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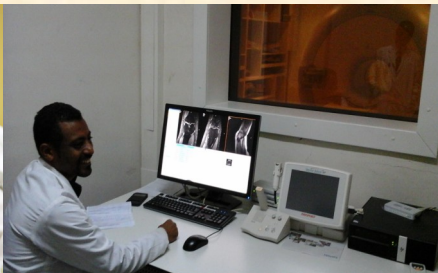
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Background of AAU, College of Health Sciences

The College of Health Sciences (CHS), Addis Ababa University (AAU), is a professional health sciences college, established in 2009/10 by the reorganization of previously separate institutions of health under one umbrella.

The CHS is comprised of four schools and one teaching hospital. The four schools are the School of Medicine (SoM), the School of Pharmacy (SoP), the School of Public Health (SPH) and the School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS). The SAHS offers professional training in nursing, midwifery and medical laboratory technology.

The rationale behind the establishment of the CHS is to encourage cross-breeding across various disciplinary paradigms; standardize curricula across disciplines; set standards and quality checks for the teaching-learning process; maximize human resources utilization through joint planning in teaching common courses and in conducting research; create opportunities in collaborative research and publication; maximize shared use of facilities for effectiveness and efficiency in teaching-learning, research and services; and create opportunities to address the health needs of the community in an integrated manner as a health team. All Schools of the CHS offer professional degrees at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels except for the School of Public Health which offers only postgraduate degrees at MSc and PhD levels.

However, the SPH is heavily engaged in offering public health courses to undergraduate students of the other Schools in the CHS.

The CHS currently has over 5000 students, and employs over 600 full-time faculty members. The College currently offers eight undergraduate and over 70 postgraduate programs. The Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital (TASH) is the teaching hospital of the College.

TASH is the largest specialized hospital in Ethiopia, with over 700 beds, and serves as a training center for undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, dentists, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, medical laboratory technologists, radiology technologists, and others who shoulder the responsibilities to solve the health problems of the community and the country at large.

In line with the mission and vision of AAU, the CHS exercises unique roles in training highly skilled health professionals at MSc, PhD, specialty and subspecialty levels. This allows it to contribute to the expansion of quality health care, education and research in the country. The CHS is the only institution where some specialized tertiary health care is rendered. Moreover, under the new reorganization of AAU, the CHS is expected to enjoy a high level of academic and administrative autonomy.

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Message from the Chief Executive Director of College of Health Sciences

Uplifting Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital and College Health Sciences Leadership Role



We feel that the Addis Ababa University School of Medicine is the nucleus for the birth of 28 medical schools across the country. Similarly, Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital as a last destiny for the majority of critical illnesses from all corners of Ethiopia, has been playing the leadership role for over half a century.

Currently, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health are expressing and demonstrating their commitment to uplift the leadership role of the college and the hospital. Professionals and the college leadership are also committed to creating centers of excellence within the institution and to let very senior professionals reach the majority of Ethiopians at their vicinity and contribute to the realization of quality and equity in health service, which is one of the Ministry of health transformation agendas for the year 2016-2020.

To materialize these objectives, several action agendas are already identified. Among others: improving the quality of clinical care by limiting the hospital services to emergency and specialized cases, starting all “elective” clinical services (OPD and OR) at 8:00 am and finishing at 5:00 pm, facilitating the environment for consultants to lead the emergency clinical services all the time, integrating teaching and research with the hospital services, establishing more satellite teaching and clinical service centers, establishing wholesale enterprise/PLC (having full capacity to import medicines, medical supplies, reagents, medical equipment and their spare parts), digitalizing hospital data and administrative management, initiating consultation services, practicing research based teaching, establishing Biomedical, Clinical and Epidemiology (BCE) research center, and constructing at least five buildings within the campus are in the pipeline.

We will also be having common computer lab, common simulation and skill lab center, common research work station, and common lecture rooms. Our action agendas will be guided by two main working documents (SOP/TOR with regard to the new organizational structure and a five year strategic plan).

