



# HITLIB NEWS



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## The HITLIB

## News is born

## today: Welcome



New Library books on display

The Harare Institute of Technology (HIT) Library welcomes you to its first issue of "HITLIB News" a quarterly newsletter aimed at communicating and showcasing information of interest to its stakeholders who are primarily students and staff of HIT. Such stories about Information Literacy Skills (ILS) training classes, new books, the digital library, new library services including upcoming events in HIT as well as national, regional and international workshops, conferences, symposia and some moments of laughter will feature prominently in the newsletter.

The publication will also endeavour to keep stakeholders abreast of new developments in their different areas of expertise. It is the library's hope that this newsletter will offer you much of value.

In this inaugural issue we bring you feature coverage of the Library as the Robe Room when HIT held its inaugural and installation ceremony on the 11th of November 2010 as well as the Information Literacy Skills Training workshop held for academics and researchers in the Institute. In our **Center of Attention spread** we highlight the issue of "The HIT Digital Library" project as well as a review done by the student on attachment from the National University of Science and Technology, M Madzivadondo and E Mujera.

In each quarterly issue, you will learn the latest about our staff, projects, events, and new acquisitions of information resources. While I try to keep myself as informed as possible about events within our own department and throughout the University, I humbly request your assistance. This newsletter will be most useful if it is shaped by its readers' needs. So please let me know what you'd like to find here. You can contact me directly at

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I look forward to staying in touch. And let me take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best as we approach the Christmas break. A Merry Christmas and A Happy New!!!



*E Mujera*

*(Deputy Librarian)*

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## LIBRARY : THE ROBE ROOM



As the clock moved towards the final hour, agitation, restlessness and eagerness was the order of the day as anticipation fever gripped the staff as they jostled to beat the deadline. If only the biblical Joshua could be resurrected and once again command the nature to a standstill to give the staff ample time to wind up operations, it would have been, indeed, the best time to do just that.

The library was the main focal point and a hive of activities surrounded the place. The resource centre had to be converted into a robe room where his Excellency, President Mugabe and the Acting Vice Chancellor Eng. Q. C. Kanhukamwe would dress into their academic regalia. It was after careful considerations and consultations from participant stakeholders that the library was endorsed as the most suitable venue.

Mr Mujera, the Deputy Librarian was excited and at the same time, he could feel the pressure exerted upon his head as he endeavoured to mobilize various departments to immaculately renovate the place. Suddenly, there was pandemonium, mayhem and chaos as various professionals skillfully undertook their assignments to make the place as suitable and as welcoming to the highest authority within the country.

Mrs Marevangepo and her team got busy with decorations and Mrs Nyamugama and Mr Machingamidze's skillful and dedicated teams tirelessly and swiftly undertook their given responsibilities.

Interestingly, the HIT management revoked their original positions and responsibilities and extended further to be participate in immaculately renovating and decorating the place and impress the highest authorities upon arrival. First impressions usually last, so the Acting

Vice Chancellor, Eng Q. C. Kanhukamwe, was not tolerating average but excellence in performance and duty.

The staff ignored their normal working hours and tirelessly worked until midnight. Somnambulism and sleep walking scenes characterised the library scenario as staff jostled to put everything into place.

Before they were dismissed to retire to bed, the library atmosphere was now characterised by the most beautiful and neatly arranged furniture. The beautiful curtains, flowers, mirrors and carpets transformed the place into a mini paradise coupled with the sweet fragrance and aroma from the fresh flowers.



The place was breath-takingly beautiful and immaculately arranged.

The staff stood mesmerized by the vision as they resisted the strong urge to go and rest and dream of the forthcoming pleasurable day.

To put the icing on the cake, the librarian showed his happiness and appreciation by putting forward a prize for one of the students. It was named, 'The Librarian's Prize for the Overall Best Student in the Capstone Design Project for the Year 2010', which was in monetary value. It was an inaugural prize too just like the inaugural day that was being prepared

for.

After the Presidential Prew had departed, the staff and students formed a bee line towards the library to view and appreciate the beautifully and immaculately arranged library once again. Some had a photo shoot-out at some designed places within the library.

Oh what a beautiful scenario! If only the library could be spared the 'face drop' and remained as beautiful, it would have been, even today, the place to be in the Institute and even studying would be such a beauty, I suppose!

*Story by M. Nhakura*

## Orientation for new library users: a necessity

Justice Kanenungo, a newly enrolled HIT student, decided to ignore and bunk the library orientation session and rendered it time consuming, boring and unnecessary. As lessons progressed, he found himself pressed with overdue assignments to be submitted and eventually, his conscience compelled him to seek solace in library materials.

