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## CONGRATULATIONS!

### HONoured FRIENDS!



I congratulate you on the Students' Day, a holiday of youth and juvenile enthusiasm!

Students' years is a memorable period of every person's life: brave ideas and hopes, creative implementation, discussions. It is the time when you start to lay the foundation of your successful career, and have a cherished dream – to become a doctor and devote your life to medicine!

You find friends, form leadership skills, learn to be professionals, realize yourself in different fields – research activities, art performances, sports, volunteer projects at university. But of course, the most important thing for students is education. All depends on your commitment, interest, personal relationship to the rights and responsibilities to your life. Study perfectly, win grants, participate in competitions. We, your teachers, will always be nearby and do everything possible to implement your talent and creativity in our alma mater.

I sincerely believe that our country requires your excitement, civic activities, patriotism, and loyalty to the chosen profession and all these approve the best world standards in our society.

With wishes,

*Rector of the University Vladimir Lesovoy*

## EDUCATION AND CAREER

### KhNMU is the Leader in International Activities

On 12–14 November an International Exhibition "Education Abroad" and "Education and Career – Student's Day 2015" was held in Kiev. Over 50 foreign and home education institutions took part in the exhibition.

The exhibition is traditionally the biggest event in Ukraine, devoted to a wide range of education issues in Ukraine and abroad, during which pupils, students and parents have an opportunity to communicate with representatives of different universities. Education institutions and academic agencies from Great Britain, Czech Republic, Israel, Poland, France, Austria, Spain, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Slovakia, etc., as well as leading higher education institutions of Ukraine were represented in this year's exhibition.

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## SCIENCE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME

### NIGHT OF SCIENCE



On September 26 Kharkiv National Medical University took part in the scientific and educational event "Night of Science", which was visited by thousands of citizens and guests. Among the guests were schoolchildren, students, their parents, teachers, and the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany Wolfgang Moessinger with his wife.



During the event one could get acquainted with the principle of action of medical equipment and growing crystals, quality rating of food products, revealing of the microorganisms on the surface of own hands and mobile phones, look of pathological conditions of animals.



The guests had an opportunity to carry out cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to give intravenous intramuscular injections, to be examined by a therapist, an endocrinologist, a surgeon, a traumatologist, an ophthalmologist, an



oto-rhino-laryngologist, a recreation therapist, a dentist and a pediatrician, to do an electrocardiography, to get results of iridology and visit KhNMU Museum of Pathoanatomy and General Anatomy.

Scientific quizzes, competitions and concert programme were organized for all the guests.

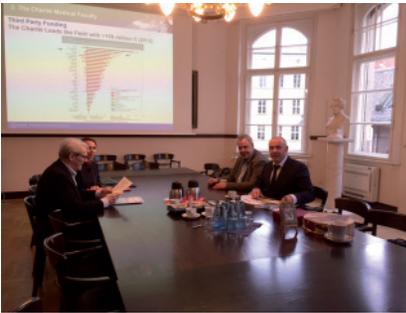


*Nataliya Kufferina,  
Head of young scientists' society*

**ACADEMIC TEACHING HOSPITAL****Door-opener to the development of partnership relations**

conditions for wide introduction of innovative technologies to render medical care in line with the best international standards.

Within the context of international cooperation expansion, the Director of the Training and Research Medical Complex "University Clinic" of KhNMU (TRMC "University Clinic" of KhNMU)



Dr. Vladimir Savenkov paid working visits to the Havelhöhe Community Hospital and the Charité Teaching Hospital (Berlin, the Federal Republic of Germany) on November 23 – November 29, 2015. The visit to the Havelhöhe Community Hospital started with the meeting between Dr. Vladimir Savenkov and Dr. Schenk, the Head of the Havelhöhe Pain Centre. It is worth noting that cooperation of the "University Clinic" of KhNMU with Dr. Shenk was established in October 2015 when Dr. Shank visited KhNMU.