We have also set performance targets for five years from now: clinical care is transformed from hierarchical system to one way subspecialty care; the wholesale enterprise starts fully functioning; all new buildings become operational; all forms of communications and monitoring are automated; the BCE research center won the majority of grants for national surveys; clinical studies are transformed from retrospective to cohort and clinical trial studies; interdepartmental collaboration and research advising becomes an institutional culture and memory; every academic staff publishes one research work per year; yearly publications of the college in reputable journals reach more than 500; each clinical department has published a text book for undergraduate students; all Msc/MPH holders upgraded to PHD; all assistant professors are promoted to Associate professor; and all associate professors are promoted to full professor.

Making change happen in the coming 5 years is inevitable and replicable to other health science colleges and hospitals. This is because; all the change drives are already in place (vision, skills, motivation, resources and action plan). Note also that all our efforts towards changing our college and hospital will definitely bring about more changes on us than on the system. Thus, make sure that you have an active engagement to uplift our nationwide leadership role in clinical service, teaching and research.

“It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the most responsive to change”. Charles Darwin

Yifru Berhan (Prof)
Chief Executive Director with Vice President Rank
College of Health Sciences
Addis Ababa University

The School of Medicine has graduated its new Medical Doctors



“We are responsible to serve the community” Graduated Medical Doctors

The school of medicine, CHS, AAU has held its 42nd graduation of medical doctors on 22nd November, 2015.

The ceremony was held at the College of Business and Economics Hall and a total of 175 medical doctors received their degrees from the guest of honor, out of which 110 were males and the remaining 65 were females.

After six years of exhaustive studies, the graduates have taken the Hippocratic Oath to serve the community with their profession. The guest of honor of the ceremony H.E. Ato Kassa T/Berhan, Minister of Federal and Pastoralist Development Affairs and Addis Ababa University Board Chair, handed out awards and degrees to the graduates.

Dr. Ahmed Reja, Chief Executive Director, CHS, AAU delivered the opening speech on the day. In his speech, he described that the School is a spearhead in improving health services in the country through training health professionals and undertaking thematic researches.

He further added that in order to achieve the development goal under way, it is important to have a healthy society, since only a healthy generation can build a country.

Admasu Tsegaye (PhD), president of Addis Ababa University, in his part said that Addis Ababa University being a pioneer institution in the country has a remarkable role to enhance the health policy set by the country. He further stressed that the university works for the betterment of services in health by providing trained health professionals to health sector.

The ceremony was adorned by the university's cultural center song “enkuan des yalachihu” and the Ethiopian National Anthem.



H.E. Ato Kasa T/Birhan handed out awards and degrees to the graduates

“The university works for the betterment of services in health by providing trained health professionals to health sector”

Dr. Admasu Tsegaye,
AAU President

13TH INDEPTH SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

By School of Public Health



Dr. Amir Aman, The State Minister of Health

The School of Public Health, Addis Ababa University, together with other Health and Demographic Surveillance sites in Ethiopia hosted the 13th INDEPTH Scientific Conference (ISC) from 11-13 November 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ghion Hotel. The theme of the conference was “Health and Demographic Research to Inform the Post-2015 Development Agenda”.

Since its establishment in 1998, the INDEPTH Network has made a major impact on the huge gaps in population-based health data across Africa, Asia and Oceania. The network conducts international scientific conference every two years. This year, the conference was attended by participants from 25 countries all over the world. ISC has recorded progressive and incremental success in regularly assembling scientists in health and demographic surveillance research. In addition, many other international participants from the scientific and funder communities have come to embrace this noble idea of the scientific conference

always look forward to sharing and developing experiences and ideas, and debating world class research that will shape the future of Low-and Middle –Income Countries.

In his opening speech, Dr. Amir Aman, the State Minister of Health of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, urged researchers to make quality data available to policy-makers to use in making decisions that would improve the lives of their people.

