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DEAR COLLEAGUES!

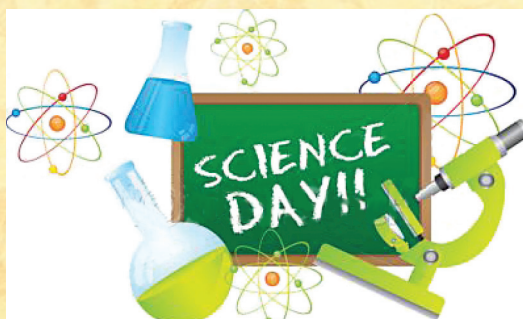
Like in previous years, this magic May we celebrate our Science Day, which is the professional holiday of all people, who devote their life to Science, are competent in great and small mysteries of the objective reality, every day get Knowledge and direct it for people's good.

Addressing you – our professors, associate professors, lecturers, researchers, postgraduates, candidates for a master's degree, laboratory assistants, autopsy technicians – as representatives of the medical science, I would like to express my congratulations and gratitude for your hard work, devotion to your cause and creative inspiration.

Our scientific achievements today are as follows: 18 scientific-pedagogical schools, 6 education-research-production units, 2 research institutes, annual performance of researches ordered by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine with the scope of financing over 3 million Hryvnas, as well as approximately 10 Doctor's and 45 Candidate's theses, and many other achievements.

I congratulate you on the holiday, my dear friends! I wish you new scientific achievements, realization of your creative projects, happiness to you and your families!

V.N. Lesovoy, Rector of the University



INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE (ISIC)

V International Scientific Interdisciplinary Conference (ISIC) of young medical scientists and students

On April 25-26, 2012 the V International Scientific Interdisciplinary Conference (ISIC) of young medical scientists and students took place at Kharkiv National Medical University.

The official language of the Conference was English.

The Conference is included in the Register of congresses, symposia and scientific conferences of the Ukrainian Ministry of Health in 2012 and is the only forum at this level for the time of Ukraine's independence.

During this ISIC, results of researches of 233 young scientists from different countries were registered: Russia (Moscow, Yekaterinburg, Kazan, Ivanovo, Kursk), Belarus (Minsk, Grodno, Gomel, Vitebsk), the Czech Republic (Prague), Serbia (Belgrade), Poland (Warsaw), Bulgaria (Varna), Azerbaijan (Baku).

Interesting works were presented by students and young scientists from all regions of Ukraine: Kharkiv, Kyiv, Donetsk, Poltava, Simferopol, Lugansk, Uzhgorod, Dnipropetrovsk, Ternopil, Lviv, Chernivtsi, Odessa.

Active participants in the Conference were English-speaking foreign students of Kharkiv National Medical University, the Ukrainian Medical Stomatological Academy and Lugansk State Medical University.

The Conference was composed of plenary and sectional meetings, scientific lectures, workshops and a social programme.

During the plenary session the participants had an opportunity to listen to an on-line lecture, delivered by the Chairman of the Israeli Neurological Association, Vice President of the World Stroke Organization, Professor Natan Bornstein (Israel).

The best papers were awarded with diplomas and memorable gifts from the sponsors of the Conference: pharmaceutical companies Egis, Pharmastart, Teva, Servier.

On the basis of the materials of the Conference, a book of abstracts was published.



MOTHER'S DAY**What about Woman's day?**

In Nigeria, there is no Women's day; rather we celebrate Mother's day. The 8th of March is the international women's day but it is not usually a public holiday as it is in Ukraine. Women are usually celebrated on Mother's day instead. This celebration happens in the church, which sets a particular date. Women are given opportunity to do most things in the church. Gifts are then exchanged, and the celebration continues in the house.

I think women should be celebrated every day because they really deserve it. Celebrating women on one day is not enough since they have contributed a lot to the society. There are cases where a woman is the breadwinner of the family, so women should be celebrated daily.

Edna Inyana, Nigeria, year I, group 8

We celebrate an official Woman's day around the world but we do not consider it holiday. The celebration is carried out by symbolic gifts and flowers. I think there are no things one can pay back to his/her mother because she is the builder of society, it is sacred for us.

Al-Alwash Zard Khalid, Iraq, year I, group 8

In India, Mother's day is celebrated on May 8. It is the day when all people pay a tribute to their mothers who sacrifice all their lives in looking after their children and family. A mother is the one who is always kind-hearted and caring. Mother is the important person in everyone's life. Because of her only, we have come on this earth and achieved a lot in our life.

