



AULAI ALERT

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Dear Fellow Clinicians,

Thank you for reading this edition of the AULAI Alert. Please let us have any comments or suggestions by emailing secretary@aulai.co.za or m.mangezi@ru.ac.za.

Highlights of this issue include the AULAI Winter Conference to be held from 28 June - 1 July 2011 in Cape Town. Please see the feature under point 3 for more information.

Please note that any Clinic may contribute towards the AULAI Alert. If you wish to circulate any news, updates or upcoming events, please send your request to the addresses above.

Many Thanks.

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1. AULAI WEBSITE

The new AULAI website is up and running. You can view the site by visiting www.aulai.co.za.

On the website you will find contact details for all law clinics, important as well as important upcoming events.

2. AULAI DATABASE

The Data reflecting the status of law clinics in South Africa for 2009 is now available on request to the AULAI Secretariat.

The data will soon be available on the AULAI website. The Executive Committee will commence the data collection process for the year 2010 in due course.

3. AULAI CONFERENCE 2011

AULAI will be hosting its Winter Conference for 2011 at the University of the Western cape, Cape Town. The Conference will be held from 28 June – 1 July 2011 and the theme is “Shaping the Law Clinic of Tomorrow – lessons learnt and stories told”. The aim of the workshop is to provide clinicians new and seasoned with an opportunity to present academic papers on their research or work in a friendly and non-threatening environment.

It is this hoped that the papers can be converted into articles and ultimately published. The Executive Committee is currently negotiating a special issue in a reputable e-journal where the papers can be published.

Registration for the conference closes on **31 March 2011 at 12:00pm**. All clinicians wishing to present papers at the Conference must submit an abstract by **15 April 2011**, which will assist the conference planning team to allocate the paper into appropriate streams and parallel sessions.

4. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROJECT

Please note that a meeting of the DOJ Project Team was held on Tuesday 8 March 2011. A follow up meeting will be held in April 2011. During this meeting it was noted that Anthony Canham will no longer be the DOJ contact on the programme. His role has been taken over by Moses Lebaka. The Project team is currently drafting submissions in respect of the renewal of the project. Please note that the recommendation of the project team is that no new appointments of Candidate Attorneys should be made before the project is officially renewed and the Director General has signed the addendum to the project agreement.

Please also note that 4 clinics have failed to comply with the requirement to submit their Candidate Attorney statistics to Marie Nienaber. The DOJ project Team wishes to remind all clinics that the submission of statistics is an important prerequisite of the project. Kindly ensure that in future all clinics submit their statistics is timeously.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Legal Practice Bill

AULAI prepared submission on the draft Legal Practice Bill. There is at present no news on the outcome of these submissions.

National Legal Education liaison committee

In November 2010, Ms Seehaam Samaai and Professor Jobst Bodenstein on behalf of AULAI, attended a meeting of the National legal Education Liaison Committee held in Johannesburg. A key point of discussion was the recently published Centre for Higher Education report. The report is attached for your perusal.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in May 2011. Please note that minutes of the executive committee meetings can be obtained by sending a request to m.mangezi@ru.ac.za.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

NULAI All Africa Law Clinics Conference on Pre-trial and Criminal Justice (23 – 24 May 2011).

AULAI Winter Conference (28 June – 1 July 2011).

Global Alliance For Justice Education (GAJE) 6th Worldwide Conference (11 – 15 July 2011), Valencia, Spain.