The conference involved scientists, researchers, policy makers, programmers and funders from all over the world. During the conference presentations covered a wide range of topics including findings from multi-centre INDEPTH projects, maternal, child and neonatal health, population and health policies, socio-economic disparities, transition and its implications post 2015, and many more areas.

Medical Students, Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Society of Ethiopia

By Bersabeh Mekasha

“Dignity in mental health!” was the motto of this year’s mental health day celebration, as was hosted by the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Society of Ethiopia. It was with this mantra swirling around in their heads that participants kicked off the two day celebration in commemoration of Mental Health, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The first phase of the celebration was a visit to the ‘Good Samaritan Clinic’, located at oldest part of the city, Entoto Mountain. Around Entoto live a number of psychiatric patients who predominantly receive the holy water from a number of orthodox monasteries and churches in the vicinity. Some among these patients receive medical treatments from this psychiatric clinic. And ‘Good Samaritan Clinic’ was ground zero for the events of the day.



kicked off participants

The program started with the gathering of venerable professors, physicians, medical students, reporters and other interested parties in the compound of Tikur Anbesa Specialized Hospital. More than 30 medical students were involved in setting up different stations at the small psychiatric clinic. The patients were then evaluated, provided with care packages and medications accordingly. Meanwhile guests stayed busy planting trees around the Entoto Mountain. The event was quite the eye opening experience for those in attendance. And indeed, it did raise the question for the necessity of dignity, in mental health.



The second phase was held on Monday October 12, 2015 with the purpose of screening a psychiatrically themed feature film titled “Yemehan Mit”. The event began with a moving introductory remark by Dr. Mesfin Araya. Following that, one of the honorary guests of the day, the illustrious Gash Abera Molla, made an edifying and amusing speech angled from an engaging perspective to mental health. Then two poems written by generously talented medical students, Sintayehu and Gashaw, followed. The highly anticipated film followed, further amplifying the magnitude and deep rooted misconceptions concerning mental health issues in our setting. Another honorary Guest, Dr. Mihret Debebe, the writer of the famous books “yetekolefebet kulf” and “lela sew”, lead on another discussion on mental health prevalence in our country. Finally the program came to an end Dr. Mesfin Araya thanking individuals who made the day possible.



“Dignity in Mental Health!”

Medical Students' Pre-graduation night

By Bersabeh Mekasha

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It was a warm Thursday evening, the 19TH of November, 2015. The usually packed parking lot had made way for the pearly tents that were to accommodate the soon to be alumni of Tikur Anbessa Specialized Teaching Hospital. The members of the organizing committee buzzed about, putting up the finishing touches to an already spectacular setting. The descending sun provided a serene backdrop. Soon enough, all was ready.

And then, in ones, twos and groups started arriving, the graduating class of the year 2015. They trickled out of the dorms they had called homes for the past almost seven years. Gone were the tired faces and lop sided gowns, instead replaced by smiles that lit up the night and attires that stopped the show. Pretty soon, everyone had taken their seats and it was time to kick off the show. The MC acknowledged the beloved instructors and administration in attendance. Opening remarks were made by Dr. Abebe, Dean of the School of Medicine and Dr Ahmed Reja, Chief Executive Director of College of Health Sciences . They congratulated the graduating class and shared some touching words, reminding them of the responsibilities they had to themselves, their families and their nation.



And then amusing stories of the various mishaps and misgivings of the medical student were told with a fantastic response from the crowd. Following this, as per tradition, the best seniors, residents and departments of both preclinical and clinical years were identified and awarded. The award for best preclinical senior went to Professor Schneider from the department of pathology. His candid and fatherly remarks were received quite well with the graduates. The award for 'Best Senior' of the clinical years went to Dr. Tigist Bacha, from the department of Pediatrics for yet another year.

The award for the 'Best Resident' went to a popular figure with the students, Dr. Mengistu, from the department of GynObs. And finally the award for the best teaching department went to the department of Surgery. Emergency medicine department was recognized as the best emerging department. Following some encouraging words from Dr. Fekadeselassie, and the handing out of year books, dinner was served. And so, in such a manner were the festivities kicked off.