On Mother's day, everyone gives gifts like roses, chocolates to his/her mother. It is a way of respecting our mothers for what they have given to us. These gifts keep our mothers happy. Be trustworthy to your mother and look after her till her old age. Be always thankful to her. We can never pay back to what she has done in our life. So it is our duty and responsibility to look after her and keep her happy always.

Aji Staffina, India, year I, group 27

In India, Mother's day is considered a very auspicious day. It is celebrated all over the country by performing different rituals, or "Pooja". In India, mother is considered as equal to God. The rituals include praising the mother by devotional songs and washing her feet with water, honey and flowers. On this day the children of the mother do all the household works and keep her totally free from any stress. She is kept happy all the time and all her wishes are fulfilled. Even the father is supposed to help the mother. Sweets and other special dishes are cooked by all other family members except the mother. She is treated nicely, and there is a lot of motherly love and affection in the air. By doing so the children are blessed by the mother. This is all done just as to show what a wonderful mom she is and that she is to be the happiest mother ever.

This day is celebrated just as to show how much the family members love the mother.

Anupama Kant, India, year I, group 27

STUDYING IN UKRAINE

Studying in Ukraine has been good so far. I have had to experience a lot of new things. I have met a lot of people as well. Thanks to our Russian teacher miss Irina, I have learned a lot of Russian in a period of a few months.

Uchizi Msavoya, Malawi



I came to Ukraine in September 2011 from the eastern part of Nigeria. When I first got into Ukraine the weather was a major drawback owing to the fact where I was coming from, which is one of the hottest places in Nigeria. Another drawback was the language barrier; I would not communicate when I came. The languages spoken in Ukraine are Ukrainian and Russian. But with time after some Russian classes in school I got able to communicate with citizens a little better.

I like that the people are welcoming. Then, seemingly are our school and teachers, especially like my chemistry teacher, who teaches well with illustrations and a computer projector. Generally, our teachers teach well and always maintain their standards, and the school is very good. The level of security in Ukraine is very high: since I have been here, having never had any incident, Ukraine is very safe. So far my stay in Ukraine has been OK. At my hostel I have a comfortable room with a very comfortable bed, and our hostel warden is very good. I love to continue to study in Ukraine.

Eke Lsaiah Ogba, Nigeria



With the little time I have stayed in Ukraine, studying has been quiet encouraging and can be at the same time discouraging, but we have to keep going especially with the cold "winter period".

The method teachers use in training students is quite impressive, most teachers are lovely, and some are not so.

Helen Oluwafemi, Nigeria



I am a first-year student of Kharkiv National Medical University, group 3. I came to Ukraine in January 2011 and I came to KhNMU in September 2011 for studies.

I am honoured to be a student at this great school, and so far I like the organized system and the way the students are grouped during practical classes.

The only problem is the cold; I am still trying to adapt to the weather and I pray and hope to receive the best I can from KhNMU.

Patricia Morel, Nigeria



Studying in Ukraine has been a beautiful experience for me, and studying at Kharkiv National Medical University is a better experience.

As for Ukraine, the weather is conducive for learning and for recreational activities except, of course, the winter period.

At KhNMU I have been taught by experienced and knowledgeable teachers in all fields and even though the language has been a strong barrier, we try our best to communicate and with time we will get there (both teachers and students).

And all studying has been made easy with the provision of books and other media for easy understanding. I am happy to be a student in Ukraine and, still better, at KhNMU.

Doicas Yawe, Nigeria



COMPETITION

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN AESTHETIC RESTORATION OF TEETH



restoration, namely the technique of anatomic stratification following Dr. Lorenzo Vanini's method. Teachers of our Department of Dentistry were provided with guidelines and visual aids. Then, on March 1, our University held stage II: a practical course for a group of interns under the guidance of Prof. Camillo D'Arcangelo from University of Chieti. Before the practical course the professor delivered a lecture for all comers on the basic principles of the stratification technique and properties of Enamel Plus restoration system.



The second stage ended with a competition on plaster casts, where interns demonstrated their theoretical and practical skills. On the basis of these works, staff members of the Department and representatives from the Italian part will choose the best participant. The evaluation criteria will include such items as matching of the performed work by colour, fullness and brightness; natural reproduction of opalescence and intensity, macrorelief and microstructure of the surface; quality of the final polishing, and some other characteristics. All the information about the winner will be sent to MICERIUM SpA.

