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## FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

### REALIZING SHARED VISION

Kharkiv National Medical University keeps on receiving official international delegations and sending its own representatives all over the world.



On January 23, the delegation of the Embassy of the Republic of India to Ukraine represented by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary H.E. Mr. Manoj Kumar Bharti and the Ambassador's Assistant Mr. Vadym Ponomaryov visited Kharkiv National Medical University.

The honorary guests met with the University authorities, Indian students and visited the Museum of the University History. Addressing the Rector Volodymyr Lisovyi Mr. Ambassador emphasized, "I am delighted to visit the University which has reached the age of 212 this year. Although I am a man of the engineering mentality, I take an active interest in the history of the XVI, XVII and XVIII centuries in photos and pictures which the museum of your higher education institution houses".



In the framework of the meeting, the issues of bilateral cooperation and the development of friendly relations between Ukraine and the Republic of India, its citizens' residence in Ukraine and their training at the University were discussed. The Parties considered the aspects of admission for studies of the Indian nationals. It was pointed out, "Our higher education institution has had a great experience in training of Indian students. The country's citizens have been studying at KhNMU since 1974". In conclusion, Prof. Lisovyi assured Mr. Ambassador that our University would continue its movement towards Europe. That gives hope to the implementation of joint ideas under the full-fledged support of Mrs. Yuliya Svitlychna, the Governor of the Kharkiv Region.



In the framework of the visit Mr. Ambassador gave his presentation on cultural heritage and present achievements of his native country.

### PREPARING STUDENTS: WAYS OF FURTHER COOPERATION

On May 26, Kharkiv National Medical University hosted the delegation of the Parliamentary Health Committee of the Republic of Ghana.

Within the framework of the visit the delegation met the Rector of KhNMU Prof. Volodymyr Lisovyi. During the meeting, the Rector told about the glorious history of the Kharkiv Medical School, the history of formation and development of the University and about its present days. Particular attention was paid to the modern training system of medical healthcare manpower and to the quality control system of educational process. "Direct contacts with the Republic of Ghana give us the opportunity to develop relationships and measure outcomes of our work, which is important for high quality training of students from the Republic of Ghana", underlined Prof. Lisovyi.

The guests delivered the presentation of the Parliamentary Health Committee of the Republic of Ghana and brought up to speed on the problems they faced with and especially on the recognition of medical education in the Republic of Ghana. As part of the familiarizing with the University's activity the delegates visited the Department of Pathological Anatomy, the University Scientific Library, the Educational and Research Institute for Quality of Education of KhNMU.



The guests were also given a presentation on the educational activities of Kharkiv National Medical University. Afterwards another meeting with the administration of the University was held. During subsequent conversation the delegates shared their impressions and discussed the ways of further cooperation in the sphere of training students from the Republic of Ghana.

**FOREIGN DELEGATIONS****MATURED EXPERIENCE**

On March 3, Mr. Bharat Singh Bisht, the Second Secretary (Edu & Cons.) of the Embassy of the Republic of India to Ukraine, visited our University.



The honoured guest met with the Rector of the University Prof. Volodymyr Lisoyvi. The Rector spoke about the history of KhNMU and noted that the University had been training foreign students since 1951. Volodymyr Lisoyvi said, "At our University lifelength in the preparation of Indian students has been created. We are pleased to note that Indian citizens are distinguished by a special mentality, particular discipline in education and life, dedication to obtain professional education, participation in social life of the University, etc. We express our gratitude to the diplomatic mission that pays attention to its citizens who are studying at our University".



Mr. Shri Bharat Singh Bisht noted, "KhNMU is the school where there are no problems as for the living conditions and education of foreign students".



During the meeting the issues concerning the residence and security of Indian students in Ukraine, their studies at Kharkiv National Medical University were discussed. Also the quotas increase for training Indian students was considered. Currently, at our University more than 1,000 citizens of India are studying because the University has significant experience in training Indian students.

During the visit, the honorary guest met with Indian students and visited the Museum of the History of KhNMU.

**RETAIN TRADITIONS OF MEDICAL SCHOOL**

On May 15, the delegation from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan visited Kharkiv National Medical University, including the Director of the Department for Nostrification and Recognition of Foreign Educational Institutions under the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Jordan Dr. Makhammad Al-Zbun, and acting members of commission Prof. Maher Salim and Prof. Ismail Matalqa. The guests were accompanied by Mohammad Al-Hawamleh, an employee of the Branch in Ukraine of the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Russia (Department of Cultural Relations).



