EXHIBITION

“NICOLAES COPERNICUS. LIFE AND BUSINESS”

On September 26 a presentation of the exhibition “Nicholas Copernicus. Life and Business” in cooperation with the Consulate General of Poland in Kharkiv was opened at Kharkiv National Medical University.

At the exhibition opening the Consul General of Poland in Kharkiv Jan Granat, the Consul Mrs. Galina Granat and consular employees visited the University. First there was a friendly meeting with the Rector of the University Vladimir Lesovoy during which the topic of conversation was the history of higher medical education, including Kharkiv National Medical University.

Exhibition was opened by Vladimir Lesovoy. He pointed out that during the 210-year history of the University representatives from various countries and nationalities studied in its walls. The current exhibition is dedicated to an outstanding scientist Nicholas Copernicus, a brilliant astronomer and a famous doctor.

In his turn, Mr. Consul emphasized that lives of many Poles, including doctors, teachers, artists and others are closely connected with the history of Kharkiv.

At the end of his visit, honorary guests attended the National Museum of History of KhNMU and left post in the guestbook.

STUDENTS’ IMPRESSION

Thanks a lot for the exhibition, we found out about a great man of Polish people. We have not heard this name before and have not known about heliocentric theory. Hope we will have the chance to get additional information about this person in our classes.

Rathra Satkaran Prit Singh
VI medical faculty, 25th group, first-year student

It was very interesting exhibition. We have never heard about Michael Copernicus and his great role in the creation of heliocentric system of the Universe. This theory changed the historical development and evolution.

Benito Desjardin
VI medical faculty, 8th group, first-year student

Dear friends!

I sincerely congratulate all of you on the 210th anniversary of Kharkiv higher medical school -- the official representative of which is Kharkiv National Medical University.

Kharkiv National Medical University is one of the oldest higher medical schools of our country which strives to follow the best traditions established by generations of outstanding scientists and teachers.

Students have been graduating from KhNMU for more than 200 years, so it rightly deserves deep respect. During these years our University has come a long way and become one of the largest and most important universities of the country. Age-old traditions are carefully preserved here, referring to the practice and theory of the best representatives of our medical school. And nowadays high scientific potential of our University is still constantly enriched with interesting ideas and projects.

The University’s Jubilee is a time which gives the right to be proud of vast experience, wisdom and professionalism, the next step of great and exciting way, the implementation of the boldest ideas. I am sure that achievement of symbolic standards, which were set by the prominent representatives of Kharkiv higher medical education for more than two centuries will maintain on the same level and many glorious pages will be inscribed in the history of our University.

The Rector of the University Vladimir Lesovoy

The implementation of the Programme of academic mobility “Mevlana”

On November 28-29 on the eve of the implementation of the Programme of academic mobility “Mevlana” the official delegation of KhNMU with the following members the first pro-rector on scientific and pedagogical work, Professor Valery Kapustnik and Head of Educational and Research Center, Professor Igor Zavgorodniy came to Çukurova University (Adana, Turkey).

During the visit, the delegation met with the administration of Çukurova University. In the course of the meeting they discussed the organizational and methodological support of academic mobility of lecturers of both universities, and searching for opportunities to exchange students.

As a result of the visit agreements regarding the development of cooperation with Turkish university within the framework of academic mobility “Mevlana” and arrangements on cooperation in the field of education were achieved.

During the 2014/2015 academic year, lecturers between two universities will be exchanged, 12 professors of the University who won the contest, and 5 lecturers of Çukurova University will participate in the Programme "Mevlana" for the purpose of teaching and sharing experience in educational institution-partner. The first three lecturers of KhNMU are going to visit Çukurova University in December.
“Ready for all form of cooperation”

In December the delegations of the Embassies of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of India and the Republic of Uzbekistan visited Kharkiv National Medical University.

During the meeting with the administration of the University the honourable guests expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome and emphasized that appreciate the cooperation and strong friendship with KhNMU.

Issues concerning studying foreigners - citizens of these countries, organization the educational process, observing discipline and responsible attitude to acquiring of knowledge by the students were discussed.