The third stage consists in the final international championship, which will take place at the Department of Restorative Dentistry, University of Chieti, on June 13. All transport, hotel and rest costs of the participants will be covered by the sponsor. Prof. Camillo D'Arcangelo



Camillo D'Arcangelo is Professor of Restorative Dentistry, Dental School, University of Chieti (Italy); Dean of the Faculty of Restorative Dentistry and Endodontics; Professor of Restorative Dentistry in Postgraduate Course in Orthodontics; Professor of Restorative Dentistry at the School of Dental Hygiene; Director of Postgraduate Master-ship in Restorative Dentistry.

will estimate the finalists' works and choose the best student of the year. The winner of the competition will get an opportunity to undergo a free 3-month training course at University of Chieti.

I.I. Sokolova,
Head of the Department of Dentistry,
Associate Professor

The policy of our state in the field of higher education is directed towards integration into the world system with preservation of the achievements and traditions of the Ukrainian school. Participation of our students and interns in different workmanship competitions is one of the variants for the above approaching.

Thus, colleagues from University of Chieti (Italy) suggested the Department of Dentistry of our University that we take part in the International championship in aesthetic restoration of teeth, whose participants represent many European universities. The competition, supported by the Italian Ministry of Health and one of the most famous manufacturers of dental materials, MICERIUM SpA, is held for the eight time. Also, it is worth noticing that our University is the only educational institution of this type in Ukraine, which was invited to participate.

The competition procedure envisages realization of certain stages. Thus, during stage I, all the interns were theoretically trained in one of the modern techniques of tooth res-



GRADUATES OF 2012

I AM PROUD TO BE A GRADUATE OF KHARKIV NATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

I must say that I am delighted and, as usual, honoured to contribute my words out to those of you reading this today. It has been a wide experience for me to study at one of the most dignified educational institutions in Ukraine, Kharkiv National Medical University (KhNMU). I will leave you with a little bit of my history before I got to be a proud and well-represented leader under the authority of this wonderful University.

I left Nigeria in February 2005 straight into the Russian Federation, where I attended the Russian language preparatory academy and just after seven months I was successfully admitted to the 1st year of Medicine at Kuban State Medical University in the City of Krasnodar. My decision to leave Russia for Ukraine was simple. KhNMU was suggested to me by friends who cared about seeing me excel and explore the role of leadership whom I was born to be.

KhNMU is not just a university like any other. Ask around to understand its uniqueness. Is it the cooperative relationship between its faculty members and students? Is it the privileges that the regulatory power of the University reserves for well deserving students? Is it the mode



i Usiemwanta Lawson Osarugue – Class of 2012 – Nigerian, KhNMU internal head representative of international students since 2006; only an active member of The Nigerian Students' Association, Kharkiv (NISAK – formed in 2009) and 1/3 Founder of the African International Students' Union Government (AISUG – www.aisug.com) since 2010, which is currently the latest tune of the international students' multi-project advancement in Ukraine. He speaks English & Russian languages fluently plus a little Ukrainian.

at which the elementary ethics are delivered to students to enable them growing very fast, become more responsible and actively motivated to pursue academics? Is it the dimension at which encouragement and strong drive of studentship are tuned up when you need to cross that huge bridge that you regard as an academic barrier?

I will make it all short for you. There is no university I would have appreciated to be there for me as a family more than KhNMU, and for that I will always keep the fire burning and also will not recommend any other medical university for those I know! Being the best at what they do is an understatement.

Usiemwanta Lawson Osarugue

WORDS OF OUR GRADUATES

FOREIGN STUDENTS ARE PROUD THAT THEY CAN CALL THEMSELVES GRADUATES OF KhNMU

We are grateful to our lucky stars that they have cast our lot with Kharkiv National Medical University, which is the oldest higher medical school of Ukraine and has celebrated this year its 207th anniversary.

We thank for the atmosphere of creation, innovation and benevolence, which reigns at the University. **We thank** for an opportunity as early as during our student's days to plunge into the working life of the medical profession and feel ourselves like doctors; **we thank** for exactingness, care and understanding.

Year after year, still more and more international students choose our University. Now here study already children and grandchildren of its former students, who regard the University as their sweet home and Kharkiv as their native city.

It is safe to say that this Medical University is a brand of the City of Kharkiv. Many former graduates place elements of the symbols of the University and City on sign boards of their clinics, on pages of social networks, but, above all, they successfully work all over the world, bringing glory to their alma mater!

