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## EVENT

### LOCATIONS FOR THE STUDENT COMMUNITY

Honorary guests, such as the Governor of Kharkiv Region Yuliya Svitlychna and the People's Deputy of Ukraine Iryna Lutsenko visited Kharkiv National Medical University on the eve of the Day of the Medical Worker. During the visit, which took place on June 14, they solemnly opened two new locations of KhNMU: the modern information and library complex of the University and a sculptural composition dedicated to the international student family.

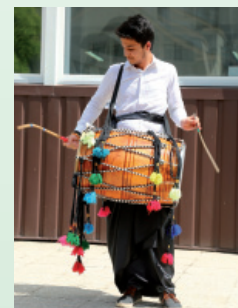


## FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONS

### "FESTIVAL OF CULTURES"

Traditionally, the "Fair of Cultures" festival is held annually at KhNMU. This year's cultural and educational event took place on May 15 at the initiative of the Student Self-Government.

During the festival, participants from 11 countries represented the culture of their people. Guests of the event had an opportunity to find out interesting information about each country, to get acquainted with colorful outfits and taste various national cuisines. Also during the event everyone could hear the folk melodies of the represented countries and enjoy national dances.



## AWARD

### THE SPECIALIST FROM SWITZERLAND – HONOURARY DOCTOR OF KhNMU

At the meeting of the scientific community of the Medical University in accordance with the Resolution of the Academic Council of April 19, 2018, the Director of the Psychiatric Clinic of Münsterlingen, Thurgau (Switzerland), the Doctor of Medical Sciences, Prof. Gerhard Wolfgang Dammann was awarded the title of "Honorary Doctor of Kharkiv National Medical University" for his contribution to the strengthening of KhNMU's cooperation between our University and foreign scientific institutions in the field of health care.

The foreign colleague expressed his sincere gratitude for the awarding of the honorary title, and a privilege extended to him by the renowned higher medical school, "I am proud to receive this award from a famous scientist, a laureate of the Web of Science, Prof. Volodymyr Lisovyi. The honorary award I was handed, demonstrates the fruitful and active cooperation between scientists from Ukraine and Switzerland", noted the Honorary Doctor of KhNMU Gerhard Wolfgang Dammann.



**EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS**

## KhNMU – AN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION WITH MULTI-DIMENSIONAL HISTORICAL PAST

From March 30 to April 5, within the framework of the Agreement on collaboration between Kharkiv National Medical University and Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS), the delegation of the representatives and the students of Dentistry School of TUMS, which was led by Dr. Mohammad Reza Khami from Community Oral Health Department, visited KhNMU.



Distinguished guests met with the Rector of Kharkiv National Medical University Prof. Volodymyr Lisovyi, the Dean of the Dental Faculty Victor Nikonov, the Head of the International Relations Office Anzhela Stashchak, and the other representatives of the University.

Volodymyr Lisovyi greeted the honoured guests and noted, "We are glad to welcome you in the

oldest higher medical school of our country, where for the first time foreign students began to study on the territory of the Soviet Union. Today we have students from 80 countries, and I'm sure that our international institution with multi-dimensional historical past will be interesting for you because many innovations and openings, which are known all around the world, were done exactly on the base of Kharkiv higher medical school. The interesting programme of acquainting with our University was prepared. We kindly ask you to visit our University clinics, clinical bases. You will be able to get to know the history

of our University by visiting the Museum of History of KhNMU and also you will be able to find out interesting facts about cultural life of our city. I hope that a cold weather will be offset by our warm welcome".



The Iranian colleagues were glad to visit such a respected institution, as Kharkiv National Medical University. They got possibility not only to develop collaboration between our institutions, but also to become more acquainted with the culture of the Ukrainian people.

The representatives of the Iranian University visited the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry, the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Pediatric Oral Surgery and Implantology, the Department of Therapeutic Dentistry, the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and also the Museum of History of KhNMU, the Department of Public Health and Healthcare Management, and the Department of Pathological Anatomy.

## THE CONTINENT OF OPPORTUNITIES

Modern human achievements make the distance between countries shorter, ideas and problems become global, opportunities become incomparable even with the recent past.