The guests met with the Rector of the University Prof. Volodymyr Lisoyvi. He greeted members of the delegation at the oldest medical school in the country, which traces its historical roots to 1804 and focused the guests' attention on the great experience of preparing foreign students at our University. "We keep the traditions of the 200-year-old medical school and our outstanding teachers, because we are striving for such level of training of specialists so that the University graduates could easily integrate into the healthcare of their countries," said the Head of the University.



During the meeting, issues of bilateral cooperation and development of friendly relations between Ukraine and Jordan in the field of medical education were discussed.



The parties considered the prospects for the admission of Jordanian citizens to study at the University, taking into account the recognition of the documents on education in future. The foreign guests noted that the majority of Jordanian citizens choose Ukrainian medical universities, so our relations, in particular in the medical field, need to be strengthened and developed.

Within the framework of the visit, the Jordanian delegation got acquainted with the work of the University Dental Centre where our guests visited phantom and computer classes, new lecture rooms of the Centre, and also talked with dental students.

**Anzhela Stashchak**, Head of the International Relations Office



## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

From year to year Kharkiv National Medical University is becoming more and more known among academic society. At the beginning of 2017, we were visited by two foreign professors.

### SHARING EXPERIENCE IN MUSIC THERAPY

On January 25, a lecturer from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, a Psychotherapist in the field of Music Therapy Dr. Dora Psaltopoulou visited Kharkiv National Medical University.



Dr. Psaltopoulou was invited to the University to exchange experience in Music Therapy. At the beginning of the visit she met with the Vice-Rector for Research Valeriy Myasoedov, the Head of the International Relations Office Anzhela Stashchak, Professor of the Department of Philosophy Kateryna Karpenko, and Associate Professor of the Department of Neurology No. 1, the Head of the Young Scientists' Council of KhNMU Nataliya Kufferina.

Welcoming the guest within the walls of the University, Valeriy Myasoedov said, "At our University, we treat art reverentially, especially the Greek art, as Greece is a country of many arts' origins. In your person, we greet Greece and Greek culture particularly. Your visit correlates with many projects which are being implemented in our country, in Kharkiv and at our University. Here you can see those people who are involved in such social projects".



During the meeting, the issues of cooperation with the Aristotle University, the use of Music Therapy in medicine and the development of cooperation in this area, as well as opportunities for joint application submission for participation in the EU Erasmus+ programme were discussed. As Valeriy Myasoedov said, "Art is so multifaceted that we will not confine ourselves to Music Therapy. I hope that your next visit with your colleagues will be dedicated to all fields of art: theatre, painting, sculpture. We are ready to work in that direction".



In the framework of the visit, Dr. Psaltopoulou in cooperation with Kharkiv National University of Arts organized a lecture and a workshop on Music Therapy. The students and teachers of both universities took part in the event.

The Greek expert visited the Museum of the History of KhNMU. Dr. Psaltopoulou thanked for "a wonderful tour into the medical history which belongs to humankind and shines Kharkiv Medical School's exclusive qualities! It is an example for all medical schools all over the world!"

### LEADERS OF EUROINTEGRATIONAL IDEAS

On April 19-20, in the framework of the Agreement on Cooperation with Pain Institute in Munich, its Director Dr. Wolfgang Bauermeister, specializing in Rehabilitation, Pain Medicine and Sports Medicine visited our University.



Dr. Wolfgang Bauermeister is an internationally recognized pioneer and author of the new and promising area of applying the methods of Triggerpoint Shockwave Therapy – TST. Dr. Bauermeister developed novel techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of problems related to fascia and muscles. In Germany he pioneered Elastography and Orthopedic Shockwave Therapy in Sports and Pain Medicine.



Dr. Bauermeister has strong links with KhNMU. This is the fourth time that he has visited our University. During his previous visits to the University the German expert conducted training courses and workshops on Elastography for doctors, participated in the international conference "Sports Traumatology and Rehabilitation", in the symposium "Pain Control – the Art of Pain Control." Currently, joint research with the University Clinic of KhNMU is being conducted.



On April 19, Dr. Bauermeister gave his lecture "The Myofascial Pain Syndrome Pitfalls in Acute and Chronic Pain Management" to the University students, and his presentation "The Myofascial Pain Syndrome Pathophysiology, Diagnosis and Treatment" to the University teachers and interns.