Kharkiv National Medical University is a proud name! But don't our deans excite the feeling of pride? Yes, they do, of course, but not only the feeling of pride. What are the most terrible words in a student's life? "You are summoned to the Dean's office" or, what is even more terrible, "You are summoned by the Dean". The response is usually horrible. Tachycardia, tachypnoea, non-continuous intermittent thinking: "What for?" However, we were not only severely criticized and punished, but more frequently helped and protected.



How were we begging for getting another permission to work off our academic failures, but deputy deans courageously repulsed us! And what about queues to the Dean's office, where we made acquaintances, fell in love, quarrelled, exchanged our latest news, even had time to do homework! Unfortunately, our study meetings every semester, the Club of the Funny and Inventive, The Miss of the University, community work days, donor days, hostels

– all these things are already in our past.

But our dear deans, their deputies and workers of the dean's offices will remain in our present forever.

Do you remember our first days in Ukraine, the first words "mother", "father" and "house" in the Russian language? And side by side with them such a difficult and long (in Russian), but very important for us, word as "teacher"! Since that time we spent every day with our teachers. We listened to them, studied – and gradually we developed confidence: "WE WILL SUCCEED IN EVERYTHING!" And today we are leaving with diplomas of doctors, but, above all, with sound knowledge, given to us by our teachers! They have fostered in us punctuality, exactingness to ourselves, carefulness and obligatoriness – the qualities, which are so necessary for doctors!

We understand that it was not easy with us, but all this is already yesterday! Today we are your colleagues and friends, rather than only students! We are leaving, but you will remain in our hearts forever!



STUDENTS SAY

**“ Ask not what your country can do for you.
Ask what you can do for your country ”**
(John F. Kennedy)

Six long years of my being a student of Kharkiv State Medical University for 1 year and the remaining 5 years as a student of Kharkiv National Medical University proved one thing which my uncle told my mother when she was doing her own tertiary studies, and that is : “It is not the school which makes the students, it is the students which make the school”. Eighteen-years-old, young and active, I was mesmerized by the thought of finally starting to construct my future, and it was at KhNMU.



The first step was in the class of physics, along with some foreign students, mainly from Iraq and one from Tanzania. That is one advantage of studying here, which is, that we get to interact with students from all over the world. Still a freshman, I already felt like a doctor and I am sure that everyone who started medical school felt exactly the same. But here it has its own flavor and taste, a blend of hardship and ease.

The first year was mainly about anatomy; the dream of a biology high school student. And this is when I got to meet all my fellow students as a whole, during the lecture, my first one among the hundreds which came along the following 4 years. I will not hide the fact that the junior years are comprised of subjects which are unrelated to medical studies and that really annoyed me. I still can remember, as if it was yesterday, that I was complaining to a fifth-year student in front of the physical education building about that statement I have just made. He turned to the entrance of the main building and said: ‘Listen, kid, this institution is 202 years old and I can guarantee you that if it included such subjects in your curriculum, it knows what it is doing.’ And this answer was the main reason why I endured patiently almost everything which happened during those 6 years. In my mind, I consoled myself with the idea of no knowledge is wasted knowledge. Now I can say I know that during the construction of the subway of “University”, bones of prehistoric rhinoceros were found.

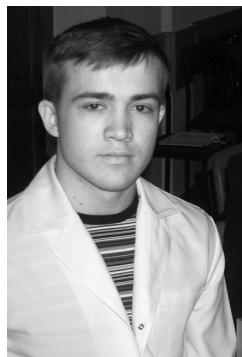
No one can forget about the winters in Ukraine, especially a person who came from the tropical region, where extreme heat and cold are absent. And these winters have surely taught me how to go beyond my limits: I mean by waking up at half past five in the morning, when the sun will not be rising before the next two hours, and go to XTZ for the morning paediatrics classes. This was a big challenge for everyone in the course and I am proud to say that everyone stood up to it and now, in May 2012, by God Almighty’s Grace, we all are graduating side by side with the hope of making the world a healthier one.

To condense everything in a nutshell, there is no regret for studying at Kharkiv National Medical University, since it has made a doctor as well as a man and I hope I will be able to live up to the expectation of whatever I have learnt. Everything has been an awesome experience starting from waiting in front of the dean’s office to collecting our graduation gowns. Finally we have all made it and we are taking along with us six long years of memories, forever engraved in our mind and, hopefully, which we shall be able to share one day with the oncoming generation.