A chance to ascertain the truth of this allegation was while visiting one of the best universities of Australia, Macquarie University. It was not a random choice. Indeed this educational institution is a model of the integration of education, science and practice, which, in fact, is the goal of the education reform in Ukraine.



On April 23, during the visit to Macquarie University our delegation met the Associate Director of the Department of International Relations Ms. Guie Hartney (by the way, the number of members of the department is over 120 persons, demonstrating the broad international work of Macquarie University); the Chief Executive Officer of Macquarie University Hospital Ms. Carol Bryant; the Associate Dean of the Department of Higher Degree Research at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Prof. Mark Connor; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research Prof. Sakkie Pretorius, and the Executive Director of the Department of Research Training and International Research Training Partnerships Dr. Ren Yi.

The visit to the University Hospital on a university campus was extremely interesting. Opened in 2010, the Hospital became a world leader that combines education, science, and health care. It is located on the grounds of Macquarie University, next to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, and forms the structure known as

the Macquarie University Health Sciences Center, and is also called MQ Health.

Our delegation discussed ways of implementing the Memorandum of Understanding between KhNMU and Macquarie University for jointly supervised PhD degree, and prospects of further expanding cooperation on issues related to educational and scientific projects in the field of medicine and health care.

One of the areas of international cooperation in the preparation of high level researchers are Cotutelle and Joint PhD programmes.

Cotutelle is a programme that includes simultaneous studying at both Universities: KhNMU and Macquarie University. The participants would be given a research advisor in each institution, and after the successful completion of the programme, they would defend the thesis, achieving PhD grade and two diplomas: Ukrainian and Australian (International Diploma).

On the basis of the results of the visit and discussion on the issues of cooperation, Kharkiv National Medical University relates to the educational institutions of the second priority, the institutions with which the practical work on the implementation of Cotutelle programme is being done. In this group there are only two Ukrainian institutions - KhNMU and Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.

In addition to the official part of the visit, we were able to get acquainted with Australia - a green continent with extremely interesting people, history, and nature. Benevolence, diligence, ambitiousness, self-confidence are integral to the Australian culture, and make this country a continent of opportunities in all areas of human activity.

**Valeriy Myasoedov  
Dmytro Marakushyn**





## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

### WE ARE READY TO COOPERATE!

On February 23, the Minister Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Ukraine, Mr. Ahmed Balafrej visited Kharkiv National Medical University.

The Minister Plenipotentiary met the Vice-Rector for Research Prof. Valeriy Myasoedov, the Head of the International Relations Office Anzhela Stashchak, the Director of the Education and Research Institute for Training of International Citizens Assoc. Prof. Dmytro Marakushyn and the Dean of VI Faculty for International Students Prof. Vadym Sinaiko.



Prof. Valeriy Myasoedov welcomed the guest at our University, provided a brief overview about the University, brought historical milestones of its foundation, and acquainted with the organization of the educational process, in particular, the work of the deans in training foreign students. 'Our University is one of the leading higher medical educational institutions in Ukraine, not only because it is among the seven national universities, and the national status is first of all recognition of educational and scientific achievements, as well as significant achievements at the international level. So, our University has recently held the first place among all universities of the country in terms of the number of foreign students. We are grateful for your visit, this is a testimony of attention from the government, the Kingdom of Morocco, and we are ready to cooperate fruitfully on all issues and issues that are set before us', said Prof. Valeriy Myasoedov.



Mr. Ahmad Balafrej, in his turn, expressed interest in bilateral cooperation and solving actual problems, as our common goal is that a graduate student of KhNMU after the training should continue his successful medical activity in his homeland, and for this purpose all the appropriate conditions are provided.

During the meeting, issues of cooperation related to the training of Moroccan citizens in our University and the possibility of expanding bilateral relations in the field of international relations were discussed. Dmytro Marakushyn and Vadym Sinaiko actively joined the discussion, said about the problems that arise in Moroccan students during their studies at KhNMU. Prof. Valeriy Myasoedov emphasized that such problems are international and are characteristic not only for students from Morocco. He also called for mutual efforts to improve the conditions and the process of training foreign citizens, including Moroccan ones.

