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- ◆ Accounting & Finance
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- ◆ Tourism & Hospitality Management
- ◆ Computing Science

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- ◆ Accounting Management
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- ◆ Financial Economics
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- ◆ Agricultural Extension
- ◆ Agri-Business Management
- ◆ Cooperative (Accounting & Auditing)
- ◆ Cooperative (Business Management)
- ◆ Educational Planning & Management
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ Sociology
- ◆ Public Administration and Development Management
- ◆ Agricultural Economics
- ◆ Banking and Finance
- ◆ Logistics and Supply Chain Management

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- ◆ Master of Arts in International Cooperation & Development
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- ◆ MSc in Quality and Productivity Management
- ◆ MA in Social Work
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- ◆ MA in Project Management
- ◆ MBA in Accounting and Finance
- ◆ MA in Marketing Management
- ◆ MA in Development Economics
- ◆ MSc. in Computer Science
- ◆ MA in Higher Education
- ◆ MA in Sociology

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- ◆ MPA (Master of Arts in Public Administration)
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- ◆ MSO (Master of Arts in Sociology)
- ◆ MPS (Master of Arts in Political Science)
- ◆ MCOM (Master of Commerce)

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- ◆ Recruitment tests

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

We are delighted to present you the new issue of SMU in Stride, Vol. 25, No. 63! This issue brings you the latest news and happenings at St. Mary's University in the second quarter of the year. You can read about our news and events, teaching-learning, research and outreach activities in our regular columns. The news and events column holds recognition to SMU President and other stories. The Teaching and Learning Column includes St. Mary's University 8th Annual Exhibition on "Empowering Your Future", CEIQA's good practice sharing session with Basic Courses Department and SSSO and other news. The Research and Development Column informs you about the Annual International Conference that the University organized. The Partnership, Outreach, and Community Services Column brings to you SMU's partnership/cooperation agreements with various organizations, such as the Embassy of the United States, which set up and launched the Col. Robinson American Corner at the University premises. The column also shows SMU's involvement in external events, as usual. Zena Astedader "ዜና ለስተዲደር" column updates you on news related to administration. We hope you find this issue interesting and we thank you for your ongoing support and contributions to the Newsletter. We value your feedback and suggestions on how to make the Newsletter better.

Happy reading!

International Relations and Communication Office, St. Mary's University



St. Mary's University Press

A New Bookshop Opened!

We are pleased to announce that St. Mary's University Press has recently opened a new bookshop known as "St. Mary's University Press Bookstore" in the main campus of the University located some 150 meters away from Mexico Square down to the direction of Sarbet, adjacent to Oil Libya. We have stuffed our bookshop with books written in Ethiopian and foreign languages that appeal to the interests of people in all walks of life including students of varying levels.

We kindly invite you to come and visit us anytime you wish; we are ready to serve our customers and visitors as well in wholesale or retail mode of selling.



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NEWS AND EVENTS

Recognition awarded to SMU President

Dr. Wondwosen Tamrat, the President and founder of St. Mary's University (SMU), has received a letter of recognition from the Secretariat of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) for his service in INQAAHE's Board.



This is a testament to Dr. Wondwosen's exceptional achievements and influence in the field of higher education, both in Ethiopia and globally. As the coordinator of the sub-cluster for Private Higher Education (PHE) in Africa under the African Union's Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA), Dr. Wondwosen has been a key actor and promoter of improving the quality and relevance of PHE in the continent. SMU is honored to have such a brilliant and eminent leader at its head, and applauds him on this well-earned recognition.

SMU celebrates staff achievement

St. Mary's University is proud to announce that its staff, Asmamaw Getie, has been awarded "the best oral presentation in the 2023 research week of Addis Ababa University". Asmamaw delivered a successful

oral presentation on his research topic, which was selected among other submissions from various disciplines and institutions. His presentation demonstrated his excellence in research, and communication skills. He received a certificate of recognition from the organizers of the research week.



Teaching and Learning Faculty of Informatics Holds 8th Annual Exhibition

The Faculty of Informatics of St. Mary's University held its 8th Annual Exhibition from May 29 to 31,



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2023 at the Undergraduate Campus Multipurpose Hall. The theme of the exhibition was “Empowering Your Future” and it featured software projects on cyber security and other innovative and problem-solving applications.

The exhibition was opened by Ato Kassahun Desalegn, Head of INSA’s Talent Development Center, who praised the students for their innovative skills and promised his organization’s support for the ICT Department and its students. Ato Tedla Haile, Executive Vice President of the University, also gave an introductory remark and emphasized the significance of such exhibitions for showcasing the talents and potential of students.



Among others, the students displayed impressive ICT talents in cyber security, whose aim is to protect and defend personal, industrial and institutional networks from cyber threats such as SQL injection, Brute force, spoofing and eavesdropping attacks. The students also demonstrated remarkable innovative talents by developing ICT platforms such as systems that connect employees and employers, warehouse management systems, and student mentoring systems.



The students were supported by a team of instructors in the Faculty, who helped them to build on past experiences and take advantage of the current technological developments. The exhibition was also aimed to enable other students to examine real-life problems and find possible solutions using technological output.