On April 20, an official awards ceremony was held. Dr. Wolfgang Bauermeister was awarded the title of Honorary Professor of Kharkiv National Medical University. At the ceremony, members of the Administration and the Academic Council of our University, and the German guest's family were present. The Vice-Rector for Research Valeriy Myasoedov awarded the honorary title and the gown to Dr. Bauermeister. The Vice-Rector said, "It should be emphasized. Such events when we honour those people who treat Ukraine, Kharkiv, and Kharkiv National Medical University warmly and become in a certain sense conductors of the European integration ideas, facilitate our country's integration into the European and world space, including the educational and scientific spaces. So, let me wholeheartedly fulfill the assigned mission and hand in all the regalia and awards to the Honorary Professor of KhNMU".

*Valentyna Fedorova, Senior Specialist, International Relations Office*

**ACADEMIC MOBILITY**

*This year the delegations from our University have already visited Iran and Uzbekistan.*

**TEHRAN-KHARKIV: NEW DIRECTIONS IN NETWORKING**

*From April 27 to May 3, the Head of the International Relations Office Mrs. Anzhela Stashchak made an official visit to Tehran University of Medical Sciences (Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran).*



The visit was a part of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities, signed in May 2016. During the visit, Anzhela Stashchak took part in a number of events, one of which was the seminar "Internationalization of Higher Education:

Academic Mobility". She acted as a keynote speaker with her presentation "How to pursue internationalization through mobility".

The seminar was also attended by representatives of the ministries of education and health, vice-rectors for international affairs, heads of international relations offices of universities in the UK, Switzerland, France, Spain, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Canada, Iran, Australia and Germany.

In the framework of the visit the Faculty of Advanced Medical Technologies was visited, the main activity of which is focused on the educational process and research in the field of nanotechnology in medicine, molecular medicine, medical biotechnology, etc., the Virtual Faculty (online training, webinars, telemedicine), Faculty of Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine, Medical Faculty. In all these areas, the possibilities of cooperation in the field of the educational process and scientific research were discussed.

The Head of the International Relations Office Anzhela Stashchak met the Director of the Department of International Relations, Accreditation and Ranking, Dr. Mohammad Hussein Nekoofar, exchanged experience with her Iranian colleague, discussed the issues of the development of academic exchange of specialists and students, scientific cooperation, practical aspects of the implementation of joint diploma programmes in the field of Dentistry.

This visit promoted the development of bilateral relations between Kharkiv National Medical University and Tehran University of Medical Sciences, and helped to establish new contacts with foreign seminar participants as well.

Along with Mrs. Anzhela Stashchak, five teachers of the Stomatological Faculty of our University visited Tehran University of Medical Sciences. Our teachers also participated in the seminar, on the first day of which they took part in the discussion groups "Accreditation and Mobility" and "International Cooperation for World-Class Research". On the second day of the seminar, they joined two special-interest round tables on "Accreditation and Ranking".

The third day in Tehran University was equally rich for the Ukrain-

ian delegation. On May 1, the delegates visited TUMS School of Dentistry and got acquainted with the work of this structural subdivision.

On May 2, teachers of the Department of Therapeutic Dentistry of KhNMU met with their colleagues and heads of the Departments of Restorative Dentistry, Periodontology, Endodontics and the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of TUMS. Teachers of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Pediatric Maxillofacial Surgery and Implantology met with the leadership of the Orthodontics Department and the Department of Pediatric Dentistry of TUMS.

Issues of development of bilateral cooperation were discussed during the meetings. At the Department of Orthodontics Dr. Liudmyla



Kryvenko read the lecture "Treatment with Removable and Non-removable Devices", Dr. Oleksii Ohurtsov made a report on the topic: "Orthodontic Diagnosis and Treatment Planning." After that, the teachers gave a master class on setting up a bracket

system for students, as well as international post-graduate students of the department. They also visited the Department of Postgraduate Education and held a discussion with Iranian colleagues.

Dr. Eduard Dolia made a presentation "Organization of Young Scientists Society at KhNMU" for faculty members and students on the same day. Dr. Olha Volkova read a lecture "Historical Developmental Aspects of teaching Dentistry as a Medical Discipline at Kharkiv National Medical University" for faculty members and guests from Iranian Dental Association.