Honoured guest visited the Museum of History of KhNMU and left a record in the book of reviews, thanking for an interesting and informative excursion to the past of our glorious educational institution.

**Valeriia Kolesnikova,**

*Expert of I category, International Relations Office*

### ON THE WAY OF DEVELOPING FRIENDLY RELATIONS

On March 22, a delegation of the Embassy of Lebanon in Ukraine in the capacity of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Lebanon to Ukraine Ali Daher and his assistants – Mr. Toni Zhamayel and Mr. Ali Khaidar visited KhNMU. Guests were accompanied by Vice-Rector for Scientific and Pedagogical Work and International Relations of Kharkiv Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education Mr. Abbas Kaafarani.



Our dear guests met the University Authorities. At the beginning of the meeting, the First Vice-Rector for Research and Education Valeriy Kapustnyk welcomed the honoured guests at the oldest university of our country, which has rich experience in training foreign students, including citizens of the Lebanese Republic. At present one fifth of Lebanese students study at our University. Thus, in order to ensure the quality and successful training of such a large number of students, it is important to have the support of the Embassy.

In his turn, Mr. Ali Daher expressed his gratitude for the excellent organization of the meeting, and noted that he had started his first visit to Kharkiv with KhNMU. Because according to Mr. Ambassador, he found out a lot of information about our institution, and knows that the University is accredited at the international level, and it's in great demand among Lebanese youth, who choose to study at KhNMU.

During the meeting, issues of bilateral cooperation and the development of friendly relations between Ukraine and Lebanon, the stay of Lebanese citizens in Ukraine, and their study at the University were discussed.

**Valeriia Kolesnikova,** *Expert of I category, International Relations Office*

### EXPANDING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

On April 27, at Kharkiv National Medical University there was a delegation of the representatives of the Sokoto State Scholarship Board, Nigeria.



Guests visited the International Relations Office, where they met the Head of the International Relations Office Anzhela Stashchak, discussed the possibilities of expanding international cooperation in the field of education and culture. Ms. Anzhela Stashchak told the guests about the criteria and rules for admitting foreign students to study at our University, and about the system of academic mobility and cooperation with foreign partners.

After the meeting in the International Relations Office, guests from Nigeria visited the Museum of History of KhNMU, and found out a lot of interesting, and new facts about the history of one of the oldest higher medical schools of our country.

Furthermore the programme of the visit was scheduled for a visit to the Education and Research Institute for Training of International Citizens, and to the VI and VII Faculties for International Students. The delegation members visited the phantom class, got acquainted with the educational process, and they also had an opportunity to communicate with foreign students.

*Adopted from the International Relations Office*

**SCIENTIFIC FORUM****THE LEADING ACHIEVEMENTS ARE BEING DISCUSSED**

The VI conference MECO'2018 is a continuation of very successful preliminary events, where leading experts of various scientific directions are invited to take part in.



It is pleasant that this scientific forum has become traditional for our scientists. In particular, this year, it was attended by associate professor of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Pediatric Maxillofacial Surgery and Implantology Lyudmila Krivenko.

Her report on the opening day is the result of an acknowledgment in the field of scientific achievements. We hope that the interest in the research presented by the Nobel laureate Sir Richard Timothy (Tim) Hunt (whose presentation also took place on the first day) will give a new wave of impetus and stimulus to our scientists for new achievements.

**Reference**

Sir Richard Timothy (Tim) Hunt is a British biochemist, Nobel Prize winner in the field of medicine and physiology in 2001. Awarded for the discovery of regulation of the cell cycle of eukaryotes by cyclin and cyclin-dependent kinases. He proved that the concentration of cyclins varies depending on the phase of the cell cycle, while various cycles specifically bind to their "own" CDK kinases.

**INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES****EXPLORE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES OF ACADEMIC MOBILITY**

From 9 to 13 April 2018, an expert of the International Relations Office, Valeriia Koliesnikova, has participated at the international event entitled Erasmus International Credit Mobility 1st Staff Week 2018, which took place in Çukurova University (CU)-Adana (Turkey).



The event was held in order to obtain the experience in organizing the academic mobility within the framework of the Erasmus+, to discuss the best practices, the main difficulties, following challenges and future possibilities. The representatives of six countries, namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Tunisia, Indonesia, and Ukraine took part at the international event.