IN PHOTOS:
1 – First Secretary of the Embassy of India to Ukraine Mr. Shri Ranbir Singh Sandhu met with the Rector Vladimir Lesovoy
2 – Visit of the representative of the Consular Department of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr. Aziz Abrorovych Nasyrov
3 – the Consular of the Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Ukraine Mr. Alisher Nishanovich Karimov met with the administration of KhNMU
4, 5 – The honourable guests from the Republic of Tajikistan Consul Khairullo Boboevich Tolibov and Third Secretary of the Embassy Muhiddin Azhuraev visited University

Priorities and possibilities for cooperation

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) held the seminar on International Cooperation in Erasmus+ and the conference on International Dimension in Erasmus+ in Berlin (Federative Republic of Germany) on November 19-21, 2014. Professor Igor Zavgorodnii, Head of the Educational and Research Centre of KhNMU, head of the Department of Hygiene and Ecology No. 2 took part in the events.

During the seminar, the issues concerning cooperation of higher educational institutions in Germany and Eastern Partnership Countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine were discussed. At the seminar Professor Igor Zavgorodnii presented a project, related to modernizing curricula for undergraduate medical students in the context of Clinical Environmental Medicine.

The project has been jointly developed by the Department of Internal and Occupational Diseases and the Department of Hygiene and Ecology No. 2 of KhNMU, and the Department of Occupational Medicine of Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg (Germany).

The University’s participation in the event managed to present our institution at a high European level. It will promote implementation of the innovative ideas into academic and research activities of the University.

The prospective opportunities of the project funding by the German Academic Exchange Service, using the established rapports with the representatives of Germany, Armenia and Kazakhstan to set up HEIs consortium for participation in the Erasmus + Programme are of great importance.
The traditional visit of the Consul of the Kingdom of Bahrain

On July 18 Consul of the Kingdom of Bahrain Mr. Fahad Al Fayhani came to Kharkiv National Medical University with a friendly visit.

The main purpose of the visit of the honored guest was legalization of diplomas of citizens of the Kingdom of Bahrain, who had graduated from our higher educational establishment. During his visit to KhNMU Mr. Fahad Al Fayhani met with Vladimir Lesovoy, the Rector of the University, Vladimir Markovskiy, pro-rector on scientific and pedagogical work and Elena Kraynenko, acting Dean of the VI Faculty for foreign students.

Greeting the Consul, Vladimir Nikolaevich expressed regret that the meeting takes place in such a difficult time, and said that the staff and students of the University are working in military hospitals and help all those who are in need. Also the Rector of the University stressed that the meeting has become traditional and expressed hope that the students - the citizens of Bahrain will continue to be interested in studying at Medical University. In his turn, Mr. Fahad thanked for the opportunity to visit Kharkiv National Medical University and wished peace to our country.

During the meeting issues concerning studying students, the citizens of the Kingdom of Bahrain and accrediting diplomas of our University in other countries were discussed. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Fahad Al Fayhani met with the graduates to legalize their diplomas.

A friendly visit of Pakistani delegation

On June 23 the delegation of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Ukraine with the following members Mr. Wajahat Ali Muftee, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Ukraine, Mr. Mohammad Ayaz, President of Pakistani community in Kharkiv and Mr. Sakiba Khan, Deputy President of Pakistani community in Kharkiv with friendly unofficial visit came to Kharkiv National Medical University.

During the visit honourable guests met with the students - citizens of Pakistan and discussed the academic achievements and requirements of teaching and learning activities. Visiting the University, the Embassy delegation attended the National Museum of History of KhNMU, got acquainted with the historical past of our educational establishment. At the end of the meeting the Ambassador wrote an entry to the visitor’s book.

Visit of the representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan to KhNMU

On October 24 the representative of the Consular Department of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr. Aziz Abrorovich Nasyrov visited Kharkiv National Medical University.

Mr. Nasyrov met with administration of the university, including the vice-rector on scientific efforts Valery Miasoyedov, vice-rector on scientific and pedagogical efforts Vladimir Markovskiy and others. They discussed questions about cooperation in particular entering citizens of Uzbekistan KhNMU and organization of educational process.