The exhibition ended with a lively panel discussion that involved representatives from each team,

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Students of Tourism and Hospitality Management Explore Bishoftu's Natural and Cultural Attractions

On Thursday, 25 May 2023, the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management (THM) organized an educational field trip to Bishoftu, a town known for its scenic crater lakes and rich cultural heritage. The students of the 2012 EC entry had a chance to visit various man-made and natural attractions and tourism sites in the town, guided by professional tour guides and accompanied by two instructors from the Department.



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followed by a handover of certificates and a closing speech by the President of the University, Wondwosen Tamrat (Ph.D.).



QECs Held Consultative Meeting

The Center for Educational Improvement and Quality Assurance (CEIQA) of St. Mary's University (SMU) held a consultative meeting with Quality Enhancement Committees (QECs) on Saturday, July 15, 2023, in the main Campus Syndicate Room. The meeting involved (QEC) members, representatives from various offices and departments and senior leaders of the University. Nibretu Kebede (PhD), in his presentation, defined Quality Enhancement as an essential management tool to track and assess the performance of activities in an organization, evaluate outcomes, ensure responsibility, and support decision-making. During his presentation Nibretu explained that since last year, the 13 QECs have been developing their annual plans and CEIQA has been overseeing and assessing their performances. The plan mainly includes activities that require teamwork, have strategic importance, and improve the service quality of the offices. The presenter clarified that the objectives of monitor-



During the meeting it was noted that the QECs faced various challenges and problems in implementing their plans. The most common challenges are heavy workload, lack of commitment or interest to work in committee, frequent change of department heads, staff turnover, and QEC members.



The presentation was followed by discussion where various QEC members shared their progress and challenges. The discussion included how some newly reorganized QECs were unable to follow their predecessors' annual plans. Others struggled because their annual plans lack clarity or fail to give clear direction as to how to carry out the activities mentioned in the plan.

The president of the University remarked that QECs' plans need to be overhauled, referring to some planning activities that require revision and reconsideration during the discussion.

The discussion was engaging and interactive, as the

participants raised questions, and shared their insights and experiences on QECs' planning, reporting, and other relevant issues.



A training session for Registrar staff

The Registrar's Office provided training to its staff based on the annual needs analysis of the office. To this effect, a half-day training session on the subject of "Communication Skill" was conducted on Monday April 24, 2023 at the Syndicate Room. The training was given by Ato Daniel Zewdie, Director of Career and Internship Unit. Associate and assistant registrars from three of the registrar offices participated in the program.



GHAPCO team, especially in reducing the dropout rate and the gender gap in student academic performance. They learned that AAU provides female-only reading rooms, conducts surveys on student grades every semester, offers tutorial classes for female students, establishes a girls' club library, encourages research participation of women staff, allocates research funds for women staff only, and gives training on research methods and publication for female students.

SMU and AAU exchange research experiences and explore future collaboration

On June 5, 2023, a delegation from SMU's Office of the Vice President for Research and International Relations visited AAU to share their work experiences with their counterparts. The delegation was headed by Misganaw Solomon (PhD), Vice President for Research and International Relations of SMU. The team conferred with Prof. Mitike Molla, the Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer at AAU, and discussed the structure and function of their respective offices.



The two Vice Presidents presented the overall structure and function of their offices, highlighting their achievements and challenges. The Vice President of SMU emphasized the aspiration of SMU to learn from AAU as it is a leading academic institution that has been conducting research and knowledge management activities for a long time. Similarly, Prof. Mitike recognized the outstanding performance of SMU among

the existing private academic institutions in Ethiopia in terms of delivering quality education and engaging in research. Prof. Mitike also assured the interest of AAU Research and Technology Transfer Office to support and collaborate with SMU.

At the end of the session, representatives of the two institutions acknowledged the importance of such work experience sharing sessions and proposed to arrange further collaboration among the two academic institutions. Dr Misganaw expressed his appreciation for the cooperative approach, openness, and interest demonstrated by Prof Mitike to share their experiences. Prof. Mitike, on her part, also conveyed the inherent curiosity and ambition of AAU to work with SMU on the area of research and knowledge management sphere. The session was not only an opportunity for the two academic institutions to share experiences on research and knowledge management activities, but also a very productive effort that marks a promising prospect for future collaboration.

St. Mary's University attends ESSS's general assembly

St. Mary's University, a member of the Ethiopian Space Science Society (ESSS), attended its 18th General Assembly on May 13, 2023, at Addis Ababa University Institute of Technology (AAiT). The assembly discussed the achievements, challenges and opportunities of ESSS in promoting space science and technology in Ethiopia and Africa. The assembly also featured a keynote speech by Mr. Madambi Rambuda, Chairman of African Science Stars, a South African organization that fosters science education and outreach in Africa. St. Mary's University participated in the vote on the approval of the annual report and the budget plans of ESSS for the year 2022/23.



In attendance were SMU faculties and office heads, high school students, and invited guests from different institutions.