On May 3, a meeting with the Dean of TUMS School of Dentistry, Dr. Mohammed Bayat, and Vice-Dean for Global Strategies and International Affairs at the School of Dentistry, Dr. Mohammad Reza Khami, and representatives of the Departments of the School of Dentistry was held. During the visit considerable attention was paid to the issues of enhancing joint scientific activities, in particular, considered common points and differences in the thematic plans and work programmes of the departments of both universities, concerning the organization of joint activities of structural subdivisions of the universities.

The delegates of KhNMU visited the international campus of TUMS School of Dentistry, where Dr. Kseniya Lepilina made a presentation about "Prevention of Dental Diseases in Children" for international and local students of TUMS.

The intensive programme of the visit of the teachers of the Stomatological Faculty of our University to the Iranian University contributed to the deepening of cooperation between the two universities and the development of new areas of interaction.

**PARTNERSHIP RELATIONS: ONE OF THE MODERN WAYS IN DEVELOPING COOPERATION**

*From May 17 to May 22, the official delegation from Kharkiv National Medical University, including the Director of the Education and Research Institute for Postgraduate Education Dr. Valerii Viun and the Head of the International Relations Office Mrs. Anzhela Stashchak, visited the Republic of Uzbekistan in response for the invitation of our University's partner Andijan State Medical Institute.*



The intensive programme of the KhNMU delegation's stay was organized by Andijan State Medical Institute (ASMI). The programme included visits to several higher medical education institutions in different cities of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Thus, the visit began with a meeting between

the delegation and the administration of Andijan State Medical Institute, namely with the Acting Rector Prof. Madami Madazimov, the Vice-Rector for Research Prof. G'ulomidin Xodjimatomov, the Vice-Rec-

tor for Education Prof. Ibroxim Alimdjano, the Dean of the Faculty for Postgraduate Education Prof. Gulchhera, the Head of the International Relations Office Assoc. Prof. Kamoliddin Salahiddinov. The parties once again confirmed intentions to cooperate within the existing Agreement, and also discussed the concrete ways of interaction between both universities, in particular, in the sphere of postgraduate education.

Further Dr. Valerii Viun and Mrs. Anzhela Stashchak were invited to visit the University Hospital of ASMI where they took part in solemn opening of Minimally Invasive Technology Training Centre. Beyond that Dr. Viun made a report during the International Conference "Topical Issues of Surgery", which was also organized by Andijan State Medical Institute.

Moreover in the frames of the visit the delegation attended Samarkand State Medical Institute. In addition to this, there was a meeting with the Rector of Bukhara State Medical Institute and the Vice-Rector for Research.

This visit provided the enhancing of cooperation between our University and Andijan State Medical Institute, and also set the stage for establishment of partnership relations with Samarkand State Medical Institute and Bukhara State Medical Institute.

**Anna Kurach**, Marketing Officer, International Relations Office, **Valeria Kolesnikova**, Officer, International Relations Office

## ACADEMIC MOBILITY

Two third-year students Dmytro Tarasenko (second Medical Faculty) and Maryna Silina (third Medical faculty) studied at the Medical Faculty of Vilnius University during the autumn semester of the 2016/2017 academic year. This trip was possible by dint of the Agreement on cooperation between the Vilnius University and Kharkiv National Medical University.

Being an exchange student is very interesting as it allows to get an important life experience, get acquainted with a new education system and become part of it for a while, be more independent, improve your foreign language level, acquire intercultural experience, make friends with peers from other countries.

Our student shared her impressions and experience of studies at Vilnius University.

## LABA DIENA, LIETUVA

There is a country in the world where it rains almost all the time, the word of gratitude sounds like sneezing and called cold pink soup is borshch. In the first semester of my third year I was lucky enough to say "Laba diena, Lietuva" and learnt the hard way how it can be to study in a European university, concurrently the oldest one in Lithuania.



I owe this unforgettable opportunity to our International Relations Office's staff who had developed cooperation with the Lithuanian university, and whose help made my entire application process much easier. The application process included completing an application form, a cover letter writing (of course it was in English, as well as the whole learning ahead) and getting a nomination letter from the Vice-Dean. When all the documents were collected and sent, the time of exciting waiting came. It was unclear whether Vilnius University agreed to accept me to its walls for six months or not. Soon afterwards I got the long-awaited positive response, an invitation letter. It was then when my Lithuanian history began.