The work in the Havelhöhe Community Hospital was intense from the very beginning. At 7.30 on November 23 Dr. Savenkov attended a medical conference and then took part in a grand round. While acquainting himself with the activities of the Community Hospital, Dr. Savenkov had a chance to estimate the work of different hospital departments. The special focus at the Community Hospital is on the

The development of medical science and practice as a factor of providing successful up-to-date solutions to health care issues, among other items, is inseparably connected with integration into the intellectual world and practical space. Balanced growth of international cooperation, networking and joint implementation of academic and research projects with foreign medical institutions help to create

pain therapy in patients. In particular, such therapy techniques as music, art, molding, logo and labour are used in the hospital.

On November 24 Dr. Savenkov was invited to meet the Medical Director of the Havelhöhe Community Hospital, Dr. med. Harald Matthes. During the meeting, they discussed the issues of potential international collaboration between the Community Hospital and KhNMU, particularly organization of academic exchanges, application of telemedicine items, joint participation in scientific and research projects. As a result, an Agreement on cooperation between the Havelhöhe Community Hospital and KhNMU was signed. By making a surgical operation (laparoscopic hernioplasty TAPP), Dr. Savenkov also did his part in the clinical process.

Undoubtedly, the experience acquired during the trip to the Havelhöhe Community Hospital will give an opportunity to use the best European practices of medical care management in the Training and Research Medical Complex "University Clinic" of KhNMU, as well as to expand the area of international cooperation.

In the frames of the working trip, Dr. Vladimir Savenkov also met the President of the German Pain Society Mr. Michael Schäfer. The collaboration between the "University Clinic" of KhNMU and the mentioned institution has been going on for several months. During the meeting the outcomes of collaboration were summed up. Potential steps in the implementation of joint work in the frames of the Pain Centre, established on the base of the TRMC "University Clinic" of KhNMU were discussed.

The negotiations with the Chairman of the Board of the Charité Teaching Hospital, Dr. Karl Max Einhäupl became the final event in the frames of the working visit. The discussion aimed at the possibilities of initiation of bilateral cooperation was between the TRMC "University Clinic" of KhNMU and the Charité Teaching Hospital. The Charité Teaching Hospital was founded in 1790 and it is one of the biggest hospitals in Europe. It is the University Clinic for the Humboldt University of Berlin and for Berlin Open University. It should be emphasized that the Charité Teaching Hospital comprises more than 100 separate clinics united in Charité centers and provides services to more than a million patients of day patient and outpatient departments annually.

In general, the negotiations ended successfully and the propositions of KhNMU regarding the cooperation will be brought to the attention of the Board of the Charité Teaching Hospital for consideration. We all hope that this first step towards creating partnership relations with one of the well-known clinics in Europe will result in sustainable and prosperous cooperation.

*The Head of the International Relations Office, Mrs. Anzhela Stashchak*

**LECTURE****SHARING EXPERIENCE: LECTURES OF THORACIC SURGEON FROM GERMANY**

At the invitation of KhNMU, one of the leading surgeons from Germany Dr. Heribert Ortlieb visited our University on 18–20 November, 2015. Dr. Heribert Ortlieb is the Head of the Department of Thoracic Surgery at the Lung Centre of Mittelbaden Hospital, Baden-Baden.

In the framework of the visit Dr. Ortlieb met with the representatives of the University administration Vice-Rector for Research and Education Vladimir Markovskiy and the Head of the International Relations Office Anzhela Stashchak.

Prospects for cooperation with the Lung Centre of Mittelbaden Hospital, namely KhNMU teachers' traineeships in Germany, visits of the Centre specialists to Kharkiv for the purpose of sharing experiences were discussed.

The German doctor conducted lectures on "Pulmonary Emphysema" and "Pulmonary Cancer" which aroused great interest of KhNMU students and staff.



Dr. Ortlieb also shared his rich experience in the field of Thoracic Surgery. Modern methods of diagnostics and treatment for lung cancer and emphysema patients, the issues of new opportunities for lung cancer operating via use of minimally invasive technologies were fully considered.

Dr. Heribert Ortlieb visited the Department of Oncology where he met the Head of the Department Prof. Dr. Vladimir Starikov. Dr. Ortlieb



also took part in the Oncology Society meeting.

At the meeting in the International Relations Office a special attention was paid to scientific-practical cooperation between KhNMU and the Lungs Centre of Mittel-

baden Hospital. Dr. Heribert Ortlieb showed his interest and initiatives for further cooperation with our University.

