

Round up of recent Graduate & Research Fellow recruits from May – August 2012



Graduate Fellows (GF) - NAIROBI



Teresia W. Maina

Position: Graduate Fellow
Degree under study: Phd
Duration: 1st June 2012 to 31st May 2015
Project: Development of a vaccine for eradicating CBPP in Africa
Location: ILRI-Nairobi and VIDO, Saskatoon.
University: VIDO, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization, Saskatoon, Canada
ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Jan Naessens



Anima Sirma Jematia

Position: Graduate Fellow
Degree under study: Phd
Duration: 1st August 2012 to 31st July 2015
Project: Economic Assessment of the Cost of Mycotoxins in the Kenyan Dairy Chain
Location: Markets, Gender and Livelihoods Unit.
Organization: Ministry of Livestock Development Department Veterinary Services, Nairobi
ILRI Supervisor: Delia Grace



Dr. Senerwa Daniel Mugangai

Position: Graduate Fellow
Degree under study: Phd
Duration: 1st August 2012 to 31st July 2015
Project: Economic Assessment of the Cost of Mycotoxins in the Kenyan Dairy Chain
Location: Markets, Gender and Livelihoods Unit.
Organization: Ministry of Livestock Development Department Veterinary Services, Nairobi.
ILRI Supervisor: Mohamadou Fadiga

Graduate Fellows (GF) - ADDIS



Yordanos Mekonnen

Position: Graduate Fellow
Degree under study: MSc
Duration: 1st August 2012 to 31 December 2012
Project: Cultural and PCR Based Detection of Campylobacter Species from Backyard and Commercially Reared Chicken in Horo, Jarso and Debre Zeit, Ethiopia
Location: Biotech
University: Addis Ababa University School of Veterinary Medicine
ILRI Supervisor: Tadle Dessie

Research Fellows (RF) - NAIROBI



Christopher Mukasa

Position: Research Fellow
Degree under study: Phd
Duration: June 26th to November 22nd 2012
Project: Harnessing genetic diversity for conservation, resistance to disease and improving productivity of some African breeds of goats
Location: BecA Hub .
University: Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria – Nigeria
ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Dr. Selestine Naliaka Wamwatila

Position: Research Fellow
Duration: 1st July, 2012 - 31st December 2012
Project: Understanding the epidemiology of African swine fever: as a prerequisite for mitigation of disease impact on pig keeping in East Africa
Location: ILRI Laboratory - Busia.
ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Edward Okoth

New Graduates fellows: May - August 2012

New Research fellows: May - August 2012



Research Fellows (RF) - NAIROBI

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Awadia Mousa

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 2nd to November 31st 2012

Project: Genotyping of Theileria lestoquardi from sheep and goats in Sudan to support control of malignant ovine theileriosis (MOT) an emerging disease

Location: BecA Hub .

University: University of Khartoum

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Diaeldin Salih Hassan

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 2nd to November 31st 2012

Project: Genotyping of Theileria parva from cattle and ticks in Southern Sudan to support control of ECF an emerging disease

Location: BecA Hub .

University: University of Khartoum

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Daniel Elisa Mwega

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 2nd to November 31st 2012

Project: Molecular characterization of Theileria parva isolates presents in cattle and buffalo in Tanzania

Location: BecA Hub

University: Sokoine University of Agriculture

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Donatien Bigirimana

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 2nd to November 31st 2012

Project: Tissue culture and diagnostics for clean taro multiplication (focus on virus)

Location: BecA Hub

University: University of Burundi

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Gaspard Ndarubayemwo

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 2nd to November 31st 2012

Project: Tissue culture and diagnostics for clean taro multiplication (focus on fungi)

Location: BecA Hub

University: University of Burundi

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Ann Nanteza

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 2nd to November 31st 2012

Project: Identification and genotyping of Theileria parva CD8 T cell vaccine target antigen candidates from Ankole cattle in western Uganda

Location: BecA Hub

University: University of Makerere

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Vincent Kyaligonza

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 3rd to October 3rd 2012

Project: Validation of candidate molecular markers associated with cassava Brown Streak disease Resistance

Location: BecA Hub

University: National Crop Resources Research Institute (NaCRRI)

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Morag Ferguson/Dr. Rob Skilton



Wani Loku Marcellino

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 10th to December 8th 2012

Project: East Coast Fever Situation in South Sudan

Location: BecA Hub

Organization: Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Dawit Beyene Kidanemariam

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 16th to December 14th 2012

Project: Occurrence and Distribution of Taro (Colocasia esculenta L.) viral diseases in Ethiopia

Location: BecA Hub

University: Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



George Morara Tinega

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: 13th August 2012 -12th August 2013

Project: Genetic and ecological diversity of antimicrobial resistant Salmonella species in pig farming systems in Uganda

Location: ILRI-Kampala

University: JKUAT, Nairobi Campus

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Delia Grace, Dr. Florence Mutua and Kristina Rösel

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Research Fellows (RF) - NAIROBI



Frederick Kabi

Position: Research Fellow

Degree under study: Phd

Duration: 4th August 2012 to 4th December 2012

Project: Population genetics of Theileria parva in the agro-ecological zones of Uganda

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

University: National Livestock Resources Research Institute (NaLIRRI), UGANDA.