Another stage, quite difficult one because of the number of documents, was to get a national type visa. My passport, a copy of recent bank account statement, a medical insurance, a letter of admission to VU, an application form for the type D visa – that's the list of documents which I had to prepare myself. Two visits to Kyiv – and there it was, such a desirable visa in my passport. Some more preparations and I was sitting in a bus going from Kyiv to the capital of one of the nearest Baltic states.

Vilnius University is at the forefront of participation in different mobility and student exchange programmes (e.g. Erasmus+), every semester it accepts many young people from different countries from Portugal to South Korea. Every year a lot of foreign students enter master courses in Lithuania. The University authorities know well how to welcome new people from other countries properly. I was assigned to a mentor-girl who studied at Vilnius University. She heroically met me at the bus station at 5 a.m. on Sunday, took me to the hostel and put me in the way of things as for the town transportation, University registration procedure – in short, different life hacks. That's why adaptation wasn't a bruising experience for me and it was rather quick.

Life in the Lithuanian hostel seemed remarkably cheerful and quite comfortable. All my floor neighbors were from different countries: Spain, Greece, Korea, Albania, Lebanon, Nigeria, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Germany and others. That was an unforgettable experience of intercultural exchange, which I consider to be one of the most valuable acquisitions. As for the living conditions, they were slightly better than at our Ukrainian dormitories only due to more space in a room, which was designed for three people. We had one kitchen and four shower rooms on each floor (for about 33 people), and a balcony in each room.

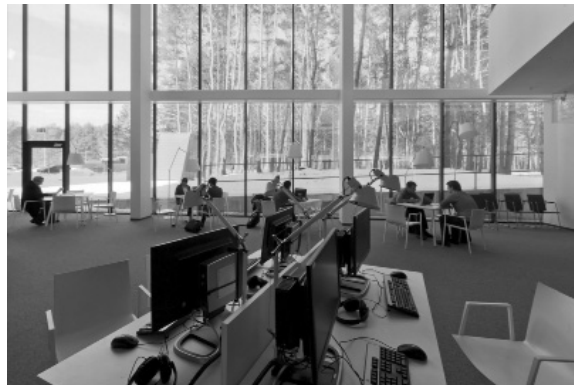
The first week of September was called an orientation week, and was designed to show all the newcomers the city and the country's culture. We had a meeting with the Rector, a large number of activi-

ties and excursions, e.g. a trip to an incredibly beautiful Trakai Island Castle located on an island in Lake Galvė near Vilnius. Everyone had an opportunity to attend a two-week course of good Lithuanian titled "Survival Lithuanian Language Course". Though it was not very difficult for me to survive in Vilnius, as most of the older generation spoke Russian because of the Soviet history of Lithuania, and all young people spoke perfect English. Therefore, in language terms Lithuania appeared to be a beautiful country. In addition, the Lithuanians love and respect the Ukrainians, take compassion upon our modern history. First of all, it was very nice, and secondly, facilitated interaction with the local population. A bunch of new friends, impressions and cultural enrichment – that's what I was given at the beginning of September.

But soon, my studies began and I had less free time. My new classmates were students studying in Vilnius on a regular basis in English. Most of them were young people from Germany, but also from Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Canada, Russia and Israel. All of them were very friendly and had accustomed to welcoming each semester new exchange students for another six-month period.

The same can be said about teachers. The most enjoyable for me was a very well-established interaction with them. Any questions concerning a subject or even a schedule (e.g. moving classes to more convenient time) could be discussed via e-mail. You never waited for an answer for more than a day.

We didn't wear white doctor's gowns at the most of classes (other than those ones which envisaged a contact with a patient or with chemicals), and no one heard of caps at all. Visiting lectures is not required, but at the workshops the attendance was taken. At some classes such as Pathological Anatomy and Physiology and Pharmacology we had a test at every class. At the seminars in all other courses there were discussions and an examination at the end of the semester. So, I had five exams at the end, all in English. Frankly speaking, it was an incredibly difficult experience, but on the other hand it was very important.



In my view, a special attention should be paid to the library of Vilnius University where even a lazy student will become an intellectual genius. It is modern and comfortable. Three blocks, five floors allotted to the faculties, a lot of computers with the best software, a lot of books in all specialties, multiple scanners and printers which could be used by students independently, a 3D-printer, a small cafe and 24/7 operation mode – everything mentioned above is free for students of Vilnius University. It is not difficult to guess where I spent all the time to prepare for my classes.

