TRUST: EU-funded project is underway!

The goal of the TRUST project is to catalyse a global collaborative effort to improve adherence to high ethical standards in research around the world. In an interdisciplinary collaboration, this project combines long-standing, highly respected efforts to build international governance structures with new exciting network opportunities in Europe, India, Sub-Saharan Africa, China and Russia.

TRUST will open up new horizons in improving adherence to high ethical standards in research globally.

May 2016 consortium meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, organised by TRUST partner, Partners For Health And Development In Africa (PHDA).

New Deputy Director for the Centre

Former PhD student with the Centre, Kate Chatfield, has now joined the team as Deputy Director. Kate is no stranger to UCLan, having worked here as a senior lecturer for over 16 years. Now she takes on a new challenge as deputy to Doris and will be working on a number of projects including TRUST and REWARD. One of her first tasks is to compile this newsletter!
TRUST: A dynamo of a project!

Little more than one year into the project and the output from this dynamic consortium is inspiring:

San Code of Ethics

In March 2017 the San Code of Ethics for Research will have its official launch in Cape Town, South Africa.

Through this initiative the San People take action to protect themselves from exploitation in research.

Sadly, Andries Steenkamp, the respected San leader who collaborated with Doris and the Centre on a number of ventures, including the above Code of Ethics, passed away in 2016. In his symbolic message Andries described how researchers must, ‘come through the door, not climb through the window!’

TRUST on Twitter: @TRUST_Project

TRUST on YouTube. TRUST now has 2 videos on YouTube with a third to follow in 2017.

See all reports here: http://trust-project.eu/deliverables/deliverables-and-tools/

The Forum for Ethics Review Committees in India (FERCI) hosted a case studies workshop in Mumbai.
REWARD had a successful mid-term review by the funder, the European Research Council. It has now entered the second period of research that is dedicated mainly to impact assessment studies in the use of medicines. Currently, Thomas Pogge and our partner Aidan Holis of Calgary University are working towards a donor-conference for the Health Impact Fund in Washington DC.

The team recently said good bye to Jane Burnell and welcome to Kate and Phillip Gichuru who will be working with us in the next part of the project.

The REWARD team would like to thank Jane for the excellent statistical work she has undertaken. Together with Ami and Chris, Jane analysed the impact of novel anticoagulants versus warfarin on stroke prevention in individuals with atrial fibrillation in order to see how the measurement of health impact could work on sophisticated data in a high income setting. Jane has been awarded a PhD scholarship and will stay in touch!

Doris reviews EU ethics assessment process

In the summer of 2016, Doris and Professor Julian Kinderlerer, the former President of the European Group on Ethics, undertook a comprehensive review of the Horizon 2020 ethics assessment process at the invitation of the Director-General of DG Research and Innovation, Robert-Jan Smits.

Doris and Julian interviewed a wide range of staff in Brussels and also undertook desk work.

Their report was presented to Robert-Jan Smits at a major conference (ESOF 2016) in Manchester in July 2016.

Miltos is awarded a fellowship

Miltos received a Fellowship from the Bureau of Foreign Experts, Ministry of Science and Technology, China, for a month-long visit to the Chinese Academy of Science and Technology Development.

The visit took place in October 2016 and involved a series of talks on science and technology ethics assessment and responsible research and innovation in Chinese science and technology institutes.
A happy graduation!

Dr Sam Ujewe and Kate attended their graduation ceremony in July 2016, marking four PhD graduations from the Centre in just two years!

It was an exciting year leading up to the graduation for Sam; not only did Sam receive his doctorate, but he also secured a research job, got married and found out he was expecting his first child all in the space of 12 months.

Originally from Nigeria, Sam’s thesis was entitled, ‘Just Healthcare in Nigeria: The foundation for an African ethical framework’. He now has a research post at the University of Pretoria, in South Africa.

All four recent graduates came together with Doris to celebrate the graduation. How lucky we all felt that day!

A New Book

Another book to add to the Centre’s growing number of Springer publications

Co-authored by Doris with Dr Kostas Iatridis from UCLan Cyprus, ‘Responsible Research and Innovation in Industry - The Case for Corporate Responsibility Tools’, is the first book about responsible research and innovation to serve industry.

Coming soon: ‘Dignity—Middle East and West’ by Doris Schroeder and A. Bani-Sadr. Watch out for the new publication in summer 2017!

Meet our Collaborators: Professor Klaus Leisinger

A regular feature taking a look at the eminent careers of some of our key collaborators.

Klaus Leisinger is founder and president of the Global Values Alliance (www.globalvaluesalliance.ch), a non-profit foundation that helps apply ethical norms and values in everyday practice in business, politics and society. Klaus' commitment to corporate responsibility and human rights, especially the human right to healthcare, has seen him preside over the Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development for 15 years and been nominated into a range of high-profile advisory positions with the United Nations (e.g. Special Advisor to Kofi Annan for the UN Global Compact, Special Advisor on the post-2015 Development Goals). More recently Klaus joined the steering group of Ethics in Action, an initiative by Pope Francis. Doris has been working with Klaus since 2010 and the GVA is a partner in TRUST.