

## **FOUR LONG SERVING STAFF RETIRE**

At a colourful ceremony held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017, the Department of Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries Sciences (ZEFs) bade farewell to four staff. ZEFs is one of the seven departments of the College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS). Professor Fredrick Bugenyi, Professor J.B. Kaddu, Dr. Anne Miyingo retiring at rank of Senior Lecturer and Mr. Bernard Rugasira who served as Technician; were honoured at the event for their long service to Science and Makerere University.

In his remarks in recognition of their services, the Prof. J.Y.T Mugisha – Principal College of Natural Sciences said, 'It is a great joy to render service, more so, effective service. To CoNAS, the service of these members has been absolutely exemplary, full of relentless guidance, and as a result, to the younger generation of staff is a wonderful learning experience'. The College cherishes every single moment they have spent on mentorship. He further noted that, their long service ranges from teaching, to supervision of students, writing of programmes, heading departments, heading faculties, chairing committees, directing departments, appointment to top management, representation at different levels (nationally and internationally), doing scientific research and publishing, in addition to, fostering local and international collaborations. At CoNAS we are therefore extremely proud to have been associated with these staff. Their dedicated efforts as well as the research grants they won have laid a firm foundation for the future, and greatly aided the internationalization aspect of the University.

The colleagues that the retiring staff leave behind had beautiful stories about the retiring members. Many of the current staff had been taught and mentored by the retirees detailing what they had learned from the former, which knowledge has greatly contributed to their careers. The products of the retirees cannot be underestimated having taught at undergraduate and graduate levels. They also published lots of research publications in internationally peer reviewed journals and books in their areas of specialisation thereby contributing to new knowledge. Mr. Rugasira according to his patriots will be greatly missed for his pragmatism in preparing for practicals for students and staff.

### BRIEF BIOS OF THE RETIRING STAFF

**Bugenyi Fredrick W.B., PhD** is a Professor of Zoology. He holds a PhD in Limnology/Water Environment, a MSc. in Analytical Sciences/Chemistry and a BSc. in Chemistry; all from Makerere University. He joined Makerere University in 1995 rising through the ranks to become a Professor. Professor Bugenyi taught at both undergraduate and graduate level as well supervising students in research at graduate level. His research areas were: wetlands; aqua culture; water resources; water pollutants; ecology and domestic waste waters. He also worked as an external examiner at the Islamic University in Uganda, Kenyatta University in Kenya and the University of Nairobi in Kenya. Professor Bugenyi has also served as a Principal Investigator or Lead Consultant in various research projects Uganda and internationally. Professor Bugenyi supervised 7 PhD and over 22 MSc Students. His work produced over 50 research publication in internationally peer reviewed journals and books.

**Kaddu John Baptist, PhD** is a Professor of Zoology in the College of Natural Sciences at Makerere University. Professor Kaddu joined Makerere University in 1991 as a Senior Lecturer rising through the ranks to full professorship in 2003. He has also served as Head in the former Department of Zoology. Before joining Makerere University, Professor Kaddu worked at

regional and internationally acclaimed research institutes. He holds a PhD (Entomology) from the University of Nairobi, Kenya; MSc. (Entomology, Parasitology, Experimental Chemotherapy from the University of Liverpool in UK; and a BSc. (Zoology, Chemistry, Botany) from the University of East Africa. He has attended several short trainings in pedagogy, molecular biology as well as information and research management. Professor Kaddu has served Uganda in various Climate Change related activities, for special mention is his role as lead negotiator for the Uganda Climate change adaptation and vulnerability Thematic Group (COP15, COP16, & COP17). Others include research leader for climate change adaptation for the Uganda Human Development Report by the UNDP; Member of the Uganda national Steering Committees (GEF, & UNDP Small Grants Programme) and Least Developed Countries Environment Centre (LEC) and the Climate Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) to generate information leading to a technical paper and a policy brief on three elements of the CDM in Africa. Professor Kaddu is a senior author of the book, 'Biology for East Africa' published by the Cambridge University Press which is widely used across East Africa at Ordinary Level in secondary schools. He is also the Senior Author of the UNESCO-funded book, "*Biological Science*," a book for first year University Students. He has published extensively in International scientific Journals (over 50 publications). He has also worked as an External Examiner for Moi University in Kenya; Mbarara University of Science and Technology; Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia & Khartoum University in Sudan. Professor Kaddu has been recognized for his work and awarded: Uganda National Academy of Sciences; Marquis Who's Who in the World, 11th edition; Profiles of African Scientists by the African Academy of Sciences; Dictionary of International Biography; and the International Directory of Distinguished Leadership by the American Biographical Institute.

**Anne Kezimbira Miyingo, PhD retired as a Senior Lecturer.** Her major area of research was Biological Systems and Organisms. She taught and supervised students both at undergraduate and graduate levels.