

Bienvenida: Cuban Ambassador to Uganda at MUST



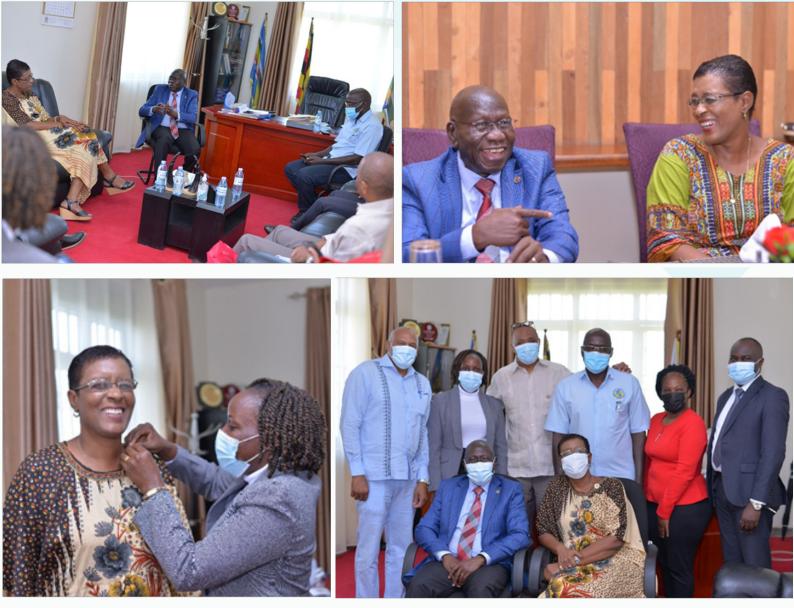


Geared towards augmenting the partnership between the Republic of Cuba and the Republic of Uganda/MUST, the new Ambassador of Cuba to Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya **H.E Dr. Tania Perez Xiques** visited MUST on April 13, 2022.Cuba has had a close partnership with MUST since its inception in 1989. **H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, the President of the Republic of Uganda requested the then President of Cuba **H.E Fidel Castro** to support Uganda in her cause to promote Science and Technology. Castro supported Uganda/MUST by sending Cuban Professors to work and skill human Resource in Uganda. These worked closely with the then V**ice Chancellor Prof. F.I.B Kayanja** to start Faculty of Medicine with four Cuban Professors. Since then, Cuba has continued to send Professors in different departments under Faculty of Medicine. **Prof. Celestino Obua**, the Vice Chancellor of MUST welcomed the **Ambassador H.E Dr. Tania Perez** and appreciated the strong ties that have provided MUST with expertise in dif-



Pioner Professors from Left Dr. R.M. Carlos (Physiology), A.R. Azcuy (Embryology), Professor F.LB. Kayanja (Histology), Dr. C.K. Kibirige Deputy Secretary, Dr. L.A. Lopez (Psychology), Dr. J.C.C. Diaz (Biochemistry & Cuban Team Leader) Absent: Professor G.I. Padron (Anatomy).

ferent disciplines in Medicine in the last 33 years. "MUST owes a lot to Cuba since it supported its establishment. The first cohorts of students that were taught are now in senor positions in and out of the country notwithstanding in senior teachingpositions. The new Cuban professors working with these staff are enjoying the shade of the tree that was planted long ago".



The current Cuban staff at MUST are; Prof. Carlos Manuel Cabrera Dreque, Prof. Yarine Farardo Tornes and Prof. Silvia Lopez Miranda.

H.E Dr. Tania Perez Xiques explained that sending their Professors to MUST is the main project that Cuba has in Uganda and they looked forward to the expansion of this partnership. This visit is one of the key activities in celebrating the bilateral ties between Uganda and Cuba that have existed for 48 years. She encouraged MUST to send a paper noting the current state of the partnership and highlight areas of engagement that can expand the partnership. This will be presented to the President of Uganda for discussion. She appreciated the warm environment that MUST has always accorded to the Cuban Professors.



The Dean Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology (FAST) Dr. Johnes Obungoloch leads the Cuban ambassodor through a of the FAST Laboratories.