All the events which took place in the framework of the visit made significant contribution to the promotion of bilateral cooperation.

*Valentyna Fedorova, Senior Specialist, International Relations Office*

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### COOPERATION WITH TURKISH UNIVERSITY IS UNDERWAY

In the framework of the Agreement on Cooperation between Kharkiv National Medical University and Cukurova University (Adana, the Turkish Republic) Mr. Ümit Yasar, the Head of the Biochemical Laboratory, a teacher of the Department of Medical Biochemistry of Cukurova University, and Mr. Umut Kokbaşı, an Assistant Professor of the Department visited our University on October 19 – 23, 2015.



The Department of Biological Chemistry of KhNMU along with the International Relations Office developed a rather varied programme of the foreign partners' stay at our University.



The representatives of Cukurova University were continually accompanied by the staff of the Department of Biological Chemistry and the Department's Head Prof. Dr. Oksana Nakonechna. The Turkish teachers got acquainted with the history of KhNMU and with the Biochemistry Department.

Mr. Ümit Yasar and Mr. Umut Kokbaşı visited the Central Research Laboratory and the PCR Laboratory, the Head of which presented one of the latest and the most accurate analyses, the PCR-diagnosis method, told about applying this method to different infectious diseases diagnostics, outlined the capabilities for the determination of biochemical findings content in biological material.

The Turkish teachers attended practical classes, lectures and took part in the discussion of the research papers of the Assistant Professors Anton Tkachenko and Ganna Polikarpova.



Apart from scientific cooperation, foreign partners acquired cross-cultural experience. Accompanied by the Head of the Department, Professor Dr. Oksana Nakonechna they visited Chrysanthemums Ball in the ecological park "Feldman Ecopark". The guests attended historical, architectural and garden art landmarks of Kharkiv, among which were Kharkiv Central Entertainment Park and the City Garden named after Taras Shevchenko, Sharivka Palace and Krasnokutskiy Dendropark.

In the framework of their visit Mr. Ümit Yasar and Mr. Umut Kokbaşı met the Head of the International Relations Office Mrs. Anzhela Stashchak. They discussed the possibilities of international projects development and implementation.

As a result of the Turkish delegation's visit to KhNMU the issues of further cooperation between the Department of Biological Chemistry of KhNMU and the Department of Medical Biochemistry of Cukurova University in the framework of a joint research project were agreed upon.

**Valentyna Fedorova**, Senior Specialist, International Relations Office  
**Anna Frantsuzova**, Marketing Officer, International Relations Office

## LECTURE

### Scientific exchange in the field of Pain Medicine



On 2 October a lecture on "Chronic pain" held by Dr. Michael Schenk took place at Kharkiv National Medical University. Michael Schenk is an outstanding doctor of the clinic of anthroposophic medicine (Berlin) who heads the Center for Pain Havelhoe (medical complex "Charite").

Students, interns, doctors and university staff came to listen to a lecture on effective pain overcoming, as it is always an actual problem in doctor's work.

Michael Schenk told about a separate branch of interdisciplinary intensive medicine called "pain medicine", and pointed out that the problem of pain is not only medical but also social and economic, and



it has an impact on life quality and working ability. The lecture was devoted to overcoming of cancer, neuropathic and acute post-surgical, chronic back pain, interdisciplinary multimodal pain therapy and innovative medicines for the treatment of pain.

At the end of the meeting discussion on these topics was held. Everyone had an opportunity to ask Dr. Schenk and listen to his accurate and highly professional responses.

Dr. Schenk has over 20 original publications and more than 20 publications in collaboration with other genius of medicine, several chapters in university textbooks, 36 months of practice in anesthesiology and 12 in specialized therapy of pain syndrome. Moreover, he received additional qualification in initial and psychomatic care, passed certified training in hospital management.

**Oleksandra Antsyferova**,  
Editor of information design

**COLLABORATION WITH THE GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE****“CHANGE BY EXCHANGE”**

Kharkiv National Medical University established close links with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Several times representatives of the German Service visited our University.