Congratulations are in order to an exceptional batch, both in character and intelligence. May good fortune follow them in whatever endeavor they engage in. Also, congratulations to the recipients of the 'Best Senior, Resident and Department' awards. May it serve as much a motivation as it is recognition. Particular thanks go to the Organizing Committee for the diligence and excellence they showed in producing such a spectacular night.

Once again, **Congratulations**, Graduating Class of 2015!!!



Congratulations

Professor Adem Ali, the Career of a Giant of Surgery in Ethiopia

By Philipos Kidane

Professor Adem Ali was born in the town of Harar in may1950 G.C, a forth son to a family of 4. He attended his elementary school in Hailesilassie 1st School and his secondary education in Medhanialem school.

After completing his secondary education in 1967 with distinction he moved to Addis Ababa and joined AAU and completed his medical education and graduated with distinction in . After completing his medical education he joined the Gondary College of Medical Sciences in 1975 and provided service one and half years.

He then joined Addis Ababa university as house assistant lecturer under the tutelage of Professors Asrat, Johnson and Taye. He then began his surgical residency and graduated General surgeon along with Dr. Mesfin Minas and Dr. Girma Melaku as the first graduates of surgery in the country and paved the way for future surgical education in the department and the country as a whole.

In 1986 he got fellowship training in thoracic surgery in the pre-eminent London Chest hospital, London, United Kingdom where he stayed for one and a half years as a registrar and a further training in Birmingham, UK for 6 months in esophageal surgery and made sure Ethiopia got the first fully trained thoracic surgeon. Professor Adem and Dr. Dereje Gulilat launched a fellowship program in cardiothoracic surgery and produced a total of 7 cardiothoracic surgeons to date.

His efforts in research and service rendered over a career spanning of four decades earned him the title of Professor of Surgery in 2011. In addition to his contribution to surgical training and service he has served the Department of Surgery, the medical school and the university in various committees including chairing the department of Surgery three times.

He has contributed immensely to the establishment and development of various national and international academic societies.

He was a member of the provisional medical counsel and chaired the ethics committee of the ministry of health for 3 years. He had also served the Ethiopian medical association as president twice, as treasurer and reviewer of Ethiopian Medical journal for many years.

Moreover, he is a founding Fellow of the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa(COSECESA). Professor Adem is a member of other professional societies and associations notably the International college of surgeons.

Professor Adem's contributions to Ethiopia are very well known and has received such recognition from the Department of Surgery, Surgical Society of Ethiopia, Ethiopian Medical Association and the Ministry of Health for his Dedication, commitment and relentless endeavors to develop the field of Surgery in Ethiopia and furthermore the specialty of Cardiothoracic Surgery and for his unwavering struggle to improve the quality and scope of practice of surgical services rendered to our society.

Finally, professor Adem Ali leaves a lasting legacy of having produced hundred of surgeon for his nation and his career spanning more than four decades full commitment and dedication in developing surgery in Ethiopia and across the continent at large is as Exemplary and envious as it can be. Hence, from a grateful Nation and the university we wish the very best in the future.



Professor Adem Ali

AAU receives over \$3 million for junior faculty training through Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

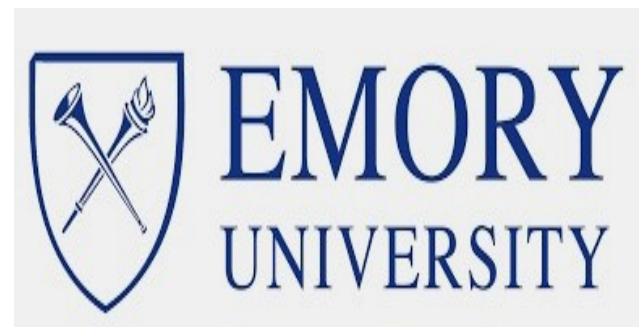
By, Habtamu Messel

Addis Ababa University along with Emory University, Johns Hopkins University and University of Alabama at Birmingham has received a grant of \$3.205 million for junior faculty training and research career development.

