**HINARI/Research4Life Workshop Report**

**National University of Science and Technology**

**Bulawayo, Zimbabwe**

The National University of Science and Technology (NUST) Medical Library hosted the HINARI/Research4Life Workshop at the Council Chambers located at the main campus from the 14th-16th of February 2018. The NUST Medical Library’s Assistant Librarian Mr. Israel Dabengwa, the eResources Librarian Ms. C. Sibanda and the Institutional Repository Librarian, Mr. P. Ndhlovu facilitated the workshop. The facilitators were supported by a planning committee that comprised of:

* Mrs. D. Sibanda, the Deputy Librarian;
* Ms. E. Kawome, the Sub Librarian;
* Mrs. S.P. Dube and Mrs. D. Dengu, the Assistant Registrars;
* Mr. A. Kujenga, the Systems Administrator; and,
* Dr. M. Mzingwane from the Faculty of Medicine.

Part of the grant was used to purchase equipment which included a laptop and a projector which aided a great deal in the delivery of the presentations and demonstrations (see attached HINARI/Research4Life Expenditures).

The opening ceremony was officiated by the Acting Vice Chancellor Professor S. Sibanda who emphasized the need to use HINARI/Research4Life tools in the participant’s everyday work life (see attached newsletter clips). The workshop was attended by Forty-two (42) participants from diverse fields that included medical doctors, nurses, librarians, tutors and researchers from Bulawayo, Matabeleland North and South provinces which are on the outskirts (see attached participant list). A group photograph was taken which included the Acting Vice Chancellor, senior NUST officials, the participants, facilitators and planning committee (see Dropbox folder link).

Participants followed the slide presentations on their laptops individually, then performed the exercises in-class as pairs or worked as groups. The participation was lively, as the participants would assist each other without relying more on the facilitators. This gave an opportunity for participants who did not have confidence to master the skills. After the workshop programme was concluded, the participants were given evaluation forms and certificates of attendance. The certification ceremony was officiated by the Acting Vice Chancellor and the Deputy Librarian.

An analysis of the workshop evaluation forms (see attached Ms Excel sheet) found that 37 out of 42 (88%) participants filled in the questionnaire. **Table 1** summarises the participants score for the instructional materials.

**Table 1: Participants scores relating to the instructional materials**

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|  | Agree | Somewhat Agree | Somewhat Disagree | Total |
| Were used effectively | 36 | 0 | 1 | 37 |
| Were relevant/useful | 37 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| Hands-on sessions were useful | 34 | 2 | 0 | 37 |

All of the participants were satisfied with the facilitators and the delivery of the sessions. Some of the participants noted that more time was needed for the workshop so that they adequately grasp the Evidence Based Practice module. The participants suggested that new topics which could be included in future trainings such as the collection of HINARI/Research4Life usage statistics, as well as the use of reference and citation managers. The participants who recommended more time proposed that the workshop must be at least 4-5 days instead of the 3 days.

By the time of writing this report Mnene Nursing School and Galen House had registered, while efforts were being made to communicate with St. Lukes Hospital which had challenges with their Internet connectivity. The ZNA Medical School had expressed interest to register to access HINARI but could not give updates on their progress.

There is room for a potential partnership with the Mpilo Nursing School, which requested that the NUST Medical Library can take part in teaching student nurses HINARI/Research4Life resources, Information Literacy Skills training and research support. The participants also suggested that the NUST Medical Library should also target institutions who could not attend the workshop so health and medical professional are at par in knowledge and competencies.

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