan Kruger will also visit this year for four months.



Prof Per Bergamin en Nicole Kalbermatter het die SGL-navorsingsentiteit vanaf 20 tot 24 Januarie 2020 besoek. Per Bergamin is 'n professor in Didaktiek vir Afstandsonderrig en E-leer aan die Switserse Afstandsuniversiteit vir Toegepaste Wetenskappe (FFHS). Hy is die Direkteur van die Instituut vir Navorsing in Oop-, Afstands- en E-leer (IFeL) en beklee sedert 2016 ook die UNESCO-leerstool vir verpersoonlikte en aanpasbare afstandsonderrig.

Die titel van hulle lesing op Woensdag 23 Januarie was: “Verbeter kunsmatige intelligensie (AI) verpersoonlikte en aanpasbare leerstelsels?” Dit is goed deur SDL-lede van al drie kampusse bygewoon.

Die NWU het ook 'n MvO met FFHS, en as deel van hierdie ooreenkoms het drie vakkundiges van die SDL by die NWU gedurende 2018 Switserland vier maande lank besoek.

Hulle was drs Roxanne Bailey, Dorothy Laubscher en Divan Jagals. Dr Donnavan Kruger sal hierdie jaar ook vier maande lank daar besoek aflê.