The fundamental issues concerning cooperation with diaspora of Uzbekistan were discussed and prospects in this regard were outlined during the meeting. "If the Embassy encourages diaspora’s work, we support this algorithm in our turn and ready for any form of cooperation", Valery Miasoyedov assured the honourable guests. Also Valery Vasyliovych said that our University is interested in increasing the number of students from the Republic because they are highly disciplined and motivated by knowledge.

At the end of his visit, Mr. Aziz Nasyrov met with the student – the citizens of Uzbekistan.
“SPEAKING CLUB”. Opportunities for the English language learning

The main difficulty in the attempt to speak English is the fact that we don’t live in English-speaking environment and don’t have an opportunity to speak a foreign language with people around us. We often need great courage to speak in public and sometimes to do it in English seems almost impossible: we are concerned about our pronunciation, correct use of tenses, words, etc. To start speaking fluently it is recommended to communicate with native English speakers. This purpose is achieved by such form of foreign language learning as speaking club.

At present speaking clubs are popular at many language schools and universities of Kharkiv. Regular attending of such clubs develops and masters listening and speaking skills. Students feel free and comfortable, they learn to understand what others speak, and they are not afraid to keep up the conversation. Our department invites international students of our University to take part in the speaking club. The presenters at “Speaking Club” are those for whom English is a foreign language or a second language because nowadays the linguistic situation in the world demonstrates that the possibility to meet an English-speaking person for whom English is a foreign language is several times higher than to meet a person for whom English is a mother tongue.

The communication at the meetings is only in English, the participants have an opportunity to dive into the language environment and feel free while expressing their opinions and thoughts. On November 3, 2014 we held the first meeting of “Speaking Club” at the Department of Foreign Languages; the topic of which was "Maldives – Paradise on the Earth". Among the participants of this meeting were the first-year students of the VI faculty for international students who came from the Maldives: Maurisha Aishath, Sana Said Abdulla (group 25) and Shadah Ibrahim (group 10). They shared interesting information about their country, its culture and traditions. The students prepared colorful presentation and breathtaking videomaterials which transferred listeners to these exotic islands and helped to dive into unusual culture of the Maldives. The attendees were encouraged to ask questions, commented on represented materials and shared their knowledge about the country.

Next meeting of speaking club will be devoted to exotic Jamaica.

It’s interesting to know:

Today there are more than 7000 languages in the world, among them 560 languages have the status of institutional languages, i.e. they are used as languages of everyday communication, official style, they are used in education, state administration, and have developed terminology.

English has a special status which differs it from other languages. Firstly, it is a global language having several variants that allows using the term Global Englishes. Its status varies in different countries: it is a mother tongue for 335,148,868 people (Great Britain, USA, Jamaica, Canada, etc.). In such countries as Nigeria, India, Maldives, etc. it is a second official language. The number of people for whom English is the second language equals to 505,000,000.

And for the sufficiently large population English is a foreign language: people speak it in everyday life. English is used in education, official communication, studied at school as a foreign language and used for communication with representatives from other countries. (Statistical data are taken from the reference book Ethnologue: Languages of the World)

K.I. Sherstova, teacher of English, the Department of Foreign Languages

London it is not just a beautiful capital of the Great Britain, it is the city which stole a way to my heart and unforgettable moments will always live in my memory.

Working as interpreter, I was fortunate to get acquainted with a brilliant politician and friend for life Michael Desmond, mayor of Hackney (one of the areas of London). Having received an invitation I managed to get a business visa. The Days of Ukraine in the UK was conducted in London in the middle of June. I helped with organizing the event Ukraine Reception at Hackney Town Hall and interpretations for the guests. British people love and respect Ukrainian culture, so for it was interesting for citizens of Foggy Albion to feel Ukrainian spirit, national colour and ethnic flavour.

The event was held at Town Hall of the Mayor of Hackney. The national Ukrainian songs and poems were represented. The traditional Ukrainian dishes and beverages were served for the guests. Among the invited were the representatives of the Ukrainian diaspora, media men, bank employees, public servants, international lawyers, politicians and others.

