



## UNESCO delegation visits campus



From left: Professor Dr Milan Dimkić of the Jaroslav Černi Institute (JSI); Dr Prvoslav Marjanović, Special Advisor; Prof Tjama Tjivikua; Prof Siegfried Demuth, UNESCO Chief of Hydrological Systems and Global Change Section in the Water Division; Prof Dr Biljana Radojević, (JCI); Prof Dr Chrustoff Kuells from the Department of Environmental Hydrology at the University of Freiburg, Germany; Pauline Mufeti, Chief Hydrologist at the Ministry of Water, Agriculture and Forestry; Ferdinand Katire, National Council for UNESCO Programme Officer: Sciences; and Prof Dr Marina Mladenović (JCI).

The Poly recently hosted a delegation from a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Category 2 Centre to discuss possible areas of cooperation in the fields of sustainable development and adaptation to climate change.

A six-member delegation from the Serbianbased Jaroslav Černi Institute for the Development of Water Resources (JCI) recently visited Namibia to meet with Namibian stakeholders and discuss areas of cooperation related to water resources and integrated disaster management, among others. The Jaroslav Černi Institute is a UNESCO Category 2 Centre tasked with implementing UNESCO's strategic programme objectives in a number of areas including natural sciences and education.

Poly Rector, Prof Tjama Tjivikua, expressed his willingness on the behalf of the Poly to collaborate with the UNESCO Centre. "International collaboration aimed at skills development and capacity building that will address local and international developmental challenges is very important to us, and we commit ourselves to a partnership in this regard," he said.

The Poly has established working teams to engage the UNESCO delegates to develop a collaboration framework between the two institutions. The framework will determine the areas of cooperation between the Poly and the Jaroslav Černi Institute which, once completed, will be followed by a formal agreement establishing the partnership between the two institutions.