Krish Roopun, Group 3a, 6th year

FROM A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

**Good luck,
our dear graduates!**



Inconspicuously another academic year has flown by, and for some people this was the last one, spent with their dear group-mates, friends-companions in their occupation. But do not be under delusions, dear graduates! Your yesterday’s friends will become your competitors in getting a

job. It is natural, that the above problem least of all exists for the category of government-financed students, who, shining with happiness, wishing to scale new heights of the medical science and anticipating their successful career with pleasure, will go to some elite urban village to take a position of a family doctor, which was especially prepared by our caring state. But what is wrong? One should start with minor things...

But instead let us try and remember those wonderful moments of our student’s life that we will soon tell our children about. As a first-year student, I cannot imagine in full what feels a person, who is leaving a higher school. Each graduate has his own recollections: dear teachers, friends, lectures and classes. In a well-known social network in Internet I found many posts, devoted to crowning phrases of our teachers, hostel life, and many other aspects. One should not believe every written thing; therefore I will describe what I personally experienced during my first year.

This was a real test for my strength of will, self-control, self-discipline, ability to get along with my new friends. This is the time, when everybody finds his place in a students’ society, finally forms his views, character and qualities, establishes a priority and aims at future.

The first sessions are a tremendous stress for a “yesterday’s pupil”, who has already got used to his teacher’s care about his success in any oral or written test. And severely shocked are those students who do everything at the very last moment, at the night preceding the module test.

I think that you, our “yesterday’s students”, remember well all these things, don’t you? Constant alternations of depressive and euphoric states – this is what the first year is!

I hope that I have managed to stir up nostalgia in the people, who are leaving KhNMU, and make them page recollections in their heads!

I wish you good luck, our dear graduates!

Mark Adamsky,
students’ correspondent (II Medical Faculty)

About health and illness

A hospital is no place to be sick.

Samuel Goldwyn

All these nervous breakdowns are driving me crazy.

Lee Hawkins

I've never met a healthy person who worried much about his health or a good person who worried much about his soul.

Haldane

Insanity: a perfectly rational adjustment to the insane world.

Unknown

**MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY
WITH HUMOUR**

Artery ☺ The study of paintings.
Bacteria ☺ Back door to a cafeteria.
Benign ☺ What you be after you be eight
Cesarean Section ☺ A neighborhood in Rome.
CAT scan ☺ Searching for kitty.
Cauterize ☺ Made eye contact with her.
Colic ☺ A sheep dog.
Coma ☺ A punctuation mark.
D & C ☺ Where Washington is.
Dilate ☺ To live long.
Enema ☺ Not a friend.
Fester ☺ Quicker than someone else.
Fibula ☺ A small lie.
Impotent ☺ Distinguished, well known.
Labor Pain ☺ Getting hurt at work.
Nitrates ☺ Cheaper than day rates.
Outpatient ☺ A person who has fainted.
Pap Smear ☺ A fatherhood test.
Post Operative ☺ A letter carrier.
Secretion ☺ Hiding something.
Seizure ☺ Roman emperor.
Tablet ☺ A small table.
Terminal Illness ☺ Getting sick at the airport.
Tumor ☺ More than one.
Urine ☺ Opposite of you're out.
Varicose ☺ Near by / close by

CONFERENCE**GENDER AND EDUCATION**

On April 11-13, 2012, Professor of the Department of Philosophy Mrs. Kateryna Karpenko took part in the International Interim Conference of the Gender and Education Association (GEA), which was held at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden). The subject of the Conference was "Gender and Democracy: Gender Research in Times of Change". The report, made by K.I. Karpenko, "Integration of gender prospects in the course of basic subjects: the Ukrainian experience" aroused interest of the Conference participants, who asked questions about the state policy concerning the gender component of education, reasonability of gender centres at universities and the gender aspect of preparation for Euro 2012. The first day of the Conference finished with Reception hosted by the Mayor of Gothenburg.

It proved to be important to get acquainted with the experience of teaching the humanities at the University of Gothenburg, with workbooks of the Faculty of Education, the Department of Education and Special Education of the above University. During their meetings the colleagues expressed a desire for participating in the IV International Theoretical-Practical Conference "Gender. Ecology. Health", which is planned for October 2013.