Obtained from the National Institute of Health (NIH) through Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI), the 'Junior Faculty Research Career Development fellowship award' is planned to support the career development of AAU faculty who have dedicated to a career in clinical investigation and who aspires to develop future leaders in clinical research.

Speaking about the new grant, Dr. Miliard Derbew, Principal Investigator of MEPI project, has highlighted that the purpose of this grant is to provide support for clinical research training and career development of faculty in the four selected scientific topics (HIV/AIDS and related infections; maternal and child health with focus on community interventions, non-communicable diseases with focus on diabetes and cardiovascular conditions; and mental health).

The total number of faculty proposed to be trained through this grant over the five years period will be 24 (6 in each of the 4 scientific disciplines).



Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Project is A Consortia Program for Quality Medical Education

TASH Imaging building and facilities becomes fully functional

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Radiology reading in the new building and testing of MRI

Among recent developments in TASH, it is noteworthy to mention advancements in imaging service area. Currently, the imaging building is fully active with lots of functions.

The basement of the building has MRI which was installed few months ago. Technical training was given to the staff and it will be operational soon.

The ground floor has CT scanning facility which has been operational in the past six months. Dr Daniel, one of the senior faculties in the department of Radiology, described that the MRI purchase request was made 14 years ago when he was a department head and he expressed his delight to see the project finalized.

The building has two additional floors consisting of reading room, conference halls and offices.



The new Radiology reading & MRI testing building

Currently, it is fully furnished and the radiology department training and the reading services have moved to this building. This project has been one of the giant projects of TASH and the leadership's perseverance has brought the project to completion.

Furthermore, Dr Tequam Debebe, the current department head has devoted her valuable time for the realization of the work and has become a key leader in the transformation of radiology department and the service in general.

Considering her magnificent role, the academic commission of the medical school has granted her a recognition certificate in the presence of the Dean/CEO, TASH Medical Director and associate director for graduate programs of CHS.

AAU, SOM becomes member of ACSMEL (Medical Education support in Liberia)

Sisay Teklu (MD)

The academic consortium to support medical education in Liberia (ACSMEL) is a nonprofit organization established by the leadership of the University of Massachusetts (Umass). Some enthusiastic staffs of Umass together with members of University of Maryland took the initiative to rebuild and support the medical education of Liberia that was totally destroyed by the 14 years long civil war that led to not only destruction of the infrastructure but also forced all educated Liberians to leave the country.

The consortium helped the Liberian government to re establish the under graduate medical education and also supported the newly established Liberian Postgraduate Council that runs the postgraduate training in Liberia. Addis Ababa University, College of Health Science has recently signed MOU and joined the consortium.

AAU is the only African institution in the consortium of five Universities supporting medical education in Liberia. At the time of the Ebola outbreak, ACSMEL support in Liberia was not limited to medical education alone.

It changed its name to Academic Consortium to Combat Ebola in Liberia (ACCEL) and raised fund worth millions of dollars to deliver medical and non medical supplies where and when it was urgently needed. Many faculties from member Universities were deployed during the outbreak and there were some doctors who acquired the infection while giving service.

AAU, College of health science has currently deployed five basic science faculties to Liberia medical school and they are teaching basic science courses to undergraduate medical students. The collaboration will further continue and AAU will remain a very important partner in the consortium.

Cutting-edge Surgery performed at Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital (TASH)

On the 30th of September, 2015, Thoraco-omphalopagous male twins were delivered by a caesarean section at Debre Tabor Hospital, Ethiopia. The abnormality was first detected on ultrasound intra partum, owing to a lack of prior ANC follow-up. After discussion with pediatric Surgery Unit of TASH over future treatment options, referral was made on the 8th postnatal day. Admission

The management line was abruptly changed to save the remaining twin.

An emergency surgery was scheduled and consultation with the cardiothoracic surgery, anesthesia and nursing unit was made and the respective departments agreed to involve their staffs.