During the event issues concerning cultural relations between Ukraine and the United Kingdom, the development of relations and cooperation were discussed.

It should be emphasized that the British asked excitedly about the situation in Ukraine and tried to maintain spirit of unity and cohesion of our people.

During my visit, the events which gave a great opportunity to meet with opinion leaders, politicians, ambassadors, journalists of London, broaden outlook, to get acquainted with local traditions and habits were daily conducted.

Also I was given a chance to visit sightseeing attractions of excellent London. Grand Big Ben, architectural complex of the Palace of Westminster, the oldest royal palace in London, a world heritage site and one of most recognised buildings in the world; the Museum of Childhood where everyone can remember the happiest and the most free-minded time; the British Museum, which is dedicated to human history and culture, and is the authoritative source of images depicting world culture and history including ceramics, sculpture, prints, drawings, and paintings; the Shard, the highest skyscraper in the UK and the European Union; Tower Bridge, a combined bascule and suspension bridge in London which crosses the River Thames; the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London which has been the home to the hit musical Wicked since 2006.

*East or West home is best*, the British say. Certainly, but elegant English culture and historical monuments leave pleasant memories and uncontrollable desire to return again to this wonderful city.

Alina Olkhovaya
VALEDICTORY SPEECH

There is no better way to start a speech like this than by appreciating people whose selfless service have played a role in making sure that we become who we are today. Our kind regards goes to the Rec- tor, Professor Lesovoy and our Prorectors, Profes- sor Letik, the dean’s office. Dr. Katsapov, Olga Baluk, Oksana Vasileva, Mr. Sergey Potapov and Mr. Anton Ollynik. We make a profound bow and give thanks to our parents who have done their best for us.

Our journey started in first year. At the beginning there were a lot of difficulties with everyday Russian, going to supermarkets or public places. Some mo- ments were funny and sad at the same time. One story when I used shampoo instead of body lotion because of language barrier will remain memorable for me.

Six years in Ukraine was a kind of experiment. In 2008, we probably had the vague idea that in half a dozen years, we were going to become physicians. Everything that came with the years of medical school, those things we didn’t predict that life in Ukraine was going to teach us, the things we didn’t anticipate we were going to learn and discover.

Still talking of experiments in life, every experi- ence, every relationship of our time in Ukraine has brought us some new knowledge of medicine, of people, of ourselves and of life. Most impor- tantly teachers, but also colleagues, friends and acquaintances, were all guides for us. We have learnt to work hard, to stay up late at night, write a case history and cram fifty drugs in one day, and still watch Premier League and the latest episode of our favorite TV series. We have learnt to value friendship, both between each other and with our superiors. Self-discovery is really the most important discovery of any journey, and to one degree or another, it has been the experi- ence to our colleagues sitting in this hall today.

I hope that we all, at the very least, have learnt that we are people, humans, just like our pa- tients. A physician is first of all, a man or woman as a member of humanity who should treat pa- tients with respect and care.

Some lives we will never be able to bring back no matter how much we wish, but we know that they live on. Our neurology professor Oleg Korolkenko... will be sorely missed, not only for his surreptitious sarcasm, but also for the high standard he set for his students. "Professor, here we are today. We’ve made it."

To our colleagues who started with us but left for various reasons, we wish you success in whatever paths you have chosen.

In closing, to acknowledge all the teachers, doctors and professors who have made us the professionals would take the time of another entire graduation ceremony. However, let me tell you about a moment, in the main building of Regional Hospital. We had just finished the State Examination and were looking forward to find out the results. Soon, we were invited into the auditorium where over fifty of our teachers were waiting for us. As we walked through the aisles to take seats, I made eye contacts with many of them. I knew them by name; these people have imparted knowledge and experience to us. It dawned on me; I was carrying through the aisles to take seats, I made eye contacts with many of them. I knew them by name; these people have imparted knowledge and experience to us. It dawned on me; I was carrying

DOCTOR is the Best Profession

You should be proud as MBBS is your selection, Because being a DOCTOR is the best profession. Not only choosing leads you to success, You should keep good efforts in progress. You have to go through a lot of stress and strain, As you have to help people who will be in pain. If only to get degree is your aim, The result will be empty and vain. A doctor gives life and hope to his patient, He always considered sincere and efficient. A doctor should be kind and simple, And his love for his patients must be ample. All these qualities will make you really the best, And finally you will understand your profession’s taste.