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton /Dr. Appolinaire Djikeng



Zelalem Fisseha Gebreegziabher

Position: Research Fellow

Degree under study: Phd

Duration: 15th August 2012 to 20th December 2012

Project: Genetic diversity of haricot bean germplasm from Ethiopia

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

University: Somali Region Pastoral and Agro-pastoral Research Institute

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Joel Erasto

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: 28th August 2012 to 28th September 2012

Project: Genotyping of tea cultivars from Tanzania

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

University: Mikocheni Agricultural Research Institute

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Tajelser Idris Badri Adam

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 23rd to November 23rd 2012

Project: Development of a Thermostable PPR Vaccine in Sudan

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

Organization: Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Jeffrey Mariner/Dr. Rob Skilton



Celestine Bembe

Position: Research Fellow

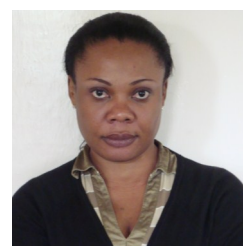
Duration: July 24th to December 21st 2012

Project: Phenotypic and molecular characterization of local chicken populations (Gallus gallus) in Central African Republic

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

University: Central African Agricultural Research Institute

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Cho Chong-Yeon/Dr. Rob Skilton / Dr. Appolinaire Djikeng



Cécile Annie Ewane

Position: Research Fellow

Degree under study: Phd

Duration: 3rd August 2012 to 20th December 2012

Project: Improving knowledge on diversity to enhance the conservation and valorization of bananas and plantains for food security in west and central Africa

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

University: African Research Center on Bananas and Plantains (CARBAP)

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Tony Kipkoech Maritim

Position: Research Fellow

Degree under study: Msc

Duration: 21st August 2012 to 21st November 2012

Project: Identification of drought responsive genes in tea

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

Organization: Tea Research Foundation of Kenya

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Francesca Stomeo/Dr. Rob Skilton



Hannah Wambui Murage

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: 20th August 2012 to 19th April 2013

Project: Molecular Biology techniques to determine the nature and extent of antigenic variability in field populations of Theileria parva in Western Kenya

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Roger Pelle/Dr. Rob Skilton



Blaise Arnaud Hako Touko

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 23rd to December 21st 2012

Project: Exploring disease resistance by evaluation of the genetic diversity of the major histocompatibility complex (MHC) in Cameroon's indigenous chicken populations

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

University: University of Dschang, Cameroon



Pierre Niyonzima

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: July 23rd to December 21st 2012

Project: Tissue culture and diagnostics for clean taro multiplication (focus on viruses)

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

University: Burundi Agriculture Research Institute-ISABU

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton



Research Fellows (RF) - NAIROBI



Bertin Bisimwa

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: August 5th to November 30th 2012

Project: Molecular identification and characterization of guinea pigs in the territories of Kabare, Kalehe and Walungu, South-Kivu province, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

Organization: Medical Institute of Technology (ISTM)

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Appolinaire Djikeng /Dr. Rob Skilton



Parfait Kouakou Kouadio

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: 15th May – 15th October 2012

Project: Genetic diversity of the guinea pig in Cote d'Ivoire to support breeding programs

Location: BecA Hub .

University: University of Abobo Adjame, Cote d'Ivoire

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Rob Skilton & Dr. Appolinaire Djikeng



Peter Akoll

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: August 1st to October 30th 2012

Project: Investigation of bacterial diversity and contribution to the rapid identification of pathogenic bacteria in catfish hatcheries in Uganda

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

University: Makerere University

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Appolinaire Djikeng /Dr. Rob Skilton/
Dr. Francesca Stomeo

Jibril Lubega

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: August 1st to September 30th 2012

Project: Establishment of genetic transformation of east Africa highland banana and plantain for resistance against biotic stress using meristematic tissues

Location: ILRI- Nairobi, BecA Hub

Organization: National Agricultural Biotechnology Center

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Appolinaire Djikeng /Dr. Rob Skilton/
Dr. Leena Tripathi

Beatrice Awuor Abutto

Position: Research Fellow

Duration: 1st July, 2012 - 31st December 2012

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Location: ILRI Laboratory - Busia.

ILRI Supervisor: Dr. Edward Okoth