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Dear Professor Hussey

Open Access: the gateway to internationalisation – International Open Access Week at UCT

I would like, on behalf of the Open Access Week Organising Committee, extend an invitation to you, the Faculty academics and postgraduate student to the Libraries' inaugural Open Access Week.

Open Access (OA) Week is an international series of events to promote open access to scholarship and research. Now entering its eighth year, OA Week raises awareness and connects with the international scholarly community. UCT is part of the international community promoting open access to scholarly literature and will be celebrating OA Week from 19-23 October.

This year UCT Libraries will be organising OA Week at UCT, in collaboration with the Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching, Office of Post Graduate Studies and the Research Office. Previously OA Week was organised by the OpenUCT Initiative and the Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching.

I would like to bring to you attention that the Monday programme is going to be opened by DVC Professor Petersen. We also have two international speakers in Dr Lorraine Haricombe, Vice Provost at University of Texas and Ms Heather Joseph, the CEO of Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition. The launch of Open Monograph Press demonstrates the lead UCT has taken in publishing books via an open access forum.

A summary of the three sessions for OA Week are:

Open Access at UCT <i>19 October 2015</i> Centre for African Studies Galley, Upper Campus 2pm to 4pm	Open Access Publishing at UCT <i>21 October 2015</i> Frances Ames Room, Barnard Fuller Building, Health Sciences 5.30pm to 7.30pm	Open Access: Advancing and Establishing your Career <i>23 October 2015</i> Ulwazi Training Room, UCT Libraries 9am to 12pm
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[Download the full programme](#) to find out more about the topics presented and discussed at the events. It will be greatly appreciated if you could encourage the academic staff and researchers in your faculty to attend UCT's OA Week.

For queries, please email openuct@uct.ac.za

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