The DAAD lecturers in Kharkiv Mr. Timo Janzer and Ms. Özlem Gündogdu met the head of the International Relations Office of our University Mrs. Anzhela Stashchak and the Office's staff. During the meetings the issues of education and research cooperation between Ukraine and Germany in the field of medicine and medical education were discussed. Special attention was paid to the possibility of cooperation with German higher education institutions, as well as to the special aspects of cooperation of German experts with the University departments.

On October 13, 2015 Mr. Timo Janzer presented DAAD grant programmes. The presentation was followed by a workshop on applying for DAAD programmes held at the University on October 26.

Mr. Timo Janzer met students and teachers of our University. Information on various kinds of DAAD funding for foreign students, graduates, academic and research staff was offered. The German lecturer gave detailed information about the study programmes and scholarships, the possibilities of joining the studies at German universities. Mr. Timo Janzer told about the financial support for the process of hosting German professors and lecturers, and facts about the required documents. The DAAD lecturer gave an advice on drawing up a CV, a motivation letter and demonstrated a form of a recommendation letter. Students and teachers took part in a simulated interview. It was possible to be involved in the atmosphere of a real interview, to get an understanding of how to behave during an interview and answer all the questions correctly.

Mr. Janzer told about the language tests “OnDaF” and “OnSET”, the certificates of which give the right to take part in the most of the



DAAD grant international programmes. For those who apply for DAAD scholarships in the framework of the current calls, an opportunity to pass German and English language examinations for free is offered.

Mr. Janzer appreciated the high commitment of students and teachers of Kharkiv National Medical University and expressed assurance concerning successful applications for the DAAD funding and contacts in the future.



*Note:*

The DAAD was founded in Heidelberg in 1925 on the initiative of the student, and since has become one of the most important funding organisations in the world for the international exchange of students and researchers. The DAAD supports over 100,000 German and international students and researchers around the world each year.

The motto of the DAAD is “Change by Exchange”.

Official site of the DAAD office in Germany (Bonn): <https://www.daad.de>.

Official site of the DAAD office in Ukraine: [www.daad.org.ua](http://www.daad.org.ua).

**Valentyna Fedorova,**

*Senior Specialist, International Relations Office*

**STUDENTS' SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE****STUDENTS ARE STUDYING MODERN DIAGNOSTIC METHODS**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Students' scientific conference “Modern diagnostic methods in internal medicine and their ethical aspects” dedicated to the 210<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kharkiv National Medical University took place on November 11, 2015 at Propedeutics to Internal Medicine Department No. 1, Basis of Bioethics and Biosafety.

The students of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the VI medical faculty presented their reports on the problems of use of modern diagnostic methods in today's internal medicine

and ethical aspects of clinical practice.

13 oral reports have been made and 60 abstracts published. The 1<sup>st</sup> place diploma was given to the Aayesha Shaikh, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place diplomas were conferred to Asante George Owusu and Ekuban Jolene Effie Oye, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place diplomas were given to the Sultan Mohamad, Faysal Ahmed and Adeem Farked Youisif.

*Assistant Professor Oleksii Honchar*

**PROMINENT FIGURES OF UKRAINE****EXCURSION TO THE MONUMENT TO TARAS SHEVCHENKO**

On the Day on Writing students-dentists of the 10<sup>th</sup> group, 5<sup>th</sup> Medical Faculty with their teacher Tatiana Skorbach conducted a tour to the monument to Taras Shevchenko.



Taras Shevchenko is the founder of modern Ukrainian literature and national language, poet, artist. People called him the great poet Kobzar. In Kharkiv, where I am studying, there is State Drama Theatre and Park named after Shevchenko. The monument in downtown was built in honour of national poet. Shevchenko park is not only a favourite place for citizens but also for students-foreigners. I was thrilled by the teacher's story about the history of the monument. The figures depicted on the monument look like alive. Among them are “Catherine”, “Gaydamak” (heroes of Shevchenko's works). I was impressed by observed, also I found out a lot of interesting things about the life of Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko.