Eng: Ivan showing the prototype of the photo kabada





Tour in the hospital

Mr. Jimmy (front) leads the tour in the PHARMBIOTRAC laboratory



The Ambassador was accompanied by her husband, Eng. Saul Silverio Swaby Wilson. These later toured Kihumuro Campus, the city campus, and Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital which is the teaching hospital of MUST. Reminiscing upon the times when he was in school, **Dr. Joseph Ngonzi** the Dean of Faculty of Medicine and an alumnus of MUST said that the Cuban Professors were the best teachers and continue to be. This seen in their dedication and diligence to serve. He further described them as the unstoppable persons. **Prof. Nixon Kamukama,** the Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Academic Affairs thanked Cuba for sending committed staff who work tirelessly to support MUST in training students with great hands-on skills.

The visit has revitalized the ties between MUST and Cuba and provided more opportunities for advancement of the partnership.





L-R Deputy Hospital Dr. Francis Oriokot ,H.E Tania, Prof: Carlos, Dr. Celestine Hospital Director and Eng: Saul, L-R H.E Tania and Prof. Silvia Lopez

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Staff mobility



Rita for a Fulbright Foreign Student's fellowship 2021/2022 cohort



Ritah Kiconco Atwine (Mrs.) from the Department of Medical Laboratory Science was awarded a Fulbright Foreign Student's fellowship (2021/2022 cohort) from the US mission in Uganda and the US department of State to conduct research in USA between October 2021 and June 2022. Under this program, Ritah is hosted as a visiting student researcher at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in USA. She is conducting research in Health Informatics. Her project is focusing on electronic health records (EHR) systems where she is developing a Mobile Web based patient portal in Open MRS-an EHR platform commonly used in HIV Health care of resource limited settings including Uganda. Upon her return, she will be piloting her study. Ritah Isalso working on another longitudinal research study using health data from a clinical Translational research database called i2b2. Ritah has been invited to an inclusion and diversity meeting by the surgery department at UAB to speak about her experience as a researcher in Uganda and about setting up research collaborations internationally

Here at MUST, Ritah is a part time Lecturer of clinical chemistry and a research fellow on the Mbarara University Research Capacity Initiative (MURCI) Program, at National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded grant (D43TW011632-01).





Book Lauch: Dr. Godfrey Mugyenyi from the Department of Obstretics and Gynacology takes the lead.

After 20 years of clincial and teaching experiences Dr. Mugyenyi Godfrey was motivated to write a clinical Obstetric care handbook to serve as a quick ,precise and context-specific reference for the medical and nurs-ing students,residents doctors and specialists involved in the management of obstetric patients in Uganda



Who is Dr. Mugyenyi Godfrey

Double star MUST alumnus, holding a Master of Medicine in Obstretric and gynacology and Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery (MUST).

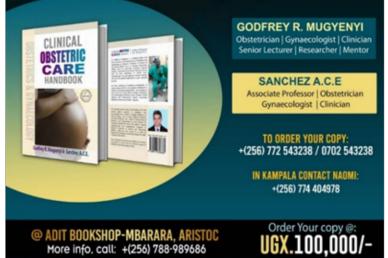
Godfrey is a seasoned researcher and a passionate Obstetrician who would give up his sleep and confort to see a mother under his care deliver safely. His passion and commitment to offering quality and responsive obstetric care spans a period of over 20 years. He has conducted over 20,000 C-Sections and 40,000 normal deliveries.

In his quest to improve obstetric care practices, Dr. Mugyenyi has partnered with senior colleagues to write an important one-stop reference book to improve handson skills to better obstetric care for women and their babies.

As a senior lecturer in the department of Obstetric and genecology, Godfrey is

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active clinician, a researcher, mentor and a supervisor in numerous research projects in biomedical and clinical science. Many students, staff at Mbarara University of Science and Technology have benefited. These are recoganised at national and international level.

Dr. Mugyenyi is a fellow of the East, Central and South African college of Obstetric and Genecology, and a member of the national safe motherhood experts committee of the ministry of Health-Uganda. He is married to Dr. Esther Mugyenyi and are blessed with so many children.

