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Welcome to the Cambridge-Africa April 2024 Newsletter

This is a brief newsletter coming so close on the heels of the previous Cambridge-Africa newsletter but we wanted to inform you of a few upcoming initiatives.

Cambridge-Africa Day 2024



Registration for the Cambridge-Africa Day 2024 is now open. [Sign up](#) to attend this in-person event which will be held at Downing College, Cambridge, on 18th June. We advise registering soon as the event is always over subscribed. Places are limited and only available to those who have registered to attend. We will be running a waiting list and ask those who have registered who then cannot attend to let us know so we can offer registration to those on the waiting list. For those based in Africa, there is the option to attend via Zoom - please email enquiries@cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk and you will be sent the link.

We have an exciting programme instore for you with Keynote Speaker, Professor Refiloe Masekela talking about lung health in Africa. Prof Refiloe Masekela is Head of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, is President of the Pan African Thoracic Society (PATS), the co-leader of the PATS MECOR programme, a capacity strengthening initiative for respiratory health research training and is the first African woman to hold the prestigious NIHR Global Health Professorship.

Our second Keynote Speaker is Professor Danquah, Professor of Plant Molecular Genetics, University of Ghana, Director of the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) and recipient of the 2022 Africa Food Prize. WACCI trains plant breeders from across Africa to improve African crops in

local environments. WACCI is one of the largest Institutions in Africa for PhD education in plant breeding and aims to be the foremost Centre for post-graduate research in crop improvement in Africa.

We have a wide ranging programme including presentation on e-commerce in Zimbabwe, restitution of items of cultural heritage held in museums, high integrity carbon credit schemes that support tropical rainforest conservation and panel discussions on education and the attainment of the SDGs in Africa. The Dr Amit Bhasin Prize will be awarded to an outstanding postgraduate research student from sub-Saharan Africa studying in Cambridge. We look forward to seeing you at the Cambridge-Africa Day on 18th June.

Nominations for the Dr Amit Bhasin Prize Now Open



The Dr Amit Bhasin Prize is now open for nominations and applications. This is

an award made to an outstanding African postgraduate research student at the University of Cambridge. The closing date is 19th May 2024.

‘Outstanding’ is defined in broad terms to include:

- Academic excellence
- Activities beyond research, such as translation of research into impact to the benefit of African populations
- Public engagement, innovation, social enterprises/not for profit activities and good citizenship.
- Contribution to student life in Cambridge

Dr Amit Bhasin was Cambridge-Africa Programme Manager 2019-2020, until his untimely death. His friends and colleagues raised funds to create a prize to be awarded to an outstanding African research student at the University of Cambridge to remember him and celebrate his dedication to supporting African researchers throughout his career. An award of £500 will be made to the recipient.

Applications will be accepted from individuals (self-nominated), peers, supervisors or other University of Cambridge staff. Postgraduate research (MPhil by research or PhD) students at the University of Cambridge, including those who have successfully defended their PhD within 12 months of the application deadline, who are nationals of a sub-Saharan African country are eligible.

Further information and the application form can be found [here](#).

Cambridge-Africa ALBORADA Research Fund

We will be opening the call for the next round of [Cambridge-Africa ALBORADA Research](#) fund awards in early June. These competitive awards support new research collaborations between Africa-based and Cambridge-based researchers at the post-doctoral level or above. Researchers within any University of Cambridge department or affiliated organisations, such as WT Sanger centre and NIAB, can apply. Depending on the nature of the research project or whether the grant is for a workshop in Africa or for equipment, funding of up to £20,000 can be applied for. More information can be found in

the award's [Terms and conditions](#). If you or others in your department would like to hear more about the funding, please contact [Corinna Alberg](#) to arrange a visit.

REGRESSION MODELLING FOR CATEGORICAL OUTCOMES USING “R”

29th APRIL– 17th MAY 2024 (3 WEEKS)



Applications are open for a 3 week hybrid series of workshops being held at the Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences – CUHAS BUGANDO, Tanzania on Regression Modelling for Categorical Outcomes using R. The National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) – Mwanza Centre with funding from the Cambridge-Africa ALBORADA Research Fund is holding the workshops for postgraduate students/early career researchers/faculty members working in health or medical research institutions.

Successful candidates will receive training through a virtual/face to face workshops for a maximum of two hours daily from 5.00pm to 7.00pm (East African time). This is the second time the workshops are being held. There were 500 applicants for the 100 places at the previous series of workshops - there will be 100 places for these workshops being held from 29th April - 17th May. Further information and an application link can be found [here](#).

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