During a workweek our representative had a chance to meet the Rector of Çukurova University, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kibar, the Head of the Department of International Relations, Prof. Dr. Harun Arican, and the Erasmus Coordinator of the Medical Faculty, Prof. Dr. Hakan Demirhindi. During the meeting new future plans and prospects of students and staff exchange, developments of the perspective projects were discussed.

Within the framework of Erasmus International Credit Mobility 1st Staff Week 2018, there also was held the Erasmus day, where the representative of the International Relations Office gave a presentation about Kharkiv National Medical University.

*Adopted from the International Relations Office*

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION****COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS ARE CONTINUING**

Kharkiv National Medical University has been actively cooperating with Andizhan State Medical Institute since 2015 – when the Agreement on Cooperation was signed. In the frames of this Agreement the first steps in building cooperation have already been made, namely, the representatives of KhNMU paid an official visit to Andizhan higher medical school, our University welcomed students for the purpose to undergo training courses in departments of KhNMU, an advanced training in cardiology for the Uzbek colleagues was also held.



Collaboration between our institutions is evolving rapidly. Thus, on April 27, 2018, on the base of Andizhan State Medical Institute the Republican videoconference of young scientists "Actual problems in medicine" took place. The students of the 1-st Medical Faculty, Daryna Sushetska, and Veronika Kornienko, tutored by Professor of the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Internal Medicine Iryna Kniazkova, presented their reports on a high level. The presentations aroused considerable interest among the young scientists from the Republic of Uzbekistan.

On May 4, 2018, at Kharkiv National Medical University there was the videoconference between our students and the students from Andizhan State Medical Institute. During the on-line communication, cultural exchange and acquaintance with the history of Ukrainian and Uzbek medical schools took place. At the end of the video-conference the parties agreed to deepen the collaboration and the partnership in both ways.

We hope that the partnership between our Universities will continue to develop from now forth.

*Adopted from the International Relations Office*

**EXPANDING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

From 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April, the representatives of Kharkiv National Medical University, namely the Head of the Department of Propedeutics of Internal Medicine No. 2 and Nursing Care Prof. Tetyana Ospanova, the Senior Officer of the International Relations Office Anna Kurach and the Senior Lecturer of the Department of Physical Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine with a course of Physical Education and Health Olga Lenska paid an official visit to Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa, the Republic of Poland.



Delegates met the Vice-Rector of International Relations Prof. Janush Kapustnyak with whom they discussed the possibilities of international cooperation between our Universities, the questions of academic staff exchange, organization of conferences, joint publications etc. In addition, the representatives of KhNMU had a conversation with the Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences Malgozata Makovska, with the Vice-Dean for students affairs Alina Gil and also with the representatives of the Department of Phisioterapy Jazek Vasuk and Vechorek Zbignev.

During the meeting the issues of possible international students mobility for those who study Nursing, Physical Rehabilitation were discussed. The Faculty members held an excursion around the University, showed classes for practical trainings and laboratories.

*Adopted from the International Relations Office*



## INTERNSHIP ABROAD

### FRUITFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN TWO UNIVERSITIES

Within the framework of realization of Memorandum of Understanding between two universities – Kharkiv National Medical University and Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS), Iran, the scientific delegation from our University had an internship in departments and clinics of Teheran University.

Members of the Department of Biological Chemistry Oksana Nakonechna and Anton Tkachenko worked in the Department of Clinical Biochemistry. They got acquainted with teachers' scientific works topics, described the results of their own scientific researches, visited the laboratories of the Endocrinology and Metabolism Research Center, and the Proteomics and Metabolomics Research Center, clinical laboratories, and Children's Medical Center.

Pediatricians Prof. Natalia Makieieva and Prof. Viktoriya Klymenko had learned about the work of Children's Medical Center and research centers, namely: Pulmonology and Bronchoscopy, Pediatric Urology and Regenerative Medicine, Asthma, Allergy and Immunology, Immunodeficiencies, Oncology, Genetics, Bone Marrow Transplantation. They also examined the hardest patients, and discussed the algorithms of diagnostics and treatment of common childhood diseases.