The University of Gothenburg



Reception hosted by the Mayor of Gothenburg



Presentation of the report

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**A LECTURE FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS AND STUDENTS**

On March 20, 2012 Kharkiv National Medical University was visited by an expert on software in the healthcare system from the USA.

Lana TSURIKOVA, the Research Program manager of Partners HealthCare System, Inc., Clinical Informatics R & D, USA, met with our students, young scientists and interns. Her lecture "Health IT today: role, components, and challenges" dealt with the history of software development in the field of health, reviews of companies and industrial products today, implementation of new data processing technologies, and other aspects.

In the USA, an integrated health care system was founded by Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in 1994. It includes founding hospitals, community hospitals, specialty hospitals, post acute care services and community health centers. The mission of Partners HealthCare System, Inc. is to improve the quality and efficiency of care for patients by assuring that the most advanced current knowledge in medical informatics (clinical computing) is incorporated into clinical information systems.

An electronic health record is an evolving



concept defined as a systematic collection of electronic health information about individual patients or populations. It is a digital format record, which is theoretically capable of being shared across different health care settings. In some cases, this sharing can be performed by means of network-connected enterprise-wide information systems and other information networks or exchanges. Digital medical documentation resources make it possible for medical staff to have an access to the case history of every patient, while the patient can be treated worldwide regardless of his/her nationality and country of residence.

Application of these programs in health-care systems, training of medical staff and improvement of knowledge in medical informatics will reduce the time of clinical diagnosis assessment and administration of the correct treatment to the patient.

The Head of Department of Propedeutics of Internal Medicine No. 1 O.M. KOVALY-OVA noted that the above meeting provided an opportunity for international cooperation with foreign experts in the field of health and introduction of new technologies into the work of our hospitals.

Viktoriya Zakharevych

■ PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT

FIRST STEPS ON THEIR WAY TO GREAT SCIENCE

The second year of the work of the Preparatory Department for Foreign Citizens of KhNMU is being over. Within this time the number of our listeners from different countries increased: students from Nigeria, Azerbaijan and Iraq were also joined by representatives from Israel, India, Afghanistan, Turkey, Zimbabwe and the Maldives.

The present academic year is to finish one month earlier, many listeners started their studies only in winter, but the curricula will be fully completed owing to the work of experienced lecturers and a responsible attitude of most listeners to their studies.

By the results of the winter session, actually all the listeners passed their examinations and tests with "good" and "excellent" results, 7 people received diplomas from the Head of the Department for their successes. But poor achievers attended extra classes.

Foreign students are interested in the history of Ukraine, that of Kharkiv in particular. They go on excursions, attend exhibitions, take an interest in Ukrainian national holidays, and describe ancient and modern customs in their native countries.

The Russian language seems very difficult for them. But they diligently try to master it, take an interest in a comparative analysis of the "great and powerful" Russian and their mother tongues, and deliver reports at conferences. This year the works have been presented by: Narware Nilima (India) – "India: The Unknown about Known" at the 74th International Students' Conference at Kharkiv National Automobile and Highway University; Ahmed Raliat and Salawu Khayrat (Nigeria) – "Proverbs unite..." about sounding and meaning of proverbs in the Russian, English and Yoruba languages. Abulfaz Osmanzade (Azerbaijan) made a report "Animals as Causative Agents of Human Parasitic Diseases"



Osmanzade Abulfaz (Azerbaijan)

(the 11th Interuniversity Theoretical-Practical Conference of International Students from Preparatory Faculties and Departments of Ukraine at the National Pharmaceutical University), Jafarzade Rahshanda (Azerbaijan) presented a report "Why it is difficult for me to study the Russian language" about peculiarities in the Azerbaijani language versus the Russian one. Murindagomo Cathrine (Zimbabwe) and Akonjom Mandus (Nigeria) explained why they wanted to become doctors; Javadli Parviz (Azerbaijan) described "The biological role of vitamins" (the 1st International Theoretical-Practical Conference of International Students from Preparatory and Basic Faculties and Listeners of Centres for Training Foreign Citizens at Higher Schools, held at Kharkiv National University of Radioelectronics).

All the speeches were accompanied by bright illustrative materials, the presenters being awarded with diplomas and prizes.

Their participation in the conferences became the first significant achievement and a high stimulus to study for the reporters. Their study at a preparatory department for foreign citizens is the most important stage in the life of any person, who has come to Ukraine in order to get knowledge and gain victories.