This surgery is the first of its kind in Ethiopia, marks the tremendous capacity of the young surgeons of Ethiopia.



Twins before and after surgery

to neonatal ICU was made after arrival. Abdominal US, CT-scan, Doppler US and echocardiography were done at TASH. CT angiography was done to further clarify the connections at Myung Sung Christian Medical Center (MCM). In these diagnostic measures, a shared heart chamber and liver lobe was identified.

On October 20, 2015, while on preparation for elective surgical separation, one of the twins developed cardiac arrest.

The surgery was approached from the chest after due evaluation and discussion. The shared left atrium was identified, clamped and divided. The common liver was identified and divided following which the twins were completely separated.

The surviving twin was transferred to surgical ICU with stable vitals and was put on mandatory ventilation. ***This surgery, the first of its kind in Ethiopia, marks the tremendous capacity of the young surgeons of Ethiopia.*** A well-deserved acknowledgment is granted to all those involved from pre-preparation to postoperative care.

AAU Neurosurgeons have qualified at the COSECSA exam

The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) is an independent body that fosters postgraduate education in surgery and provides surgical training throughout the region of East, Central and Southern Africa.

COSECSA is a non-profit body that currently operates in 10 countries in the Sub-Saharan region: Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. And countries like Sudan, Botswana and Swaziland are in the pipeline to be members in the college.

The primary objective of the college includes, advancing education, training, standards, research & practice in surgical care in this region. COSECSA shapes and leads the training of surgeons in the Sub-Saharan region. And it delivers a common surgical training program with a common examination and an internationally recognized surgical qualification.

Ethiopia and the College of Health Science - AAU have strong link with the college. Ethiopia is one of the member countries with a large number of fellows in different specialties of surgery including, General surgery, orthopedics, plastic and reconstructive surgery, pediatrics surgery and Neurosurgery.

Dr Miliard Derbew is the President of COSECSA and Dr Abebe Bekele is the Chairman of the Examinations and credentialing committee.

This year, the meeting and examination was held in Blantyre, Malawi from Nov. 29 to Dec 4, 2015. Two MCS, three FCS candidates in general surgery and two FCS candidates in Neurosurgery successfully passed the examination and qualified from Ethiopia. The two qualified FCS neurosurgeons, Dr. Azarias

Kassahun and Dr. Abenezer Tirsit, are faculty of the school of Medicine.

Dr. Azarias won a LINDSAY STEWART 2015 AWARD, which is awarded to young surgeons in training and working in the constituent COSECSA Countries and for excellence in research. He was also awarded the COSECSA best student prize in Neurosurgery.



The two AAU Neurosurgeons qualified Drs From left to right, the 2nd & the 4th Dr. Abenezer Tirsit & Dr. Azarias Kassahun with Dr Miliard Derbew, the President of COSECSA and Dr Abebe Bekele, the Chairman of the Examinations and credentialing committee.

Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis guideline has been launched on December 2015 in the college of Health sciences auditorium in the presence the college community and leaders from the college, the medical school, FMOH and invited guests from different hospitals.

The guideline was prepared by a task force comprises of professionals from different departments and it was spearheaded by Dr Ameha Gebremedhin .



During the preparation SANOFI Ethiopia has assisted and MEPI has supported in the publication. In the launching ceremony a CME was delivered on the Update of VTE and its prophylaxis by Dr Ameha Gebremedhin, from Internal Medicine Department , Hematology Unit and Dr Birhanu Nega, from Department of Surgery , Cardiothoracic Unit. The launch ceremony was attended by Dr Abrham Endeshaw , Medical Services Directorate Director of the FMOH and he remarked that this work will enable the hospital to render quality standard and safe care and it will be adapted and used by other hospitals in the country.

Furthermore, Dr Abebe Bekele, the Dean has extended appreciation to the task force and all partners assisted the process.

He declared that this is interdisciplinary accomplishment which is lauded and endorsed by the college community and FMOH together. Finally, he recommended that the staff would work hard and produce similar protocols and guidelines in various disciplines in order to cultivate quality care in the institution.