Epidemiologist Prof. Tetyana Chumachenko worked in Imam Khomeini Hospital. She visited the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Centre to Fight HIV/AIDS, infections units; got acquainted with the Faculty of Public Health work (School of Public Health), which is the oldest at the University; and she also visited the Department of Microbiology and Biological Chemistry, studied the organization and the implementation of infectious control in clinics and research centers of TUMS. Gynecologist Iryna Muruzina studied the experience of the Iranian colleagues in Center of Reproductive, Perinatal Medicine and Women's Diseases.

We call your attention on the impressions of our University scientists, who had the internship on the base of Tehran University of Medical Sciences.

### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF MEMORANDUM

The delegates from our University during their internship had an opportunity to get acquainted with the structure, features of the pedagogical process and scientific-research activities of Tehran University of Medical Sciences.



TUMS includes 56 research centres, 10 schools and 17 clinics. The representatives of KhNMU got acquainted with the work of a pediatric clinic and the Endocrinology and Metabolism Research Institute, visited the Infectious Hospital and the Obstetric-Gynecological Centre.

The Endocrinology and Metabolism Research Institute includes 3 research institutes and 13 centres. Recently opened the Proteomics and Metabolomics Research Centre is particularly interesting. The Centre is modernly equipped with amino acid analyzers and a tandem mass-spectrometer to measure the high number of metabolites. Apart from the research work, the device is used in practical medicine for diagnosing of inherited glandular disorders.

While working in units of TUMS, the delegates from of our University presented scientific reports, reported on the main areas of scientific work of departments and their scientific achievements, and discussed the possible areas of collaboration.

On the last day in Tehran the representatives of KhNMU visited the USERN office, talked to its founder and president, Prof. Nima Rezaei, addressed the Student society. Our delegates told about Ukraine and Kharkiv – modern centre of science and education, and also listened to the students of TUMS, those who underwent the practice at Kharkiv National Medical University which is the leader of medical education in our country.



Prof. Oksana Nakonechna,  
Head of the Department of Biological Chemistry

### THE IRANIAN GYNECOLOGISTS – A GREAT EXAMPLE OF DOCTORS OF THE MODERN LEVEL

If you suddenly find yourself in a place where among the latest medical equipment, only women wearing the hijab and modest, neat clothes that remind you the Middle East women's clothes, do their jobs very skillfully and the only men you can see here – those ones who have just come into this world, throw away the idea that you are on the set, where the decorations for a futuristic saga are used for "A Thousand and One Nights" by mistake. This is Mohebbe Yas Hospital – the Reproductive, Perinatal, and Female Diseases Centre of Tehran University of Medical Sciences, which is located right in the centre of Tehran.



The gynecological care in Iran is entrusted only to women, and they fully justify this confidence, despite the difficult work that is hard to imagine: for four years of residency young doctors practically live in clinics, carrying out a schedule with 15 night shifts and unlimited daily work in units that starts at 5.30 a.m. The result of such a difficult training – the highest level of qualification, a level of technological adoption of the most difficult manipulations, the algorithm of action in accordance with the situation considered to small details, awareness on the molecular level of modern ideas about etiopathogenesis, the curious and sharp scientific mind. There they are – Iranian women gynecologists!

If this image does not fully conform to your perception of women of the East, what helps them to maintain traditions of their cultural heritage, their hospitality and a gentle attitude toward guests. Despite the furious work pace, they will pay a lot of attention to you, show and tell you about everything without rush, share their experience, they treat you the most delicious oriental dishes ... In general, when you begin to describe the impressions of Iranian gynecologists epithets with the prefix 'most' only come to mind. They are a great example of using their achievements in providing medical education and training doctors of the modern level. By the way, the hijab is very comfortable and practical in the operating room and in the obstetric unit.

I believe that cooperation with Tehran University of Medical Sciences provides us with great opportunities not only in learning about the experience of TUMS in providing medical education, but also reveals us the cultural code of the community, which several centuries ago was the source of the development of sciences, particularly medicine, and still maintains a high standard of quality of medical care, worthy of Avicenna's inheritors. I want to express my sincere gratitude for this great opportunity to gain invaluable experience and find projects for cooperation with Iranian colleagues.