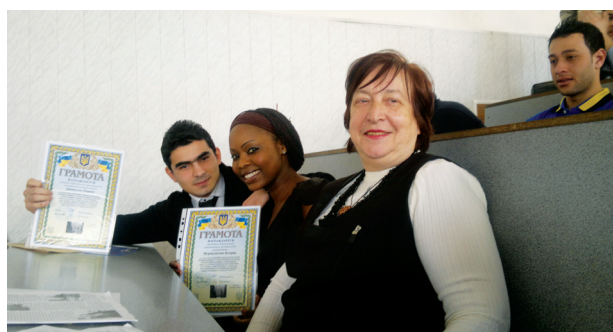
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Jafarzade Rakhshanda (Azerbaijan)



Javadli Parviz (Azerbaijan)



Senior teacher Ovchinnikova A.S. with students Javadli Parviz (Azerbaijan) and Murindagomo Cathrine (Zimbabwe)



Our speakers: Narware Nilima (India), Akonjom Mandus (Nigeria), Jafarzade Rakhshanda (Azerbaijan), Javadli Parviz (Azerbaijan), Osmanzade Abulfaz (Azerbaijan)



Senior teachers Jaroshek L.P. and Grishina E.S. with students of the Preparatory Department

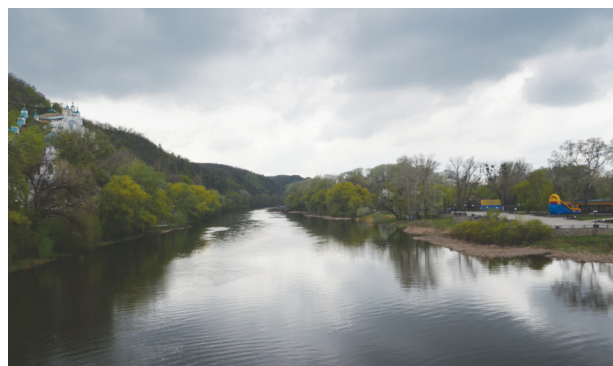
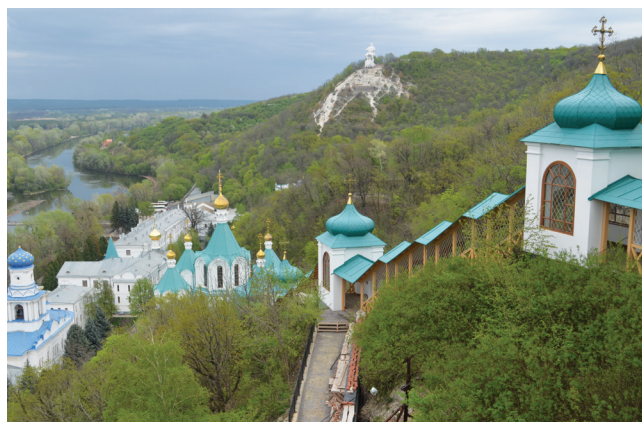
WONDERFUL PLACES OF UKRAINE

Travelling is one of the best ways for cognizing the soul and features of character of any nation. We had a nice chance to get some extra information about the history and culture of Ukrainians. Our trip to Svyatogors'k and Izium filled us with wonderful energy. These places are really holy... Their quiet, absolutely relaxing atmosphere helped us to forget about the majority of troubles in our ordinary student's life. Our teacher Mrs. Nataliya Martynenko told us about many specific points in the Ukrainian national character, the main points of Orthodox religion, and some difficult periods in the history of Ukraine. It was interesting to learn about the baptizing of Kyiv Rus'. Changing of the religion was a really dramatic period in the ancient Slavonic history. And the nature around Svyatogorsk is so amazing!

Izium was the second interesting point of our trip. There we saw a miraculous icon of Virgin Mary (we name her Mariam) in the church. We heard a story about the positive influence of miraculous icons on believers. Not far from the church there is a holy spring. According to a legend, Cossack Kyrychenko had a blind child. He decided to make a draw well. As soon as he started, a fountain of water from the ground washed the face of his blind daughter. The girl could see after that. We drank water from that spring and the feelings were absolutely fantastic! There were many ladies around the place. They sang special songs because it was the day of memorizing died relatives.

During our way back we had mixed feelings. On the one hand, we were tired because of a far trip, but on the other one we relaxed absolutely. We hope that next year we will go somewhere else and see new wonderful places of Ukraine!

Students of the first year

**«Medical University»**

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