Hurriedly, he clutched his bag into the library. It was tightly packed with personal reference books to compliment his research with library materials. He had not wasted time by passing through the dining hall to grab something to eat, thus he was munching a bun in one hand and in the other grabbing a soft drink. The bag containing his laptop was hanging loose on his neck and some earphones stuck into his ears while obviously enjoying some music from the cell phone stuck in his shirt's pocket. To soothe his rather disturbed emotions, he was pretending a strong character disposition by singing loudly along with the music flowing directly into his ears. 'Why be afraid', he consoled himself. He was foolishly contemplating on how society should respect a university student like him who had passed with flying colours at A level. He amused himself in his meditation and yet he was inwardly worried that his first assignments were going to be late thereby setting a bad precedence for his record at the Institute.

As he tried to negotiate his way into the library, the security detail manning the premises confronted him since he looked weird in a lot of ways and summoned him into the Reader Services Office for a

brief interrogation. He pompously tried to argue his way into the library and it suddenly became apparent that he was also drunk evidenced by the strong stench of beer from his mouth.

The Reader Services Librarian realised that the young man had no clue whatsoever of how to conduct himself the moment he walked into the library. The librarian handed him a copy of the library rules and regulations but Justice had already broken half of the rules at the entry point. But being the intellectual he felt he was, he had the audacity to scrutinize, analyse and question the necessity and applicability of the rules and regulations in a University Library. Wasn't the student ordinance enough already?.

The librarian then patiently conducted a one man orientation programme and elucidated and expounded on the rules and regulations highlighting all the positive aspects to go by the rules.

- No food and drink shall be consumed in the library. This causes damage to library materials upon contact and also food droppings, pests and venom have the potential to damage library material especially paper-based.
- No smoking in the library as this habit is potential fire hazard
- Cell phones must be switched off prior to entering the library. This is done to maintain peace, order and tranquillity within the library premises and respect others who read/study peacefully
- No noise is allowed in the library. This is good for maintaining a conducive environment for study
- Library patrons should not shelve library materials after use for wrongly shelved books are as good as lost. They remain inaccessible up until shelf checking has been done

The young man was apologetic to both

the security officer and the librarian for his bad behaviour. Even the library provides education though no written examinations are involved! We wish you an enjoyable and studious time at HIT.

*By M. Nhakura (Senior Library Assistant)*



*M Nhakura*



## HIT DIGITAL LIBRARY COLLECTION

**T**he Hit library is building a digital collection which shall serve as an institutional repository. Currently this is being done using Greenstone, an open source software for the development of institutional repositories.

The purpose of the Digital library is three fold:

**Firstly** to offer open source information for the HIT community

Secondly, to encourage publishing of scholarly works in the HIT research community by HIT Staff and

Lastly, to establish a quick reference point for the institution's publications

Currently the Digital collection contains 108 documents being 2009–2010 written past exam papers, while e-books, research papers as well as thesis and dissertations being collected will be captured soon.

All HIT academics and researchers who have published works are encouraged to deposit a copy of their publication for inclusion into the digital library. Submit your publications to the Reader Services Librarian on [cruzande@hit.ac.zw](mailto:cruzande@hit.ac.zw) or con-

tact the Sub-Librarian on [pmupamhanga@hit.ac.zw](mailto:pmupamhanga@hit.ac.zw) or [anotidatepee@gmail.com](mailto:anotidatepee@gmail.com) for more details.



**C Ruzande,**  
Senior Assistant Librarian

## TOWARDS AN ELECTRONIC LIBRARY SERVICE

The HIT library conducts ILS training through the Reader Services Department. This training introduces the user to the use of Electronic Resources available at HIT. These are online journals that HIT subscribes to. These journals are in database form with more than 10 000 scholarly articles in both engineering and commercial subjects. The ILS programme seeks to:-

- raise awareness and optimize the use on e-resources;
- promote maximum use of the available e-resources;
- offer general training in citation and referencing; and
- promote publishing amongst the HIT Academic community.

The Library conducted training for Academics in October 2010 and plans are underway to conduct training for students as well.