To sum up, it may safely be said that those were the best six months of my life and I wish that all our students could experience the same. Intercultural, knowledge and skills exchange with other nations is very important in the 21-st century. I believe that internationalization is what you need to participate in and support in every possible way. I hope that it will be in good progress at our esteemed alma mater.

\* Hello, Lithuania!

*Maryna Silina, third year student, third Medical Faculty*



**MY FIRST DAY AT COLLEGE****“WE HAVE HARD WORK...”**

“Good memories are lost jewels”. Sweet memories are like sweet flowers. They become a constant source of happiness and glee in depressing drama of life. Sweet memories of my first day at University are assets of my life. They will always be kept in my heart. University is the place where a person gets the chance to build his character and future. It promises a bright time to come for the nation by generating civilized and responsible citizens.

“A college education shows how little other person thinks”.

I graduated from my high schools with good marks. It was a memorable day when the list of successful candidates who were chosen for studying was announced. I reached the main entrance of Kharkiv Na-

tional Medical University and saw students standing outside. I managed to talk to them, although I was a bit confused.

“We are not here to play, to dream, to paint. We have hard work to do and goals to achieve.” I found myself among smart and active boys who were always ready to help and assist. I am expressing gratitude for their kindness and support. “Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet”. Only through experience and suffering one can reach the goals and strengthen his ambitions.

**Nitish Sharma**

My first year at the University was amazing but difficult. There were a lot of subjects that I found complicated like biology, histology but with teachers’ help it became easier. Latin language I found difficult for studying but our teacher was very nice and supportive. Ukrainian language also was not easy but necessary subject. Our teacher Alla helped us to speak the language and understand it in a good way.

**Ismail**

First of all I love the University and all the teachers. Every teacher is special in his own way, but I want to express my gratitude to my terminology teacher Diana Kormanova. All the students respect her. She doesn’t allow anyone to let down any time. I respect her much and give all my thanks to her.

**Yousef Abu-Reash****SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY****SCIENTISTS OF OUR UNIVERSITY TOOK PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN POLAND**

On March 10–12, Professor of the Philosophy Department *Kateryna Karpenko* and Assistant Professor of the Department of Internal Medicine No. 1 *Iryna Zelena* participated in the International Conference on Medical Humanities (Warsaw, Poland).

The scientific event was attended by over 300 scientists from 20 countries to discuss the issues of interdisciplinary medicine, to study the teaching of the Humanities at the American and European Medical Universities, and to create a platform for a number of joint research projects.

Prof. Karpenko K.I. made a report on “Gender Approach as a Qualitative Contribution to Ukrainian Higher Medical Education”. She also chaired the section “The Ancient and Modern Practices of Disease Combating”.

The Report of Assoc. Prof. *Iryna Zelena* “The Differences between the Descriptive Anthropology and Bioethics” was heard and discussed in the section “Medical Ethics and Competence”.

*Adapted from the site of KhNMU***STUDENTS’ CONFERENCE****ACTUAL PROBLEMS OF TROPICAL INFECTOLOGY**

On March 27, the XXXVIII annual students’ conference “Actual problems of tropical infectology” took place on the Department of Infectious Diseases. This conference has been conducted in English language since 2000.

More than 100 students of the VI Faculty for Training of Foreign Students took part in the conference. 14 reports on actual problems of quarantine and emerging infectious and parasitic diseases of tropics were presented, and attracted a great interest.

The first place was given to the student *Onwujekwe Udodi Ebubechukwu*; the sec-



ond was divided between the students *Onuchukwu Chibuzor*, *Victor Sanu*, *Sosamma Yohannan*; the third place was taken by the students *Okeke Nduaadina Ifunanya*, *Ohiri Akuyoma May* and *Naluzze Doreen Mary*.

**Congratulation to the winners!****HISTORY OF UNIVERSITY****MUSEUM EXPERIENCE**

The tour of school Museum was a great experience. I saw lots of pictures and artifacts telling about a gradual development processes of the school from being a medical faculty in 1805 to National Medical University in 2007.



Among the pictures and artifacts we found the most interesting ones: the table which belonged to professor *Mykola Bokarius*, samples of kidney stones (from the collection of professor *Volodymyr Shapoval*), equipment and tools used by doctors in the past (the doctor’s bag), the towel of a famous cardiologist *L. Malaya* with her name, knitted on it.

We listened carefully to amazing information about the history of our Alma Mater.

It was really useful class for us with our teacher *Nataliya Martynenko*.

