



## June Newsletter

### Update from Nico Cloete . . .

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During March 2006 CHET hosted a seminar on 'Governing Access: A Four Country Comparison' which is an ongoing cross-country research project that seeks to shed light on the way in which the central governments in four countries – Portugal, Czech Republic, South Africa and Norway steer access to higher education. Some of the research questions underlying the study are:

- Why is the government involved in access to higher education - knowledge society, human capital, and social agenda?
- How is access to higher education organised / regulated – mechanisms / instruments?
- What are the “outcomes” of access regulation?

The seminar was attended by about 30 people, and for a summary of the discussions, see

<http://www.chet.org.za/publications/GoverningAccessReport.pdf>.

Currently CHET is working on what a possible structure would look like for a centre and network that will do research on a number of thematic areas such as governance, finance, access and differentiation across the continent. The plan is to have a consultative conference later in the year to discuss the proposals. During the second half of the year CHET is also planning seminars on the proposed future funding for higher education in South Africa and the changing roles and functions of national governance structures.

For a very thoughtful reflection on challenges facing leadership in South Africa see Njabulo Ndebele's "Inaugural King Moshoeshoe Memorial Lecture" (<http://www.chet.org.za/issues/KingMoshoeshoeLecture.doc>). Although his talk did not address higher education directly, it certainly raises pertinent questions for higher education leadership.

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### Obituary: Eric Molobi

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Eric Molobi was modest in stature but a gentle giant of a man who left an indelible mark on the course of South African education. When the school boycott dragged on into 1985 with no end in sight, Eric, together with Vusi Khanyile and the Soweto Parents Crisis Committee convened the first of a series of national consultative conferences at Wits University in December 1985. That conference, together with its successor in Durban the following year, marked a turning point in the strategy of educational struggle, returned the students to the classroom, and laid the educational basis for the political transition.

Eric was the first to see the need for educational expertise that would prepare the way for the new state, and he was instrumental in raising the money for the first Education Policy Unit at Wits University, a joint venture between Wits and the now National Education Crisis (later Co-ordinating) Committee. Two other Units followed, at Natal and UWC. By the time of transition, and the establishment of the National Education Policy Initiative, educational expertise had been effectively mobilised nationally, and Eric had moved on to lead other initiatives in the business world, notably Kagiso Trust. That was his way.

Eric never forgot his friends and comrades in education. He was unwaveringly loyal to those who stood with him for freedom and a humane society. Not only will we not forget his friendship, but we can never forget the political guidance he provided to us in those dark days in the 1980s. This was as necessary in the educational realm as it was in the political realm. Without his incisive clarity and immense humanity we would not easily have come through. We bid farewell to a great man.

Eric was born on 5 June, 1947 and died on 4 June, 2006 after a six month battle with cancer. He was 58.

*Joe Muller and Nico Cloete*

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**Springer Reprint of:**  
**Transformation in Higher Education: Global Pressures and Local Realities (Reprint)**

This book presents the most comprehensive and most thorough study of the developments in South African higher education and research after the first democratic elections of 1994 – that is of post-Apartheid South African higher education. This volume will provide its readers with a detailed insight into the new (i.e. post-1994) South African higher education system. The large number of experienced authors and editors involved in the book guarantees that the reader will be introduced in the new SA higher education system from a large number of perspectives that are presented in a consistent and coherent way.

For more information visit:  
<http://www.springer.com/east/home/generic/search/results?SGWID=5-40109-22-72684170-0>



**CHET Higher Education Studies Resource Collection:**  
**15 CHET Titles Repackaged and Presented in a Printed Slip Case**

Since 1998 the Centre for Higher Education (CHET) has published a range of publications that can be broadly classified into four categories or themes: (1) governance, (2) curriculum, (3) performance assessment and (4) globalisation. In the African context, this is a unique collection of 15 publications on higher education and the CHET Board felt that it should be more widely accessible to the higher education community in Africa.

Ford Foundation made a significant contribution to many of the CHET publications and the Carnegie Corporation provided a special grant that made it possible to reprint and distribute this valuable resource to libraries at universities and NGOs throughout Africa.

For more information visit:  
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Ford Foundation / CHET Workshop Report on South African Projects in the Pathways to Higher Education Initiative

<http://www.chet.org.za/documents/PathwysWkshpReport.pdf>

CHET Seminar Report on Governing Access: A Four Country Comparison

<http://www.chet.org.za/documents/GoverningAccessReport.pdf>

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"Inaugural King Moshoeshoe Memorial Lecture" held at the University of the Free State by Prof. Njabulo Ndebele

<http://www.chet.org.za/issues/KingMoshoeshoeLecture.doc>

MIT is a University, not an Institute of Technology

<http://www.chet.org.za/issues/LERUpaper.pdf>

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