“This is interdisciplinary accomplishment which is lauded and endorsed by the college community and FMOH together” Dr Abebe Bekele

Quality of our diagnostic laboratory facility is a key to conduct problem solving Researches

By Dr Daniel Seifu

Opportunities started to knock at our door since our hospital's diagnostic laboratory has made improvement. Quite recently, thanks to the relentless effort and support from Dr. Assefash and Dr. Eva from Austria, the donation of the state-of-the-arts laboratory equipments has taken our diagnostic laboratory to the next level of achievement.

Expanding our horizon globally, our laboratory has also started working closely with an Ethiopian born Dr. Makeda Semret from McGill University to study on Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI). This study will assess the epidemiology

and microbiologic characteristics of HAI at Tikur Anbessa Hospital and is set to begin early 2016.

The overall focus of this project is on specific measures to improve quality of care and patient safety at Tikur Anbessa Hospital, a key component of which is improving the microbiology laboratory capacity. This will be done through purchasing essential equipments such as an automated blood culture monitoring system, reagents to facilitate rapid identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing of bacterial isolates, and training of staff.

The study, led by Dr Makeda Semret from McGill University, is

funded for 4 years by the Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre and key investigators from College of Health sciences are Dr Daniel Seifu (Tikur Anbessa Hospital's departments Laboratory), Dr Wondossen Amogne (Internal Medicine), Dr Workabeba Abebe (Pediatrics and Child Health), Dr Aklilu Azazh (Department of Emergency Medicine), Dr Daniel Zemenfes (Department of Surgery), and Dr Eskinder Kebede (Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics).

Finally, I urge all the hospital and college community to give us all sorts of support and comments to improve our diagnostic laboratory service for better patient care.

Research Publications by the College staff

By Dr Getnet Yimer

The prolific researchers of College of Health Sciences once again displayed their robust academic potential by winning over ETB 1,900,000.00 of the research publication incentive for 2014 G.C.

The college took the lion share by collecting 42% of the total research and publication allowance declared to be distributed by the Addis Ababa University Senate.

The 2014 allowance is 46% higher compared to the 2013 allowance (ETB 1,300,000.00). A total of 122 academicians contributed to this remarkable achievement.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of staffs</i>	<i>Total publications made</i>
<i>2012</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>130</i>
<i>2013</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>307</i>
<i>2014</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>500</i>

The Associate Director for Research and Technology Transfer Office of College of Health Sciences congratulates the researchers and the college community at this particular occasion.

The office, furthermore, pledges its commitment to provide full-fledged research support service to scale up the ever increasing contribution of College of Health Sciences to the University's research productivity.

Congratulations!



Prof. Orvar Daniel Johnson, Unsung hero of modern surgery in Ethiopia

A graduate of the Lund University (1949), Sweden, Professor Orvar Daniel Johnson joined the Faculty of Medicine of the Addis Ababa University as an Assistant Professor of Surgery in may 1974, after specialization in General Surgery (1965) and Surgical Urology (1974) at the University Hospital of Lund. Before he came to Ethiopia,



Prof. Orvar Daniel Johnson

Professor Johnson worked as an instructor in anatomy and a surgeon in Sweden, Korea and Zaire. After nine years of service in the AAUMF department of Surgery, he became an Associate Professor in 1983 and a full professor of surgery AAUMF in 2002. Professor Johnson was a distinguished surgeon and teacher who had rendered 35 years of dedicated and outstanding service in Ethiopia.

He has been associated with the department of surgery during some of its most difficult moments and has helped it endure and grow to its present position. His contribution to surgical education in Ethiopia cannot be over emphasized. The immense clinical service that he has provided to patients has always been all rounded and of high quality. His patients often included those with the most difficult problems which could not be handled by his other colleagues. In a department where the tradition of research is not very well established, his scientific publications are regarded as substantial both in quality of content and volume.