**Obasi Emmanuel, Group 17, I course**

The museum is really big, sophisticated and well-organized part of our University’s history. In the museum our history teacher *Mrs. Nataliya* told us about the way of KhNMU, from its foundation in 1805 to nowadays, the way from Institute of Medicine to National University.

The museum gives us an opportunity to know more about the university, from generation to generation.

It is really a nice place to visit for acquisition of knowledge. The museum has a lot to offer. There are different items on display. Each item astonishes in its own way and makes the best what history can do – connecting people and reminding us of the past. I sincerely applaud this great institution for its outstanding performance and ability to preserve all documents.

The items revealed how much the school and medicine in Ukraine have achieved.

**Gbemisola Ogunsanya, Group 17, I course****A ROUND TABLE****TRADITION OF UKRAINIAN SYMBOLICS**

On June 9, a round table “Sacral sense of Ukrainian traditional symbolics” was held.

Assistant professor *Nataliya Martynenko* gave a work-shop on making Ukrainian traditional amulet – rag doll “*Motanka*”.

Foreign students of the 6<sup>th</sup> faculty took an active part in the event.

## OVERSEAS TRIPS

# MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH INDIA – A COUNTRY OF GODS AND AYURVEDA



At the end of studying year for the first time I had an honour to visit India as a part of working group, promoting Ukrainian medical education abroad. For 7 years of work in the English-medium dean's office for training foreign students, I have closely communicated with the natives of this country and even became acquainted a little with their culture and national holidays (Diwali – festival of lights, Holi – festival of colours), which we traditionally celebrate with our Indian friends in Kharkiv. While recruiting first-year students from India last year, I came across with certain facts when students from South India flatly refused to be with compatriots from North India, explaining it by a language barrier, different culinary preferences and so on. I thought it was very strange although Eastern and Western regions of Ukraine also have some differences, but not so evident as for me.

In administrative terms India is divided into 25 states and 7 allied territories and in each group of people speak local languages, have different cultural traditions and even completely different cuisine. So, the manager of "BobTrade education group" company for recruiting foreign students in Ukraine Anna Andrienko and I, and a representative of Ukrainian Medical University, flew into the airport of Chennai on the southeast coast of India (Tamil Nadu state).



Tamil is one of the largest and most famous Indian states, which is famous for its unique Dravidian culture and magnificent temple complexes (there are about 30,000 temples in the state). On this land in the Middle Ages there were powerful Indian states that had an impact on the development of the entire region and left numerous cultural monuments and architectural masterpieces.

The meeting with the director of "AGBM overseas education consultants company" Anita Thamarai at 4 a.m., 45 degrees, stuffiness and intense traffic - these were our first impressions of Tamil. Then we had several hours of rest in the hotel, breakfast and the first seminar "Education in Ukraine". The next step was moving to a new city and conducting a seminar for audience. Families interested in obtaining medical education for their children in Ukraine, attended our events. So we traveled all over South India – from east to west and moved to the next state of Kerala. It's a quite different India – mostly Protestant. I met such an abundance of Christian churches only in Western Europe! The state of Kerala, as it is called by locals "Kerala – Gods own country" is famous for its wondrous nature itself. And not only the views of the oceans are there, but also various small canals, along which you can swim on surprisingly comfortable boats, as well as various nature reserves.

During breaks between the seminars Anix Education director Alex Thomas showed us what we could see only in television programmes about travels: Ayurvedic centre in Somatiram on the ocean coast, floating houses as part of an ethnic cruise, a real jungle with a lot of wild monkeys, roe deer and elephants. We did not have an opportunity to stay in one place for more than a few hours, but this time was enough to forget about the world around us. The lead character of the movie "Eat, Pray, Love" Julia Roberts had been recalled by us. She also rethought her attitude to life and herself after the trip to India.

In modern science Ayurveda is considered to be one of the alternative branches of medicine and is aimed to prolonging the longevity of our body. Imagine that your students can also possess this priceless knowledge! Unconventional methods of therapy, Indian food, specific

for us, and yoga, which strengthens and heals not only the body, but also the soul – all of these things are also originated from here.

It was a pleasant surprise for me to know that the parents of my 5-year students were also invited to our seminars in Kochi and Thisur. So I met Arjun Manoj's parents and brother and even visited the house and plantation of Abin Joy's family, and I'm grateful to them for the warm reception and communication – it was unforgettable for me.

