

Nicholas Kyalo scoops the top poster prize for his 4th year special project at the HAK Workshop



Mr Nicholas Kyalo (pictured), a fresh Bsc Horticulture graduate (class of 2015) from the department of Plant Science and Crop Protection (PSCP) was awarded the best poster prize at the just concluded annual HAK workshop/conference. The 15th Workshop on Sustainable Horticultural Production in the Tropics was held the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) – Kandara Center from 1st to 4th December 2015. The workshop is an annual event that brings together researchers, academia, students and other stakeholders in the Horticulture sector in a forum where research findings are presented alongside exhibitions.

Mr Kyalo's poster titled '**Efficacy of Waxing and Modified Atmosphere Packaging to Extend the Shelf life of Mango Fruit**' beat 23 other posters to scoop the best poster prize in the poster category. The poster was prepared from his fourth year special project. The winners in poster and oral presentation categories were awarded book prizes by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) who are the main sponsors of the workshop. Mr. Kyalo's win follows in the footsteps of other students from PSCP who have won the DAAD book prize at the HAK workshops in previous years. They include Ms Baroness Omwenga (best oral presentation, 2013), Ms Nancy Onsongo Kemunto (best oral presentation, 2012), Ms Lilian Ouma (best poster, 2012) and Ms Penina Yumbya (best poster, 2011). Other students (including undergraduates undertaking fourth year special projects) are strongly encouraged to participate in such forums. The forums give them an opportunity to share their research findings, network with peers and also increase their visibility and that of the University of Nairobi.

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