SMU Delegation Visits ASTU

St. Mary's University (SMU) and Addis Ababa Science and Technology University (ASTU) held a work experience sharing session on Research and Knowledge Management on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. The session was hosted by ASTU's Research and Technological Transformation Office led by its vice president, Dr. Abreham Debebe. The SMU delegation was composed of the Vice President for Research and International Relation, the Director of Research and Knowledge Management Office, Research officers, Public relation officer and one academic staff.

The session aimed to exchange experience in the area of Research and Knowledge Management related activ-

ities among the two academic institutions. The session focused on issues such as organizing research and knowledge management works, community engagements, man-power and resource mobilization, and the issues of evaluation and quality improvement in the works of research and knowledge management. The session included briefing speeches by the delegates of the two institutions, discussions on the objectives, and question and answer on selected issues raised by members of the team.



The session ended with positive feedback and comments from the delegates of the two institutions. They recognized the value of such work experience sharing sessions and expressed their appreciation for each other.

GHAPCO Visits AAU

On May 29, 2023, a team from the Gender and HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office (GHAPCO) of St. Mary's University (SMU) visited the Addis Ababa University (AAU), to learn from their best practices and experiences on gender and HIV/AIDS issues. The visit was part of a knowledge-sharing initiative between the two universities.

The SMU-GHAPCO team had a fruitful discussion with the AAU counter-part on various aspects of their work. The team acknowledged the achievements of the AAU

Research and Development

St. Mary's University hosts its 21st International Conference on Higher Education in Africa

ity in the last 25 years despite the challenges" he said. He added that the University's research contribution is "growing not only through the four annual conferences it has been organizing for decades but also through the regular publications of its research journals".

He further stated that the Conference aimed to stimulate fruitful debate and discussion on the roles of higher education in Africa's sustainable future. In particular, Africa's HEIs need to tackle the complex challenges facing the continent, such as poverty and enhancing employment opportunities. To this end, "higher education providers are expected to be more agile, flexible, and responsive to the dynamic contexts of the continent", the president emphasized.

After the President's speech, His Excellency Samuel Kifle (Ph.D.), State Minister of the FDRE, delivered a remarkable speech and officially opened the 21st international conference.

The 21st International Conference on Higher Education in Africa, organized and sponsored by St. Mary's University, was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Conference was attended by His Excellency Samuel Kifle (Ph.D.), State Minister of the FDRE, Prof OlusolaOyewole, Secretary General of the Association of African Universities, Prof. Bakri Saeed Osman, President of the Association of African Universities, Dr. Rita Bissonnauth, Director of UNESCO Liaison Officer to AUC and UNECA and UNESCO Representative to Ethiopia, and distinguished scholars from various local and international higher education institutions and organizations. The Conference aimed to address the challenges and opportunities of higher education in Africa and foster collaboration and innovation among stakeholders.



The founder and president of St. Mary's University, Wondwosen Tamrat (Ph.D.), welcomed the Conference participants and noted that this year's Conference was special because it coincided with the 25th anniversary of the University's establishment. "St. Mary's has evolved from a small language school to a full-fledged univer-



In their good will remarks, Dr. Rita Bissonnauth, UNESCO Liaison Officer to AUC and UNECA and UNESCO representative to Ethiopia, and Prof Olusola Oyewole, Secretary General of the Association of African Universities, commended St. Mary's University for leading such an important scientific event



which brings various stakeholders of higher education to debate and find solutions to the challenges that the African continent must address in the 21st Century.



During the event, scholars from different countries presented sixteen research papers on various key concepts and issues related to improving quality education in African higher education institutions.



SMU in Stride



Partnership, Outreach and Community Services

SMU houses Col John C. Robinson American Corner

the long-standing cooperation with St. Mary's University, which has been hosting the English Language ACCESS program since 2011. She also mentioned that the Corner will provide students with access to maker space, digital printers, STEM learning, and information about U.S. education opportunities and scholarships.



The Col John C. Robinson American Corner at St. Mary's University was officially inaugurated on May 22, 2023, by Wondwosen Tamrat (PhD), the Founder and President of the University and the U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires, Ambassador Tracey Jacobson. The Corner is a tribute to the African American pilot Col. John C. Robinson, who led the Ethiopian Air Force during the 1935 war against Italy and helped establish the Ethiopian Airlines. He was appointed by Emperor Haile Selassie as the Commander of the Ethiopian Air Force.



Wondwosen Tamrat (Ph.D.) said that the Corner will benefit the young generation by exposing them to the latest technology and relevant resources for their academic and career development. He remarked that the Corner will offer various services including training on astronomy, leadership, STEM, entrepreneurship, and more.

He also highlighted the 20-year partnership with the U.S. Embassy in promoting education, culture, and skills development training for the youth. "The relation started at the beginning of 2000 through book donations and continued thereafter having diverse forms of partnership," he remarked.

The president expressed his gratitude to the US Embassy for choosing St. Mary's as the host of the Corner and reaffirmed its commitment to the success of the Corner and its future outcomes.



In her opening remarks, Ambassador Jacobson praised