Did I want to leave Kerala? Definitely not, but a busy schedule was drawn up in advance, so the final stage of our trip was Delhi. Delhi is the third in the list of cities in the world in terms of population. It is a home to over 16 million people. Now the capital of India is New Delhi – a respectable, developed business centre, and Old Delhi is a focus of mosques, market places and architectural sights. In Delhi we were met personally by Hardeep Singh, the director of BobTrade education group, who arranged for us visiting the places for which tourists from



all over the world fly to India: the Taj Mahal in Agra and the Lotus Temple in Delhi. I thought nothing can be more beautiful than these places before visiting Gurgaon. Gurgaon (Gurghram) is the second largest city in the Indian state of Haryana. A large industrial and financial centre, which is located 30 km in south of New Delhi, one of the main satellite cities of the country's capital. Our last seminar was there, we were received by the director of Fly4studies RohitChhabra (RohitChhabra) company and his charming wife Nupur. This is a modern metropolis with skyscrapers, beautiful roads and simply indescribable entertainment complex "Kingdom of Dreams".

The "Kingdom of Dreams" is a complex, which was opened in 2010, includes two theaters – Nautanki Mahal and Showshaa Theater, as well as an unusual recreation area – the Culture Gully Boulevard, which covers an area of almost 9 thousand square meters. Here you can admire the traditional Indian architecture, try a variety of local cuisine. The main theater of the "Kingdom of Dreams" is Nautanki Mahal. A large hall for 835 seats is designed for the performances. The most modern sound and lighting system, hydraulic decoration equipment allows achieving incredible effects during the performance. We were lucky to see musical "Zangoora" there in the best traditions of old Bollywood films. It was in Hindi – a story about a crown prince brought up by wandering artists, a favourite of women waiting for his star hour to save his country and marry to a beautiful queen. I plunged myself in this Indian fairy tale completely. Friends accompanying us tried to translate some lines to me, and I said "Thank you, no need – I have already understood everything perfectly". Indian music, songs, dances, costumes took me back to childhood, the era of the USSR, when the only action in our cinemas were two serial Indian films "Disco Dancer", "Zita and Gita", "Dance, Dance", "As three musketeers" and so on. I did not think about the fact that in a few hours we had to go to the airport and fly back to Ukraine, I was on the stage with Zangura and his retinue...

I don't have words to describe my emotions. I have visited many cities and countries of the world, but there is no more such country and such culture, that's why these people are so kind and open. That's why conflicts never arise in class with Indian students. Maybe they are not always excellent, it's true. But they love Ukraine and our people with all their hearts, so let us all together do not disappoint them and we will reciprocate this universal love.

Vice-Dean of the 6<sup>th</sup> Faculty for International Students **Oksana Vasylijeva**



## THE JUBILEE SCIENTIFIC FORUM OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS



The jubilee X International Scientific Interdisciplinary Conference of Young Scientists and Students of the International Scientific Interdisciplinary Conference (ISIC) was held on the basis of Kharkiv National Medical University on May 24-26. English was the official language of the event.



Students and young scientists from Kharkiv, Vinnitsa, Zaporizhia, Kramatorsk, Odessa and other cities took part in the conference.

This year in the frames of ISIC 109 oral reports were listened to, a poster section was held where 43 poster presentations were presented. Following the conference's materials, a collection of works was published, which included 280 theses of young scientists.

In the course of the work master classes on electrocardiography, emergency medical assistance for polytrauma and art therapy were held.

An online voting to decide "The best ISIC-X poster!" (so-called Audience Choice Award) was conducted.

All participants of the conference received portfolios with a participant's collection, as well as badges with a QR code of the page of the Students' Science Association in the social network of Facebook, where they can get all the information about the conference, see photos and have an opportunity to follow upcoming events.

During the closing ceremony, the University rector Vladimir Lisovyi congratulated the winners and handed out them memorable awards.

**Olesya Plekhova**



### INTERNATIONAL EVENING

## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE NATIONAL TRADITIONS OF GHANA



On May 31, an evening devoted to the culture of Ghana took place at the Department of Latin Language and Medical Terminology.

First- and second-year students from Ghana told about the culture and customs of their country, got acquainted students and teachers of the department with a variety of dialects, demonstrated video of ritual dances, national costumes and shared their culinary preferences.

During the event the audience took an active part in discussing the peculiarities of education and patterns of family life of Ghana.

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