Iryna Muruzina,  
the assistant of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology No. 1

**THE STUDENTS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME****THE STUDENTS OF KhNMU ABROAD – EXTENDING HORIZONS OF COLLABORATION**

In 2017, the student of the II-nd Medical Faculty of our University, Anastasiya Zubkovich, won the competitive selection among thousands requests of GLOBALUgrad university students exchange programme, supported by the State Department of the USA. For all the years of existence of this programme a medical student from Ukraine has been selected for the first time.



During a semester, Anastasiya studied in New Mexico Highlands University, which is located on a picturesque mountain plateau in Las Vegas. Every American student on top of the theoretical part, had to do the academic work. Attending the course of molecular and cellular biology in the laboratory of Ivan Hilton Center for science technology, our student learned how to work on the newest equipment, which every laboratory in the USA is equipped with. She also visited the main hospital of Portland, she had an opportunity to examine the patients.

Teachers were incredibly benevolent, therefore she felt very comfortable. Even the President of the University invited her and three other foreign students at his house for a dinner, and asked them about lacks of the University, which as has appeared the students did not find. In campus there was a swimming pool, a gym and lots of sports sections, in fact the Americans pay a great attention to sport. The campus of the University is in fact a small city: traks, a stadium, a park, a library, a cinema, a theater and even shops.



During weekends and vacation, Anastasiya travelled. She was lucky to see New York, Washington, Oregon, California, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and other. In Washington she attended a workshop, where among young people from 40 countries presented Ukraine. In America the girl also helped in a center for pregnant women and on a kitchen for homeless people as a volunteer. The student studied epidemiology and psychology, did the course of yoga. She received a certificate of honour and a gratitude for high academic achievements in studies, and a diploma in leadership training.

In November 2017, Anastasiya took part in the volunteer programme of Erasmus+. She spent two months in Gaziantep, Turkey, which is situated on the border with the Syrian city Aleppo. She taught Turkish and Syrian children English at school. The student attended the lectures in Gaziantep University and met professors. Also she had an opportunity to visit other cities, and learn about the Turkish cultural specificities.

Such experience is certainly invaluable for everyone. And we are sure that not only Anastasiya, but many of our students will be able to learn from the experiences of other countries, and make significant progress.

**Christina Ositashvili**, a student of the II-nd Medical Faculty

**OUR GRADUATES****20 YEARS LATER – JUST LIKE DUMAS**

*In 1997 I first arrived to Kharkiv, Ukraine.*

20 years of life in a global scale is a little drop in my native Indian Ocean, but during this time a man can achieve a lot. For these such short and such long years of my life I have lived in Kharkiv for thirteen years. I was a student of the Preparatory Department, I have studied at the Medical Faculty of KhNMU for six years, then I as a resident



undergone PhD studies and defended my PhD thesis, became a cardiologist. My dream came true – I treat the habitants of the numerous islands of Maldives.

For these years I got great experience, knowledge from the teachers of Kharkiv medical school. Thanks to everyone who helped me in achieving this goal, especially to Prof. Pavel Kravchun and Prof.

Vladimir Babadzhan, who helped me in writing my thesis, to all doctors and nurses who supported me in everything.



I firmly knew what specialist I wanted to become, therefore I often took part in night shifts in heart attack and cardiological departments, learning from senior experienced colleagues. Lately they trusted me with my own night shifts. I learned to feel responsible for the patients entrusted to me.



During my internship in India I mastered the operative cardiology methods, I think when a hospital I work in now will be fully operational, I will be able to operate on a heart.

In my motherland I have already held the Chief Medical Officer position in a big clinic on Hulhumale. I was offered the Chief Physician position, but I refused because I do not want to be only an administrator, I like to carry out therapeutic work, I really love the patients, and want to help them.

Constructing of the six-storey hospital building is about to be finished, it will be opened soon, equipment have been already taken.

For these twenty years I have become a dad twice: daughter Sofya, she was born in Kharkiv, grows up, she is already 14 years old, she studies in a tenth grade and wants to become a doctor too. I have a son Musab, he has recently turned six. It is my hope and the greatest happiness. He dreams of becoming a pilot or an astronaut.

