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Dr. Ahmed Fahmi

Ahmed Fahmi is the Program specialist in the life and chemical sciences at the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Before joining UNESCO, he was a university lecturer in biochemistry at the University of London. He worked in South Asia and the Asia Pacific region on managing and coordinating the execution of the Basic Sciences, Engineering and Science Policy program of UNESCO and was a visiting professor at the United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan. He is currently involved in the establishment of UNESCO centers of excellence and in establishing public private partnership in scientific research for Africa. He has a PhD in biophysics and molecular biology, which he obtained in 2001 from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.



Prof. Timothy Rennie

Prof Timothy Rennie is the Associate Dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Namibia. He graduated from The School of Pharmacy, University of London, and registered as a UK pharmacist. Following practice in hospital pharmacy he completed a PhD – his research investigated tuberculosis patient adherence to treatment in London. Most recently in the UK, as Head of TB Commissioning, he was involved in TB research and service development for TB commissioning priorities in London. During this time he also worked for the School of Pharmacy (Univ. London) as Programme Director of a post-graduate work-based hospital pharmacy programme. Since arriving in Namibia in 2010 he began work as Pharmacy Coordinator for a new 4-year Bachelor of Pharmacy degree programme and setting up of the School of Pharmacy, inaugurated by the current President of Namibia in 2013. He also successfully motivated for a new programme to train Pharmaceutical Technicians which commenced in 2015, and launched the new post-graduate Master of Pharmacy (Clinical Pharmacy) in 2016. Prof. Rennie is proudly a registered pharmacist in Namibia, a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, the Pharmaceutical Society of Namibia, the International Pharmaceutical Federation, and FIP Education Lead. He is Editor of the international peer-reviewed journal Pharmacy Education. Prof. Rennie's interests include infectious disease research (TB/HIV/HBV), inter-professional health education, health services and pharmacy practice research, assessment methods, adherence, continuing professional development and setting up international collaborations. He is also a keen but largely unsuccessful gardener.



Dr. Moses Amweelo

Dr. Moses Amweelo served as a Namibian Member of Parliament from the year 2000 to 21st March 2015, as a former Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information and Communication Technology (ICT). He served as the Namibian Minister of Works, Transport and Communication from 2000 to 21st March 2005. He also served as Deputy Chairperson of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Namibia group. He holds a scientific Doctorate Degree from The International Transport Academy, (Saint Petersburg - Russia) specialized in Industrial Engineering and Management. He was awarded the Degree of Masters of Science (MSc) in Maritime Safety Administration (Marine Engineering) from the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmo, Sweden and various professional and academic qualifications relating to Marine Engineering from Kherson Navigation College in Ukraine, Arab Maritime Transport Academy, Alexandria (Egypt), Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, Finland, Germany as well as India. He was awarded a Diploma No 332 as full member of the International Transport Academy (Academician), he was also awarded a Medal of Honour from The International University of Management (IUM). He holds a professional membership of the International Science Bridge (ISB) in the field of science and technology between partners of the Russian Federation and SADC countries, and he has written a total of 109 (100+9=109) Articles. He is currently a guest lecturer at the University of Namibia's Engineering Campus in Ongwediva.



Prof. Ponnadurai Ramasam

Prof Ponnadurai Ramasami, CSci Chem FRSC, holds a PhD in Physical Chemistry from the University of Delhi. After his postdoctoral research from this University, he joined the University of Mauritius in the year 2000 and he became full Professor in 2013. He leads the Computational Chemistry Group at the University of Mauritius and his research interest is focused towards to the use of computational methods to solve Chemistry and interdisciplinary problems. He is involved in a network of collaborators across the World. He has published 200 research papers and he has also edited several books. He is a Visiting Professor with the University of Johannesburg and the University of South Africa. Apart from his research activity, he is the Chairman of the International Conference on Pure and Applied Chemistry (ICPAC) which was started in 2010 and has become a popular biennial event. He is also the Chairman of the Virtual Conference on Computational Science which is held annually.

