

# WEDC activities and plans – 2017 and 2018

## WEDC International Conferences

A fantastic turnout of more than 400 delegates from a staggering 57 countries shared their experiences with us and helped us to celebrate a memorable and truly international 40th conference in Loughborough in July. Vice Chancellor – ‘VC Bob’ – shared a few words of welcome, and cut the splendid cakes that marked the occasion!



We welcomed back numerous alumni and recognised two in particular through the award of Distinguished Alumnus.

**Mark Harvey**, Head of Profession (Infrastructure) at the Department for International Development, is pictured here receiving his award from the Dean of School. Mark's certificate citation reads:

*'Leading engineering and infrastructure development in the UK aid programme, particularly in fragile and conflict-affected states.'*

**George Yarngo**, Assistant Minister of Public Works in Liberia, is also pictured here receiving his award from Tony Thorpe, Dean of School.

His citation reads:

*'Inspiring leadership and outstanding commitment to improve and develop the water, sanitation and hygiene service provision in Liberia.'*



## 41st WEDC International Conference planning

Plans are well underway for the 41st WEDC International Conference which we are excited to confirm will be co-hosted on the beautiful campus of Egerton University near Nakuru, Kenya between 9-13th July 2018.

In September, Anne met with members of the senior team at Egerton University in Kenya – Deputy Vice Chancellor Research Professor Kibor, Vice Chancellor Professor Rose Mwonja, Professor Kitaka, and Professor Omolo.



We hope that you can join us to share your WASH learning. The deadline for paper submissions is **16th February 2018**. Further information is available through our website.

## Research highlights

WEDC research is vibrant, supported by an able team of both doctoral researchers and staff. Our ongoing portfolio of activity includes: collaboration with Oxfam on the effects of lighting on gender-based violence and WASH in refugee camps; waste to energy using anaerobic digestion; using nature to manage flood risk in Indonesia; support to the BMGF Shit Flow Diagram initiative; multiple use of water in low-income urban settlements of Kampala; and WASH payment by results in South Asia.

A number of fully-funded PhD studentships are available for high calibre students to commence study with us in October 2018. The deadline for applications is **2nd February 2018**. Check out our website for details.

## Innovations in Learning and Teaching

We have a very international MSc cohort in Loughborough this year with our class including students from 10 different countries. The full-time students have also been joined by staff from National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) Uganda who are pursuing a blended MSc programme. NWSC staff are here studying two modules alongside Loughborough students.

Following a successful pilot in June 2017, we will again teach our *Water Utilities Management* MSc module at NWSC in Uganda between 25th June and 6th July 2018. A limited number of places are open to booking by distance learning students, or those who may wish to pursue the single module as continued professional development. Please contact Helena to book your place. [WEDC-admissions@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:WEDC-admissions@lboro.ac.uk)

We congratulate our graduands of 2017, some of whom are pictured below with WEDC staff.

## October 2018 launch of new and exciting postgraduate PG Cert, PG Dip and MSc Loughborough-based programmes

- **International Water and Sanitation Engineering**
- **International Water and Sanitation Management**

A number of scholarships will be available for study with WEDC in Loughborough and by distance learning during 2018.

Note that we will provide news updates of our activities during the year through our website and via social media.

In the meantime, we send our very best wishes for 2018.

The WEDC Team

