



Brief Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Elisha Rufaro T. Chiware: is the Director of Cape Peninsula University of Technology Libraries. In this position he oversees the strategic management of libraries on the delivery of its mission, articulating the libraries external environment to the HEI sector nationally and internationally. Also responsible for planning, direction and innovation in order to align CPUT libraries at all levels and to ensure internal effectiveness and efficiency with all the university's faculties and units.

Dr Elisha Chiware is also the current Secretary of IATUL (International Association of Scientific and Technological University Libraries Board (2012-2014), he is an active member of LIASA – Library and Information Association of South Africa, he serves on the IFLA Section on Statistics and Evaluation (2011 -) and is an Executive member of the Committee for Higher Education Libraries in South Africa – Executive Committee member (2011 – 2014)

Dr. Elisha Chiware has also worked in libraries in Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. He has published over 15 articles, two books and presented several papers at international conferences. He has also worked as an information management consultant – establishing trade information centres in the East, South and Central African region.

A. Presentations

Presentation 1

Title: Advocacy in academic libraries & collaborative infrastructure of library statistics in Africa

The presentation will focus on how advocacy is used to align, promote and strengthen the position of university libraries in order for them to retain their central role in the provision of information support services to academic projects. The second part of the presentation deals with development of collaborative library statistics collection among academic libraries in a given geographical setting and how this aides advocacy as well as a powerful tool for benchmarking especially when it comes to resource allocation

Presentation 2

Title: Addressing academic libraries challenges in Africa through collaboration

While African university and research libraries are still facing a lot of challenges regarding recognition and their roles in higher education and research they have realized the power of collaboration. This presentation therefore focuses on a number of collaborative ventures among libraries in Africa and how these ventures have ameliorated the issues of poor resource allocation.