I remember what a man must do for the life. I have already done almost everything during these twenty years but yet it is early to draw up on achievements. I want to do a great deal for the motherland yet – such beautiful and extraordinary the Republic of Maldives.

**Muosa Manic Ibrahim**,  
Maldives, Hulhumale



## THE DEAN'S PARTING WORDS TO THE GRADUATES

### MY DEAR GRADUATES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AND THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FACULTIES!

*I still can't believe that today is the day you will receive diplomas, and you will return to your motherland soon enough. It seems such a short time ago since you came to our Dean's Office and asked, 'Madam, what is the number of my group, and where can I get a timetable?'. And now all of you are almost in the same robes as me – my young colleagues.*



Of course I wish you success! I want you to become famous doctors in your countries but never forget our University, glorify it all over the world. Because who forgets his past has no future.

And one more thing – all of you remember how these six years of your life in Ukraine have passed. But I would like to note that there are also 6 years of our personal lives and 6 years of history of our country. A delicate period of its history, guys, all of you have witnessed an important and very memorable events in Ukraine, sometimes even tragic. I mean the events in Crimea and the Donbas region. Thanks to our government and city Authorities for the concern, we were all safe in Kharkiv. But I know that you will tell your children

the story what happened in Ukraine during the years of your studies there.

We live in a difficult period of time; there is no stability or permanent peace in the world. Everywhere, unfortunately, the threat of terrorism today has become a reality. But I believe with all my heart that people can stop and can change this situation on their own. No matter in which country you would be in the future and what orders your leadership or other authorities would give to you, think please, if other people would not suffer from your actions?! Your relatives, your parents, and even just your friends from other countries with whom you were sitting at the same desk, you shared good and bad news. Because, as you know, the main principle of healing is not to harm. Not to harm anyone.



So, be tolerant and never forget your friends. This is my message to you today and my parting words to the graduates 2018!

**Oksana Vasylieva,**  
Dean of VII Faculty

## STUDENT MOBILITY

### LITHUANIA'S EXPERIENCE

*The students' life is the time for new challenges, having different experience and to explore the world. We were very lucky to take part in an exchange programme. During the autumn semester 2017/2018 we studied at Vilnius University (Vilnius, Lithuania).*



Our life in Vilnius began with the so-called "orientation week", it's a week of adaptation, during which we had an opportunity to get acquainted with the university, the study programme, public organizations, student communities. There was also an excursion around the city, arranged for all international students.

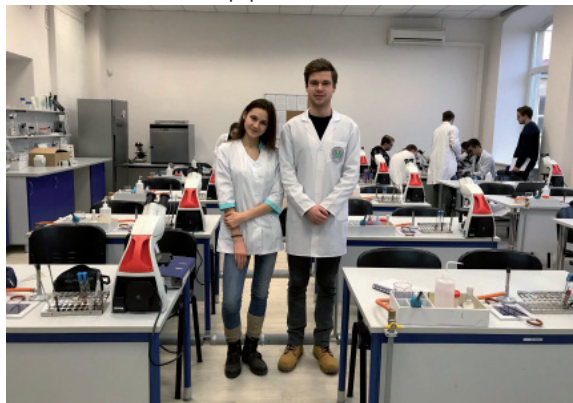
Furthermore, each of us was paired up with a mentor – a local student volunteer, who helped to solve everyday routines at the capital of Lithuania. They gave pieces of advice and supported us during all our stay.

We lived in a dormitory situated close enough to the faculty in a quite convenient location to reach on foot or by public transport.

Our study programme included lectures and practical training. Attending lectures was not necessary. The main attention was paid to the self-preparation of each student. We had access to electronic library where all studying materials could be found. Vilnius University is proud to have one of the oldest and newest libraries in Europe. The library is full of working places equipped with computers, and there are lots of silent reading rooms.

During the practical training a teacher explained the topic, and students took part in a discussion, asking questions regarding unclear issues. The knowledge was evaluated via online tests, most of them had more than one right answer. Such an objective way of evaluation was carried out at pathology, general surgery, radiology departments.

