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**Dear Colleagues and friends of Wits University**

It’s International Open Access Week, which refers to the practice of providing unrestricted access to peer-reviewed research journal articles via the internet. Wits has embraced open access and yesterday the world was invited to virtually visit the discovery site of Homo naledi. Read how an app enables anyone with a smartphone to experience the Dinaledi chamber.

The Wits Open Access seminar hosted this week by the Library, Research Office, and the Centre for Learning, Teaching and Development, highlighted an alarming incidence of plagiarism – not by students, but in faculty. Speakers shared Wits policies and guidelines on open access publishing and predatory journals; the latest MOOCs; developments around eResearch at Wits and open data in the cloud; and books published by Wits University Press that are now freely downloadable.

Beyond academia out on the sports fields, Wits Basketball triumphed over UCT in the first Varsity Basketball tournament. Slam dunk, Witsies!

‘Til next week,

*The Wits Communications Team*

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<td><strong>Wits and Perot Museum launch virtual reality app of Dinaledi cave</strong></td>
<td>Ever wondered what it’s like to delve deep within a South African cave to discover and recover some of the most famous ancient human fossils in scientific history? A free virtual reality experience provides global access to the Dinaledi caves – and it’s free via the Apple App Store and Google Play!</td>
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<td><strong>Wits crowned champions of first Varsity Basketball tournament</strong></td>
<td>The two-week showdown between the top eight university basketball teams in South Africa culminated in a stunning match between Wits and the University of Cape Town on 15 October. Wits beat UCT 78-55 at home to clinch the national title.</td>
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<td><strong>Journalists need to fall in love again</strong></td>
<td>Award winning journalist and Ruth First Scholar, Niren Tolsi called on journalists to use their power responsibly and to return to the values of the trade. Tolsi delivered the annual Ruth First Memorial lecture titled Fire and Media: Towards a</td>
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The Entrepreneurial Wayz Director a Global Goodwill Ambassador

The director of a unit in Wits Enterprise has been named as one of six Global Goodwill Ambassadors in South Africa. Chimene Chetty leads The Entrepreneurial Wayz (TEWZ) unit. TEWZ works to develop an entrepreneurial economy and contribute to sustainable socio-economic development.

Wits has the most academic authors out of all South African universities writing for The Conversation Africa, a not-for-profit independent source of academic and research news freely shared through the Creative Commons license. Since May 2015, 270 Wits scholars have written 561 articles for The Conversation Africa, attracting over 12 million reads.

Dystopian fiction for young adults in South Africa has increased in quality and quantity recently and holds its own against globally celebrated trilogies such as Suzanne Collins's Hunger Games or Veronica Roth's Divergent. Judith Inggs, Professor of Translation at Wits delivers her inaugural lecture tomorrow, entitled: Rebellion and resistance: South African young adult dystopian fiction. The lecture highlights recent works by SA authors and seeks to situate them in local and global political and historical perspectives. The focus is on the portrayal of female protagonists.

The 14th African Investigative Journalism Conference takes place next week at Wits. This premier conference affords newshounds an opportunity to sharpen their tools with the best on the continent and the globe. Pulitzer Prize-winner Clare Baldwin, recognised for her work on the Philippine drug war; head of Channel 4 News, Ben Pears (who oversaw the Cambridge Analytica sting); Anas Anas (the Ghanaian undercover specialist); and Ethiopian activist and writer, Befeqadu Hailu Techane are amongst the speakers. More information and registration.

The School of Clinical Medicine in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Wits on Friday hosts a one-day symposium: The Role of the School in the Healthcare Crisis. Topics include: Realities on the ground of the healthcare crisis; the legal and human rights framework; the role and impact of advocacy by practitioners; corruption; medical litigation; remunerative work outside public service and the implications for quality of care, and much more.