Professor Johnson has always offered his services: teaching, clinical or administrative, with extraordinary good will and dedication. Financial gains have never been his prime consideration.

A student of history and philosophy, he has a profound interest in and an understanding of the problems of the people of the third world.

He was honored by the AAU for his extraordinary services and recognized by the Ministry of Health as a hero of health development in 2005.

Professor Johnson will always be remembered both by his colleagues and his students as a role model of a surgeon and as one of the founding fathers of modern surgery in Ethiopia.

Professor Jonson passed away on September 28, 2015. He was certainly one of the founding fathers of modern surgery. His colleagues and students always remember him for his exemplary devotion to the medical profession. Our deepest condolence goes to his family and loved ones.



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Renovation and construction in the CHS/TASH

By Dr Aklilu Azazh

The OR renovation and the Cardiac CAT laboratory is under completion. It is expected to be finished within 3 months. Here the cardiology/ cardiothoracic team on the left is visiting the construction work of the CAT lab and on the right side is a room in the OR on final stage of renovation.



The Foundation work of Emergency Medicine building is completed and it is moving up. Temporary prefab expansion work of the existing emergency department is also advancing.

The Renovation of Pharmacy and Radiology service area is completed. Pharmacy dispensary has expanded from the former one cashier and one pharmacist contact rooms.



The renovation of the Lecture halls is in the final stage. On the left is the main auditorium (hall 2) and on the right is Internal Medicine lecture room (one of the three clinical departments' lecture rooms under renovation).



AHEAD recognized medical students

By:- Bersabeh Mekasha

On December 11, 2015 was held an awarding ceremony of selected outstanding students on a program titled, AHEAD Award for Academic Excellence. The award was held in the presence of the school officials, Dr. Abebe Bekele, Dean of School of Medicine; Dr. Helen Yifter, Associate Dean of School of Medicine, W/t Tsega Haile a representative from AHEAD.

The ceremony commenced with Dr. Hagos's introductory remark. Dr. Helen took the stage next to thank everyone who made the ceremony possible. Dr. Getnet Yimer led the next session with a heartfelt appreciation and a bit of inspirational speech to the award recipients as well as the attending students.

W/t Tsega Haile a representative from AHEAD took some time to introduce herself and AHEAD, the organization she represents. AHEAD was established over 15 years ago by Diaspora Ethiopians in Canada. The founding principle being the repayment of the community for the investment made in providing the founders with free education.

It has assisted over 12,000 medical students in Jimma, Gondar, and AAU in collaboration with Getachew Bolodia foundation. She stated that this trend of recognizing students with a modest gesture will continue for the years to come. She motivated other students to work harder and strive to serve the community better.

Dr. Abebe concluded the event by emphasizing on the motivational remark made by Dr. Getnet Yimer. They both underscored on how this appreciation of hard work is a virtuous philosophy and is one that is to be highly commended. They stated how this is a wonderful motivation to recipients and would set a culture of healthy competition among the younger students.

Our newsletter would like to congratulate students Rebecca Shimelis and Muluken Zeleke on receiving the first AHEAD award for Academic Excellence. We hope this motivates you to work even harder in your coming medical school years and we wish you a continued success in your future endeavors





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Editorial Note

This news letter is intended to give current information of College of Health Sciences and Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital (TASH) to the CHS community, students, administrative and support staff and to all. In addition, in a broader sense, the College of Health community, Addis Ababa University (AAU) , Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) and other stakeholders will also get the updates about the CHS and hospital and through this newsletter.

Currently there is an unprecedented dynamism in the college of Health Sciences , and in particular in the TASH, and hence the journey of this symbolic institution has to be carefully documented to give the right information to the community and to put historical records right for the future generation.

To achieve this goal, the news letter is resumed after it was discontinued for some years. Hence, the kick off now should be applauded and the efforts should be supported by the whole community in order that there will not be deceleration or stoppage gain.

Finally ,the editorial team would like to request all schools. departments, units, students, the entire CHS and TASH community to contribute to the successful continuation of this publication.

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