Pooya Praharaj, General Medicine Group 7, 2nd Course.

THE DEAN’S COLUMN

MOTIVATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR EDUCATION

One of the most difficult prob- lems the university teachers facing with, is the problem of increasing stu- dents’ motivation to study. Motivation to learn captures the orientation of students and their values. The larg- est number of students of medical university feels that they should learn in order to “become a highly quali- fied specialist”. Among following rea- sons are “to pass exams, modules and receive excellent marks”, “to get a diploma”, “be prepared for the next studies”, “to fulfill pedagogical re- quirements”. Thus, at the beginning during the first term fresh- men main- ly focused not on the “success”, but “avoidance of failures” and undergo- ing a period of adaptation to different durations.

Additional difficulties arise for for- eign students: they have to adapt to new and unfamiliar social and cultural conditions, change the usual food and the language barrier. In some cases, students are not ready for a fastness of living, which is essential for medical university students. These facts are due to the differences in the evaluation of time intervals in differ- ent countries. So often students are late to classes, not even knowing why “20 minutes means to be late”.

It’s important for all the teach- ers who give lectures and conduct classes with foreign students to un- derstand and take into account these features.

Vadym M. Sinaiko, Dean of VI faculty for preparation foreign students.
A student's conference "Modern examination technique in pulmonology" took place at Propaedeutics to Internal Medicine Department No. 1, Basis of Bioethics and Biosafety of Kharkiv National Medical University on December 4, 2014. Third-year students of the VI medical faculty presented their reports concerning the problems of use of novel methods of respiratory system investigation as well as modern approaches to differential diagnostics of broncho-pulmonary pathology in clinical practice.

11 oral reports have been made and 46 abstracts have been published. The first place diploma was given to the student of the 10th group Isaac Boateng, the second place diplomas were given to Akris Mohadoowa (8th group) and Opeyemi Ogunyemi (2nd group). The third place diplomas were given to the students of the 5th group Udoidiok Ima Ekanem, the 1st group Ahmed Raliat Balogun, and the 10th group Solomon Mbabazi.

In addition, scientific jury has awarded Unaam Edidiong (1st group) and Soyombo Emmanuel Owulabunmi (6th group) with special diplomas for oratory skills; students of the 10th group Pius Anmalugsi and the 2nd group Onwujekwe Udodi Ebubenchukwu received diplomas for the best presentations.

On December 3 the first International Festival of humor was held in the assembly hall of Kharkiv National Medical University.

Four countries were presented on stage at once. Cultures of hot Nigeria, sunny Uzbekistan, bright India and courageous Azerbaijan were run into one another.

Competent jury appraised the teams in two competitions: congratulations and warming-up. To summarize the festival vice-rector on scientific and pedagogical efforts Ivan Letik was invited on stage, he presented diplomas to the teams "Uzbek Uzha Beck" (Uzbekistan), "Nigerian national team", "Without Aladdyn" (India). The winner and the owner of the Cup Festival was the team from Azerbaijan "One residence permit for four".

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Secrets of magic motanka doll

In the name of the motanka doll lies its essence: this doll is not knitted or sewn, it is only reeled. This amulet is made almost without knots, because our ancestors were afraid to "tie a destiny".

It is forbidden to touch the doll sharp objects (needles, scissors), one can hurt it, because the doll is a creature inspired by its creator. Fabric and threads for dolls is advisable to tear by hands, but one can cut, the most important thing is not to touch the doll itself by scissors. It is very good to create a doll from pieces of old clothes, which is owned by nearest and dearest people, such as grandparents, because it is imbued with their energy, and the doll will radiate it passing to descendants. It is obligatory to check whether these clothes were "happy". One cannot use the clothes worn during difficult situations, illness or stress.

