



RETIG-KZN Research Methodology Workshops

At the launch of RETIG-KZN at ORI, Ushaka Marine World on 6th August 2004, members voiced a need for research initiatives in KZN.

RETIG-KZN decided to host a series of Research Methodology workshops during April at the Allan Pittendrigh Library, Steve Biko Campus, Durban Institute of Technology. The workshops would run for two days a week, Thursdays and Fridays for three weeks, and were aimed at building research capacity in KwaZulu-Natal.

In addition, a mini conference is planned for September where participants will present their research projects to the LIASA community in KZN.

Structure of the Workshops

09h00 – 09h15 – Welcome and Introductions
 09H15 – 10H30 – Theoretical presentation
 10H30 – 11H00 – TEA
 11H00-12H30 – Practical/Group work
 12H30-13H15 – LUNCH
 13H15–14H30 – Presentations and discussions
 14H30-15H00 – Summary and evaluation

TOPIC	DATES
Introduction/ Problem Identification	7 April 2005
Research Proposal	8 April 2005
Data gathering methods & sampling	14&15 April 2005
Data analysis & interpretation	21 April 2005
Documenting the research project	22 April 2005

The first workshop on introduction/problem identification was held at the Alan Pittendrigh Library and was facilitated by Dr Naresh Sentoo, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Studies, DIT. Mrs Lucille Webster, Chair LIASA-KZN gave a word of welcome to the participants. Prof Dennis Ocholla was the facilitator for “Research Proposal” held on 8 April 2005. At the end of the workshops, participants were issued with certificates of attendance.

LIASA-KZN are thrilled with the response from the region. Most workshops are fully booked. We were pleasantly surprised to note that not all the participants were

librarians although the majority are based in libraries ranging from special, public and academic libraries.

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