*Maueho-Bitemo Joyce Treor, Group 10, Stomatological Faculty*

## RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO HELP STUDENTS IN LEARNING ENGLISH LANGUAGE



More than 7000 students get education in Kharkiv National Medical University nowadays; over 2 000 are educated in English. Scientific Library pays a lot of attention to informational-bibliographic maintenance of educational and scientific process of English-speaking students. The service sector of English-speaking students of the Department of literature in foreign languages of the Scientific Library is engaged in supporting this readers' category. A subscription with a reading room "Library for English Medium Students" (Building B) was created.

Textbooks, learning guides and manuals are issued to each student on the subscription. Global publications on medicine and related disciplines are presented for self-tuition in the reading hall, thematic exhibitions are prepared.

The employees of the Department write a column "English medium" on the site of the Scientific Library ([libr.knmu.edu.ua](http://libr.knmu.edu.ua)). It consists of the following sections: **Information for students, Guide to Library, Library Rules, New books, Books exhibitions.** The column provides general information about the library, ongoing activities, updates to the educational and scientific literature. It presents a variety of virtual exhibitions, marked by readers' gratitude participating in the life and work of the library. Guide is prepared, the rules of library using are developed and translated.

To inform students the Scientific Library actively uses social networks (<https://www.facebook.com/knmu.library>,

[http://vk.com/public\\_knmu\\_sl](http://vk.com/public_knmu_sl)), publishes posts on the activities of the library and university, ads, links to useful resources, etc.

The employees of the Department carry out "Library Lessons for English Medium students" for the first-year students. The event was prepared in English, and includes several presentations:

1. "Getting to know the Library" – provides general information about scientific library, its structure and traditional resources.
2. "Electronic and On-line Information Resources of the Scientific Library for English Medium Students" – provides information about the electronic library catalog, Repository of KhNMU and tools how to use them.
3. "Rules of Library Use for English medium students" – the employees get acquainted students with the rules of the Scientific Library.

Senior students are actively involved in the library classes, share their observations and experiences about the work of the library, its services and resources.

Staff of the Library is always happy to meet readers who are willing to listen to and help each student to answer his topical issues. Amiability and tolerance of the library employees have created a favorable environment of communication and collaboration, faster socio-cultural adaptation of foreign students to the new conditions of life in a foreign country.

**O.A. Krasnyukova,**

*Head of the Service Department for English-speaking students*

### ROUND TABLE

## VOLUNTEERING WITHOUT BORDERS



Dhrubojoyoti Basu joined the event. He shared his experiences and confirmed one more time that there is no language or cultural barriers when it is referred to good deeds. The student's joining was especially pleasant.

At the end of the meeting all attendees expected a surprise; it was a gift from the Research Library by way of a two-volume Dorland's Medical Dictionary.

On 7 December the round table "Volunteering: altruism, need or fashion?" devoted to the International Day of Volunteers took place at the Research Library of KhNMU.

The representatives of the students' self-government, library staff headed by the director Irina Kyrychok, the director of Institute of Postgraduate Education of KhNMU Valery Vyun, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and Research Ivan Letik and the head of the Philosophy Department Alla Alekseyenko took part in discussing the problem, with which the University community challenge.

The meeting was held in a warm atmosphere, everyone had the opportunity to express his views and participate in the discussion. The foreign volunteer, the student of the 6<sup>th</sup> Medical Faculty

**TRAINING**

## A WORKSHOP DEDICATED TO THE WORLD AIDS DAY



On December 8, 2015 the DAAD lector in Kharkiv Ms. Özlem Gündođdu conducted a workshop for KhNMU teachers on HIV prevention. The event was dedicated to the World AIDS Day, which has been marked on December 1 since 1988.

An initiative to organize the workshop was spearheaded by the International Relations Office and endorsed by Prof. Dr. Viktor Ognev, the Head of the Department of Social Medicine, Organization and Economics of Public Health. Representatives of the Dermatology, Venereology and AIDS; Infectious Diseases; Social



Medicine, Organization and Economics of Public Health; Pediatric Infectious Diseases; Epidemiology departments and the International Relations Office's staff participated in the workshop. This workshop employed an interactive discussion. The interactive approach enabled participants to share their own knowledge and attitudes concerning HIV.