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THE FIRST SCIENTIFIC EXPERIENCE

The Department of Internal Medicine No. 3 conducted Students’ Conference. All the staff of the department and students who are actively engaged in scientific activities gathered in the lecture hall.

The conference was attended by local and foreign students, who carried out research together with teachers. Their results were presented at the conference.
CELEBRATION

October 1, 2014 will be forever a day of warm feelings and nostalgia. The Nigerian Medical Students’ Association of Kharkiv thought it would be wise to organize a celebration in honour of the 54th Independence Day. It had all attributes of a well-orchestrated event. There were cultural displays: music, dancing, poems, awards and others.

According to plan the event kicked off with the speech of the President Mr. Philip who gave his opening remarks. He used the opportunity to express gratitude to the school authorities for providing us with the enabling environment for studies. He called on all Nigerian students to be always serious at the University and be good ambassadors of our Motherland, abiding by the rules of the country we are temporary residing.

The University administration thanked the Nigerian students in response for their outstanding performances in the course of studies and wished us to stay united. A special guest, the CEO of Bobtrade Company Mr. Hardeep Singh, promised always to support the Association and the students. He expressed his delight for working with citizens of Nigeria.

The rest of the programme took place according to plan and the event came to its glorious end with the award of excellence to deserving students and teachers. It’s pertinent to state that the Rector (though in absentia) was recognized by the association for his love, support and understanding with respect to the association and Nigerian students.

Abugu Livinus Nnadozie,
student correspondent of KNMU

IT IS INTERESTING

My friend and I were quietly sitting in the train when some school children came in, not long after, they introduced themselves to us and started asking us questions. After they had confirmed we were from Africa, they put forward other questions and from their expression (we don’t really understand Russian), the questions sounded like “Are there trees in Africa?”, “Do the people climb trees?” (imitating monkeys) and things like that (we were just shocked).

This situation made me realize that these children had been misinformed about Africa. For Goodness’ sake, there are places in Africa that look like paradise. The development may not be uniform throughout all of Africa but we are making progress. America has had 237 years so far to get to where they are, while some countries in Africa are not yet 60 since their independence.

Africa is so blessed that most of the natural disasters that occur around the world steer clear of Africa. All these and many more make me believe Africa is a great continent, not because of how it presently is but because I believe in the bright future of Africa.

Mercy Olaniyan

CELEBRATING OUR 54th INDEPENDENCE WITH STYLE
INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONS

Festival of Peoples’ Friendship at Kharkiv School

On November 20 with the support of the Coordination Council of the students’ self-government, the first “Festival of Peoples’ Friendship” took place at Kharkiv secondary school No. 59.

The school is international, Koreans, Azerbaijanians, Armenians, Turks study there. Although their families live in Kharkiv, they try to maintain their authenticity, so traditional dances, songs, clothing and food were presented at the festival. Distinctive feature of the evening was attendance of the guests of our University who presented the children the cultures of Nigeria, India and Uzbekistan.

“Press conference” with tea and Ukrainian round loaf during which students put a lot of questions to the guests from distant countries took place after the concert. Both children and students were quite pleased and expressed hope that such meetings will be customary to Kharkiv.

Daria Kuznetsova

DEVOTED TO 210TH ANNIVERSARY OF KHNMU

“Fair of cultures”

On December 16 under the guidance of the Coordination Council of the students’ self-government Carolina Inhinova organized a wonderful event “Fair of cultures” in the Art Gallery. This event presented cultures of Georgia, Nigeria, Ghana, India, Kurdistan, Jamaica.

The participants visited the coronation ceremony of chief in Ghana, they had the opportunity to taste the delicacies of Nigeria, watch stunning dance by students from India, listen to amazing Georgian song, dance with girls from Jamaica and feel the special cuisine of Kurdistan by all taste receptors. All the attendees were dressed in national costumes so that feature gave the event special solemnity. It should be stressed that the atmosphere of the fair was marvelously friendly, warm, cheerful, pleasant and relaxed.