Congratulations to Dr. Mugyenyi upon this great achievement.

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Unstoppable: MURCI Fellow, Dr. Edwin Nuwagira in San Francisco USA



Edwin with the mentor Dr. Peggy Lai from Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Edwin Nuwagira a Lecturer in the Internal Medicine department at MUST is a Research Fellow on the 5D43TW011632 Mbarara University Research Initiative, PI Dr.Bajunirwe Francis. His study tittle is "Improving Pulmonary function after Tuberculosis in Uganda (IMPACT -U)". Currently, Edwin is in San Francisco USA, to receive an additional award "ATS Diversity Grant" from the American Thoracic Society Foundation to further his research on the path to independence. Edwin's Application received an overall score of 1.61 on the 1-9 NIH scale, where 1 is the best score



Who is Dr. Edwin Nuwagira

Edwin is a double-star MUST alumnus (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, and MMED Internal Medicine)

He is area of Specialization is Internal Medicine with much interest in Infectious Diseases. Dr. Nuwagira is a consultant in drug-resistant Tuberculosis. His areas of research are Tuberculosis, Sepsis, and HIV-associated meningitis. He has 44 publications and 619 citations. He was the first scientist outside a North American Institution to ever win this award in the history of the ATS research foundation program.

He currently ranks at 169 among the top 500 scientists in Uganda. To us the sky is nolonger the limit with you. Congraculations upon this great achievemnt.

Ms. Nambogo represents CAMTech-MUST in Geneva



Ms. Nambogo Nuriat from CAMTech MUST was invited for the World Intellectual Property Organisation(WIPO) and the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations(IFPMA) in Geneva. as an innovator and a mentor to fellow innovators in Africa, Nuriat was a panalist expected to share her experience.

Research ranking at MUST April 2022.



Following the article about research ranking at MUST, in the MUST Mirror volume 13, I am glad to let you know that the numbers of publication have increased from **1235 to 1523** we thank the researchers that responded to the call and urge those who have not yet to do so.

FYI: Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Institutional Repository, is a collection of all research and publications. The information is compiled by the University Librarian and the computing services office of the University using both DOI and staff names and affiliations as identification.

Communities at MUST, as per March 22, 2022, TOTAL 1235 as at 5/4/2022 vs April 10, 2022, total 1473

Community	Number of Publications in March	Number of Publications in April
Central Administration	60	66
Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology	25	30
Faculty of Business and Management Sciences	17	41
Faculty of Computing and Informatics	73	76
Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies	107	107
Faculty of Medicine	663	879
Faculty of Science	203	204
Institute of tropical Forest and Conservation	77	88
Maternal Newborn and Child Health Institute	10	18
Total	1235	1523

Individual Ranking April 2022

Name	Number of Publications in March	Number of Publications in April
Dr. Francis Bajunirwe	107	112
Dr. Joseph Ngonzi	43	76
Assoc.Prof. Joel Bazira	63	75
Dr. Robert Bitariho,	26	56
Dr. Conrad Muzoora	31	54
Dr. David Bangsberg	38	53
Prof. Celestino Obua	43	52
Prof. Jerome Kabakyenga	35	49
Dr. Angella Musiimenta	35	45
Dr. Samson Okello	31	45
Dr. Scholastic Ashaba		42
Prof. Nixon Kamukama		41
Dr. Haberer, Jessica	27	38
Dr. Siedner, Mark J	30	38
Dr. Edwin Nuwagira	08	36
Dr. Godfrey Zari Rukundo	26	29

For this and more please go to the link: ir.must.ac.ug congratulations to our reseachers

Performance Management in Relation to Staff Motivation

As we prapare for the 28th graduation cermony of MUST, the University Sanate of MUST recoganised the dedication and committement of **Mr. Raymond Amanya**, Assistant Registrar in the Academic Registrar's department.

Raymond is in charge of results and the information management systems. He has exceled at excuting his duties and obligation. Congratulations Raymond, we pride in your dedication and may you never get tired of serving MUST.





