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**COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR:
RESEARCH**

TOP PERFORMING RESEARCHERS FOR 2017

Dear Staff and Students

UKZN is ranked consistently as one of the leading research-intensive universities nationally, as well as on the African continent. This has been due to the exceptional performance of our researchers, both staff and students. There has been a consistent growth in our total research outputs over the last 8 years, which has seen it almost double (according to audited Department of Higher Education and Training (DoHET) submissions). We are extremely proud of the achievements of all of our staff and students engaged in the research endeavour. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and celebrate our exceptionally performing researchers.

The **Top 30 Published Researchers** are determined by the number of peer-reviewed journal author units published in DoHET recognized and accredited journals. The **Top 30 Published Researchers** for 2017 are:

NO.	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	SCHOOL
1	PROFESSOR	MAHMOUD ELSAYED SOLIMAN	SOLIMAN	SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
2	PROFESSOR	COLLEEN THELMA	DOWNS	SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES
3	PROFESSOR	SREEKANTHA BABU	JONNALAGADDA	SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS
4	PROFESSOR	ONISIMO	MUTANGA	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
5	PROFESSOR	VIRANJAY MOHAN	SRIVASTAVA	SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
6	PROFESSOR	HUSSEIN	SHIMELIS	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
7	PROFESSOR	JOHANNES	VAN STADEN	SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES
8	PROFESSOR	ALBERT THEMBINKOSI	MODI	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
9	PROFESSOR	SUNIL DUTT	MAHARAJ	SCHOOL OF MATHS,STATS &COMP SC

10	PROFESSOR	HOLGER BERNHARD	FRIEDRICH	SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS
11	PROFESSOR	ANIL AMICHUND	CHUTURGOON	SCHOOL OF LAB MED & MEDICAL SC
12	PROFESSOR	STEPHEN OSEKO	MIGIRO	GRAD SCHOOL OF BUS & LEADERSHIP
13	PROFESSOR	PETRA	BRYSIEWICZ	SCHOOL OF NURS & PUBLIC HEALTH
14	PROFESSOR	MARK DELMEGE	LAING	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
15	PROFESSOR	DERESH	RAMJUGERNATH	SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
16	PROFESSOR	CHRISTOPHER JOHN	BALLANTINE	SCHOOL OF ARTS
17	PROFESSOR	AMIR HOSSEIN	MOHAMMADI	SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
18	PROFESSOR	SHAHIDUL	ISLAM	SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES
19	PROFESSOR	FREDDIE LISWANISO	INAMBAO	SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
20	PROFESSOR	MOSES JOHN	CHIMBARI	SCHOOL OF NURS & PUBLIC HEALTH
21	PROFESSOR	EVARISTE BOSCO	GUEGUIM KANA	SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES
22	PROFESSOR	MICHAEL	CHIMONYO	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
23	PROFESSOR	SANDILE SYDNEY	MOTSA	SCHOOL OF MATHS, STATS & COMP SC
24	PROFESSOR	BENN KURT DANIEL	SARTORIUS	SCHOOL OF NURS & PUBLIC HEALTH
25	PROFESSOR	FORTUNE	MASSAMBA	SCHOOL OF MATHS, STATS & COMP SC
26	PROFESSOR	VINCENT ONSERIO	NYAMORI	SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS
27	PROFESSOR	KRISHNA KISTAN	GOVENDER	SCHOOL OF MAN, INFO TECH & GOV
28	PROFESSOR	ERNEST NENE	KHALEMA	SCHOOL OF BUILT ENV & DEV STUD
29	PROFESSOR	FERNANDO	ALBERICIO	COLLEGE ADMIN OFFICE:AES

30	DR	BERNARD OMONDI	OWAGA	SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS
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Congratulations to Professor Mahmoud Soliman (School of Health Sciences) and Professor Colleen Downs (School of Life Sciences) for being the top published male and female researchers, respectively, for 2017.

We would also like to take the opportunity to recognize our top performing young researchers (40 years and younger) for their exceptional performances. They are well on their way to establishing themselves as leading researchers nationally and internationally. The **Top 10 Young Published Researchers** are determined by the number of peer-reviewed journal author units published in DoHET recognized and accredited journals. The **Top 10 Young Published Researchers** for 2017 are:

NO.	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	SCHOOL
1	PROFESSOR	VIRANJAY MOHAN	SRIVASTAVA	SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
2	PROFESSOR	BENN KURT DANIEL	SARTORIUS	SCHOOL OF NURS & PUBLIC HEALTH
3	DR	PAUL-FRANCOIS	MUZINDUTSI	SCHOOL OF ACC, ECONOMICS&FIN
4	DR	MUHAMMAD EHSANUL	HOQUE	GRAD SCHOOL OF BUS & LEADERSHIP
5	PROFESSOR	STEPHEN OTIENO	OJWACH	SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS
6	DR	TIVANI PHOSA	MASHAMBA-THOMPSON	SCHOOL OF NURS & PUBLIC HEALTH
7	PROFESSOR	ANDREW NOEL	GREEN	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
8	DR	LEMBE SAMUKELO	MAGWAZA	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
9	DR	MATTHEW PIERS	AKERMAN	SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS
10	PROFESSOR	TRICIA	NAICKER	SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

UKZN has as one of its goals the desire to produce research that is not just relevant, but also has significant impact. One of the measures of the impact of research outputs is through the number of citations. The **Top 5 Most Cited Researchers** determined using SCOPUS SciVal over the period 2015 to 2017 are:

NO.	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	SCHOOL
1	PROFESSOR	KOVIN	NAIDOO	SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
2	PROFESSOR	BENN	SARTORIUS	SCHOOL OF NURS & PUBLIC HEALTH
3	PROFESSOR	FRANK	TANSER	SCHOOL OF NURS & PUBLIC HEALTH
4	PROFESSOR	AMIR	MOHAMMADI	SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
5	PROFESSOR	THAVENDRAN	GOVENDER	SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Our Masters and Doctoral students play an integral role in the research undertaken at UKZN. We would like to acknowledge the **Top 10 Published Postgraduate Students** for 2017. They are determined by the number of peer-reviewed journal author units published in DoHET recognized and accredited journals.

NO	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	SCHOOL
1	MS	NCAMSILE DAPHNE	MOTSA	SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
2	MR	ABEL	CHEMURA	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
3	MR	PRESHANTHAN	MOODLEY	SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES
4	MR	GEORGE FOMUNYAM	KEHDINGA	SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
5	MR	UCHENNA	OBIH	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
6	MR	JOSEPHOLORUNFEMI	AKANDE	SCHOOL OF ACC, ECONOMICS&FIN
7	MR	ERIC MUNENE	NJOGU	SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS
8	MISS	CLETAH	SHOKO	SCHOOL OF AGRI, EARTH & ENV SC
9	MISS	MARISSA	BALMITH	SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
10	MR	AUGUSTINE ADEBAYO	KUTU	SCHOOL OF ACC, ECONOMICS & FIN

We would once again like to acknowledge the efforts of all researchers in ensuring that our university is among the leading research-intensive institutions on the continent. Congratulations to all our exceptionally performing researchers.

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