

ZIE HONORS WATERNET SYMPOSIUM STUDENT DELEGATES



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The 22nd WaterNet/GWP/WARFSA Symposium is an international symposium which involves participants from all continents. This year the competition took place in the city of Victoria Falls. WaterNet was the lead sponsor for all students who attended the conference both physically and virtually. On the 22nd-23rd of October 2021, students made their presentations on different themes which unraveled a lot of water engineering and management ingenuity, some of the student's presentations attracted interest among the symposium participants which included other scientists and researchers and key stakeholders including government officials and other policy makers.

Below are photos depicting the ZIE certificates award ceremony:



ZIE CEO Dr Eng. S. Diarra in the audience



ZIE President Eng. Thami Mpala, delivers his congratulatory speech



Frank Chindomu, IWRM student



Primrose Tinonetsana, IWRM student

The two winners for Outstanding Oral Presentation were Mr. Goodson Chitsa, a Zimbabwean student pursuing an MSc Degree in Water Resources Engineering and Management (WREM) in the Department of Construction and Civil Engineering at the University of Zimbabwe (UZ), who presented under the subtheme: Water Governance for Equitable and sustainable use, alongside Ms. Ntombikayise Dhladhla, a Swazi student also from UZ, registered for the MSc in Integrated Water Resources Management

(IWRM) in the same department, under the sub-theme: Innovative approaches, practices and technologies for affordable water supply, and sanitation services.



Rumbidzai Muvango, IWRM student



Moseis Mvaringana, (Mozambique), IWRM student

On Tuesday the 2nd of November, all the students who had participated came to the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers (ZIE) Offices were the two winners Chitsa (in absentia) and Dhladhla were given their certificates including shields engraved with their names on it, and the rest of the students who took part also got their certificates of recognition including their supervisors who have been with them through it all, as a token of appreciation in the presence of Eng Mpala the President of ZIE, Dr Diarra the C.E.O, Dr Banda as the Director of Ceremony and Eng S. Matchalaqa a Board Member.



Kudzanai Ndemere, WREM student, ZIE Board Member Eng S. Matchalaqa,(right) Shingirirai Muvhevhi, WREM student

Students were asked to share their experiences during the whole period of study. “This was absolutely a great platform and also a chance to see Zimbabwe in a different light in terms of tourism. As a foreign student I got to experience the Victoria Falls which is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It gave the whole conference a different angle to experience which is something I will never forget. We are very thankful for such an opportunity and platform with such a great exposure. Also having met Professor Hubert Savenijie who is one of the founders of WaterNet, it really made everything to come full circle. That has to be one of the biggest highlights of the conference,” said Dhladhla.



Ntombikhayise Dhladhla, (Swaziland) IWRM student



Clarence Mapenzauswa, MPhil student

Out of 16 students, 12 attended the conference physically, while 4 participated virtually. “We are really honoured to be here for such a prestigious event. I would like to thank the President of ZIE Eng. Mpala for this event. It’s very reassuring as young water engineers to see a young person at the helm of such an important organization. It really gives us hope as aspiring water engineers who are yet to climb the ladder. Thank you for reminding us that our dreams are valid,” said Dhladhla during her speech presentation.



Fusi Mokhesue (Lesotho) IWRM



Forgiveness Muchaka, IWRM student.

Other students honored in absentia were Malvern Chisero and Goodson Chitsa. “We thank ZIE for setting the tone for recognition of talent and recognizing efforts in capacity building in the fields of Engineering, Science and Technology,” said Eng. Gumindoga from UZ.



Farai Kwenda, IWRM student



Evelyn Tatire, IWRM student



Martin Magure, IWRM student



Eric Tshishende, (Congo) IWRM student



Engineer S. Shumba, Chairman of the Department of Construction and Civil Engineering (UZ) delivering the vote of thanks.



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