Ms. Özlem Gündođdu focused on demographic impact of HIV, the effects of HIV on a wide array of social and economic aspects. A special focus was on the ways of transmission and risks of infection with HIV. Parallels with the situation and the system of prevention of HIV spread in Germany were drawn.

All the participants were awarded with the certificates of the German Academic Exchange Service.

*Adapted from the Department of International Relations*

**INTERNATIONAL EVENT**

## FESTIVAL OF CULTURES



The 11<sup>th</sup> International festival of foreign students and citizens occurred on November 26 at the Students' Palace in Kharkiv, Ukraine. The event itself was a grand one with many international students from various countries and indigenes in attendance. There were representatives of many educational institutions of Kharkiv. The top officials from Kharkiv National Medical University visited this event, among them were the Dean of the VI faculty for International Medical Students, Prof. V.M. Sinayko, and the Vice-Dean, Dr. A.A. Oliynik. The Dean of the V faculty for International Medical Students, Assoc. Prof. Dmytro Marakushin was also presented with his Vice-Dean Vitaliy Kulich.

The event started at 5.00 pm with the opening speech, given by Karim Patsha, the President of the Kharkiv City Public Organization of foreign students and citizens. Other top-ranking officials also gave their welcome speeches. Following the opening part of the event was the presentation of awards to the gifted students of each educational institution of Kharkiv. Amongst the recipients of this prestigious award were two students of KhNMU including the 6<sup>th</sup> year medical student, from the VI faculty for International Medical Students, who received an award for "Excellent academics and active participation in international students' activities". The second awardee was the 6<sup>th</sup> year student from the V faculty for International Medical Students. The Dean of the V faculty for International Medical Students, Assoc. Prof. Marakushin also received an award on behalf of Kharkiv National Medical University.

After the awards presentation, a display of talents from a wide array of cultures including but not limited to Chinese, Ukrainian, Lebanese, Turkmenistan, Indian, Nigerian and many more took place.

Talented students from KhNMU also gave the audience a show to remember. These students represented the cultures of India and Turkmenistan in bright colours and epic dance moves that were applauded for with pleasure by all who attended this prestigious event.

*Adeyemi Ayodeji Alexander, the VI faculty for International Medical Students*



## MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH GHANA

In August 2015, thanks to “Bob Trade education group”, with a working visit I had a chance to travel to Ghana, one of the most interesting African countries. For 5 years of working at VI faculty’s Dean Office, I have been closely cooperating with Ghanaian students and always noticed their highest rate in studying, active civil attitude and creative abilities. While studying the history of foreign students’ preparation in KhNMU, I found out that some our graduates had become prominent specialists in their home countries. Thus, the highest mark of Ghanaian students’ achievements had been given by the first Dean of faculty for *training foreign students*, B.E. Grechanin, an Associate Professor of the **Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology** who occupied this position for 14 years and after that worked as Pro-Rector of international affairs for 17 years. He visited Ghana in 1985 with the purpose to get acquainted with the work of graduates in their homeland. Then after 30 years I also flew to an unknown African country, placed on the west of Africa, washed by the Gulf of Guinea and the Atlantic Ocean.



Conference in Kumasi. With our graduate (1994 graduation year) Ghana Ambrokwa-Ansah Benedict

How did Ghana meet me? Warmly, but ambiguously. Sometimes, while passing small cities and villages, I noticed local citizens suspiciously staring at me, and some of their kids were afraid of me, pointing on and hiding behind their mothers’ backs, as if I was a white creature from space. Sometimes the reaction to black students in Ukraine is the same, isn’t it? That’s why in order to understand another nation, it is useful to find yourself in their place – alone, in a foreign country, where no one speaks your native language and English is less spoken as well, because it is preferred to use local dialect.



In Kakum National Park with the chief manager of “Finite Link Consult” company Rosemary Asiemam

I made a long way through Ghana and visited some big cities – Accra, Sunyani, Kumasi, Takoradi, Tema. In each of these cities we had meetings with our graduates, entrants and their parents. It was so pleasant to see my former students who have already become independent specialists and it was great as well to meet unknown mature doctors, who recalled the names of our common teachers. “I still can’t forget the great cardiology lectures of professor Malaya!” –said happily the Chief Physician of one private hospital in Tema city. “And I

still remember how I got an excellent mark from professor Khvorostin-ka!” – shared his memories one of our graduates (1994 graduation year), who decided to send his son for studying in Kharkiv this year. Blessed memory to all teachers who passed away... A lot of things have been changed in our Alma Mater for these years, but undoubtedly the high class medical school, kind traditions and care of our students are still unalterable.