Within the Propaedeutic of Internal Medicine course we had an opportunity to try ourselves as general practitioners and made an initial diagnose. We were also amazed with the microbiologic laboratory, provided with the newest equipment.



There were about 60 international students of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of study at the Medical Faculty, divided into four groups. Most of them were from Germany. We were surprised by the opportunity to choose the group with the appropriate timetable, and were successfully managed to study in foreign language and communicate with other students.

We were happy to have such a chance of gaining international experience. It was a great way to see the European life and get some skills from abroad. We are extremely grateful to Prof. Volodymyr Lisovyi, and to Kharkiv National Medical University! We also wish to express gratitude to our teachers for the knowledge obtained during previous years.

**Ksenia Zub, Kirill Shyrokov,** II-nd Medical Faculty

**ISIC****YOUTH AND DILIGENCE MULTIPLIED BY EXPERIENCE AND AUTHORITY**

The XI International Scientific Interdisciplinary Conference (ISIC) of young scientists and students was held at Kharkiv National Medical University.



On May 23, during the official opening ceremony of the conference the graduate of our University, now Professor of Semmelweis University (Hungary) Tamas Fenivesi, congratulated the participants of the conference, and wished them diligence and inspiration during the work at the scientific event.

In the afternoon, the Science Slam was launched. It's an international format of science-popularization, with no difficult academic terms and boring presentations. Young scientists were able to tell about a complex science with humor and in simple words!



On May 24, there were 9 breakout sessions, namely: obstetrics, therapy, surgery, prophylactic medicine, infectious diseases, neurosciences, biomedicine, pediatrics, dentistry, and a poster section. During the meetings, interesting informative reports, and innovative creative posters were presented as well. During the two days there was an online voting "Poster of audience sympathies".



On May 25, the conference members participated in topical master classes on dentistry and surgery, and attended lectures by leading speakers: Dr. Wolfgang Bauermeister and Dr. Adrian Steinmetz (Germany).

In the afternoon, an official closing ceremony took place, where all winners of the youth forum received their awards. There was also a contest for the best photo from ISIC-2018.

**Olesia Pliekhova**, the Head of Students' Scientific Society

**SCIENTIFIC STUDENT CONFERENCE****«EVENTFUL AFRICA»**

On May 24, the Department of Social Sciences of KhNMU hosted a scholarly students' conference "Eventful Africa" dedicated to the centennial of the birth of prominent socio-political figures, Gamal Abdel Nasser and Nelson Mandela.

An introductory speech was prepared by Volodymyr Alkov, the senior teacher of the Department of Social Sciences, who briefly described the significance of the mentioned persons and their activities, which were linked in particular with the anticolonial struggle of the enslaved people of that time. The following step was making reports by English-speaking students of I-II courses. For the most students it was the first experience to participate in such events.



The subject of speeches was rather broad. Mainly, the problems of apartheid in Africa and the colonial enslavement of India were raised, although some issues were dedicated to German colonialism in Europe, French colonialism in Lebanon, and getting independence in Ukraine, etc.

The concluding speech was prepared by Vadim Ilyin, an assistant professor, who emphasized the importance of such events in order to understand each other better, to practice scientific reports in public, to express own vision of problems.

**Vladimir Alkov**

Senior Lecturer of the Department of Social Sciences

**PHILOSOPHICAL THOUGHTS****FAITH**

*Ever since we bid goodbye to our mothers' womb, bipeds for us become as normal as breathing is. Each of them has own regularity and stretch of appearing and lodging in our life. In the process we share and develop plethora of emotions.*

You know, when you walk into an ice-cream parlour, the conglomeration of sweet aromas wafts past your nose and you stop dead overwhelmed. Even before you could realize you are held captivated. Then you go further to discover the variety of flavours stored attractively in boxes to melt in your mouth and breeze in into your heart.

In the very manner, Life is a parlour, Human hearts are the boxes and Emotions are the crazy flavours. We are all boxes of Surprises.

Every day we come across with such hearts and get bedazzled by the flavours they serve. Now what does the brain do?

Well I don't know. Maybe someday somewhere I will step into that perfect parlour and essence of intellectuality will unlock all my puzzles.

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