### Training Program

The training program includes

- How to access e-resources
- Skills in searching e-resources
- The difference between the NET and online databases

- OPAC search skills and
- How to publish

### Monitoring and Evaluation

After each training, time is taken to monitor and evaluate through the use of questionnaires and interviews. Data gathered enables the Library to solicit for the continual payment of e-resources. Currently HIT subscribes to the following:-

- EBSCO HOST- allows access to more than 16.000 abstracted and indexed journals from science, technology, medicine, social science and humanities
- WILEY-BLACKWELL- offers subjects on business. Engineering, chemistry, computer science, life sciences.
- TAYLOR AND FRANCIS
- EMERALD- with Emerald Management, featuring 140 Business and Management journals and Emerald Engineering e-Journal Collection, with 19 Engineering journals. All of which are peer-reviewed and fully searchable full text journals plus reviews from the world's top 300 management journals.
- SAGE -is a leading international pub-

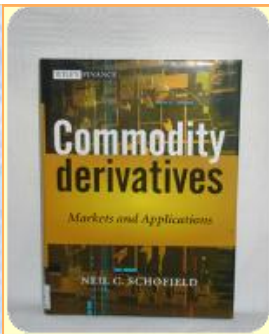
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**P Mupamhanga**  
Sub-Librarian

## BOOK REVIEW



**TITLE:** Commodity derivatives: markets and applications

**AUTHOR:** Schofield Neil C

**PUBLISHER:** John Wiley

**YEAR:**

**SUBJECTS:** Commodity futures;

Commodity exchanges; Derivatives securities

*Authors' purpose*

The author's motivation came from the commodity market that was the subject of many interests with reports in the media usually detailing that some commodity has reached a new all time price high. It also came as a result of the difficulty the author had in finding people who could provide classroom training on the different products. The book was then produced ideally to document in one place the main commodity markets and their associated derivatives.

The author's intended audience is financial readers. Evaluating his writing style, he tried to keep the structure fairly uniform. He employs non-technical terms in explaining commodity. As a result making it easier for those with a background in any one specific commodity. In trying to avoid repetition,

he documented structures that are unique to each market in each particular chapter, while the more generic structures have been spread throughout the text.

Each chapter focuses on how the products could be used along the physical supply chain and seeks to identify the main market risks and how they can be hedged. The book then brings into perspective how the structuring banks hedge their own resultant exposure and examines the attraction of OTC investment structures for the wholesale market.

### **Conclusions**

Commodity derivatives: markets and applications is a timely book, written with great clarity and full of valuable insights. It is essential for those wishing to learn about the main features of the commodity markets, the mechan-

ics of derivatives and how they are applied. The book really deserves a merit as it will provide our own E-Commerce Department with complete and accessible reference in studying commodity markets and their associated derivatives. *Check it out in HIT Library on the Reserve Collection on location:*

[HG6024.A3564 SCH](#)

*By M. Madzivadondo & E Mujera*

## 2010 ACQUISITIONS

1. Biochemistry / Mathews **QD415.G29 MAT**
2. Keynotes in biochemistry / L. Cox and C. Pears
3. Fundamentals of pharmacognosy / Heinrich **RS160 FUN**
4. Modern phytomedicine: turning medicinal plants into drugs / Ahmad **RS164 MOD**
5. Hugo & Russell's pharmaceutical microbiology, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. / Denyer **QV250 HUG**
6. Pharmaceutical analysis: textbook for pharmacy

- students & pharmaceutical chemists, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. / Watson **HD9665 WAT**
7. Pharmacology: Lippincott illustrated reviews, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. / Harvey **RM301.14 FIL**
8. Commodity derivatives, markets and applications / N.C. Schofield **HG6024.A3 SCH**
9. Stock market liquidity, implications for market micro-structure and asset pricing /F.S. Chabitant & G.N. Gregori **HG4521.S788 CHA**
10. Financial risk manager, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. / P. Jorion **HD61 JOR**

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11. Financial applications using Excel in development in C++. / S. Dalton

12. Modelling structure finance, structure d finance, cash flow with Microsoft Excel ( a step-by-step guide) / K.A. Allman **HG4028.C45 ALL**

13. The fundamentals of Hedge Fund Management.../ D.A. Strachman **HG5430 STA**

14. Structure finance and collateralized debt obligations.../J. M. Tavakoli **HG4028.A84 TAV**

15. Essays in derivatives: risk transfer tools / D.M. Chance **HG6024.A3 CHA**

16. The art of asset allocation, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. / D. M. Darst **HG4529.5 DAR**

17. Food safety management systems – requirements for any organization in food chain / SAZ **TX537 STA**

18. Managing for the sustained success of an organization: a quality management approach / SAZ **HD62.15.I47 STA**

19. Quality management systems: requirements /SAZ **HD62.15.I47 STA**

20. Code for the practice for requirements for a hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP)/ SAZ **D9450.9.I85 STA**

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