Interview at a local radio station in Sunyani

It goes without saying that such kinds of trips are useful for both sides: for our side (to get acquainted with the life conditions of our students in their homeland, the rules of KhNMU degree verification and etc.) and for host side (students and their parents were happy to meet the representative of Ukrainian university and got the answers to many questions about studying and leisure time of their children in Kharkiv).



Conference in Takoradi. The Atlantic Ocean in the right outside the window ©

And finally, do you know how our foreign students wait and celebrate Independence Day of their countries, studying in Ukraine? How do they prepare to organize different events, and ask the administration of the university to give them a day off? Usually they miss classes this day, it is not because they want to play truant but because their hearts are far away from their homeland. The same happened to me on August 24 in Ghana. I said that it wouldn’t be any meetings or conferences, because it was the main holiday of my country that day, my holiday! “How old is Ukraine?” – asked me Alexander Smith and Rosemary Asiemam – the representatives of hosting company “Finite Link Consult” (and now they are my good friends). I said that Ukraine was 24 years old and my answer made them smile. “Ukraine is very young! Not like Ghana – 58 years old! It means that our celebration will be youthful!” This is how I had a chance to visit Kakum National Park, where due to the system of hinged bridges (30-33 meters above the surface) it is possible to see African nature in details that are unreachable while walking.

Nowadays it is possible to have different attitude towards political situation in the world, international and religious questions. But if you love your country, your native city and your work, it will be seen and appreciated by all people you work with, despite their skin colour, language and the continent where this communication takes place. We are more close to each other than it may seem, believe me.

Vasyleva O.V., The Deputy Dean of VI faculty for Foreign Students Training

**TO THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY****DO NOT STOP ON ACHIEVED!**

On November 16 on the eve of the International Students' Day a solemn awarding of active members for high achievements in teaching, science, public work and sports was held in the walls of Kharkiv National Medical University.

The celebration was attended by the honourable guests: Chairman of Dentists of Kharkiv region Natalia Udovychenko, Chairman of Kharkiv Regional Public Organization "Social Universe" Alla Anischenko, Deputy Chairman of the Department of Family, Youth and Sports of Kharkiv City Council Aleksey Sanin. Representatives of the Students' Council officially thanked the organization "Social Universe" and the team of the Department of Family, Youth and



Sports for assistance in development of the youth movement of the University.

Rector of the University Vladimir Lesovoy solemnly opened the event by telling the story of the holiday's founding. Vladimir Nikolaevich mentioned high activity of students, effectiveness of their work and wished not to stop on achieved. The festive atmosphere for the audience was organized by creative teams of the Youth Centre.

Congratulations to the students on the occasion. We wish them success in all their initiatives!

**Daria Kuznetsova**

**LEISURE OF STUDENTS****WONDERFUL MOMENTS OF STUDENTS' LIFE**

We are so lucky, really! This fall was wonderful. We had a lot of fun outside the city. In frames of the festival of bard singers "F-major" we visited our University recreation centre "Medic" with teachers of the Physical Training and Social Sciences Depart-

ments. This centre is situated in Eskhar, Chuhuiv district, Kharkiv region.

What can we say about this place? It is situated in the wood not far from the river. We swam in the river and even had the chance to paddle canoe. We enjoyed a lot of running, playing badminton and volleyball competitions. Joyful and friendly atmosphere encouraged us to repeat this experience one day again.



It would be nice to make the houses for living more comfortable and give the chance for foreign students to recreate a bit. Unfortunately, we were overburden by the educational activities, and did not have much time for the rest.

We will remember such kind of active vacation for a long time, because we relaxed and had an opportunity to see the amazing Ukrainian landscapes.

**Samiev Mironshokh,**  
6<sup>th</sup> faculty, 3<sup>rd</sup> course

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