



## EVENT

### The members of the European Parliament visited the University

On September 21, Kharkiv National Medical University was visited by the representatives of the European Parliament, namely member of the European Parliament from Austria Lukas Mandl and Secretary General of the Assembly of European regions Christian Spahr.

The purpose of the visit was to get acquainted with the history and modern development of the University, as well as to discuss the issues of cooperation.

The Rector of the University Prof. Valeriy Kapustnyk welcomed the honored guests and introduced them the University's structure, and noted that the implementation of any cooperation programme begins with small steps as well as the common interest for both parties. "I hope that after getting to know our University you will have an urge to take important steps to our joint activities. Thank you for the fact that you, as people who personify the supreme power in the European Union, found the opportunity to visit a medical university", – noted the Rector.



The representatives of the European Parliament thanked for the warm meeting, "We are happy to have the opportunity to visit your University, because we know that Kharkiv is an educational hub, in the forefront of which is Kharkiv National Medical University. So far, the

pandemic has demonstrated to all of us that it is necessary to invest more in the healthcare sector, and especially in the development of medical education".

Mr. Christian Spahr noted that the cooperation will take place within the framework of the Eastern Partnership under the auspices of the European Union and, first of all, will be aimed to support cooperation between the regions of the European Union and Eastern Europe.

After the formal meeting the delegation had an excursion around the University. The guests visited the Museum of History, where they learned about the University from the time of its foundation to the present, the Scientific Library and the Simulation Center of KhNMU.

The parties expressed confidence in the future fruitful cooperation.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### Path of cooperation

On September 28, Kharkiv National Medical University was visited by Mr. Noel Israel Khokhar, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Ukraine.



During the visit issues of cooperation and training of Pakistani students at the University were discussed.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Vice-Rector for Research Prof. Valeriy Myasoedov welcomed the honored guest, "We are very pleased that long-standing good relations have been established between Pakistan and Ukraine. We can observe this in the development of education, science and culture. We are ready to support all propositions from the Ambassador and hope that such meetings will be regular".

Mr. Khokhar thanked the Vice-Rector for the warm welcome and noted, "Medical education is well developed in Pakistan, and students with well-grounded knowledge and good mark chose the medical direction. Whereas Ukraine has a good educational system, a lot of Pakistani students come here for studying. I also would like to stress that there are special medical councils in our country, which divide universities into categories, and I am glad to announce that your University has reached the highest and best category A".

In return, Valeriy Myasoedov replied: "We are sincerely grateful for category A, because we understand that this is not only our story, but also a personal assessment of the Ambassador. We understand that each system of training physicians has its own characteristics, but our experience allows us to modernize it in such a way that every medical council, including Pakistan, is satisfied with the final result".

The Ambassador invited our University to take part in the Education Exhibition of the best international universities and offered to sign a memorandum of cooperation. The parties discussed the possibility of admission for students to online education, as well as questions about the prospects for cooperation and the possibility of training Pakistani citizens at Kharkiv National Medical University.

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION****Expanding the horizons of international cooperation**

On October 5, Mr. Konstantyn Poliakov, the Director of the Krankengymnastik Poliakov (Gerne, Germany), visited Kharkiv National Medical University.



The Head of the International Relations Office Anzhela Stashchak and the Head of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Pediatric Gynecology Prof. Irina Tuchkina met with the guest.

Mrs. Stashchak welcomed Mr. Poliakov within the walls of the University and told about the history and the present of it. In response, Konstantin Polyakov told about his Hospital, which provides high-quality specialized care.

Besides, during the meeting, the parties discussed the ways of cooperation between KhNMU and the Hospital, as well as the possibility of realizing the programme of academic mobility for students and professors in the field of physical rehabilitation.

The parties expressed confidence in further cooperation and agreed to conclude an agreement on cooperation.

**Inna Chernysh,**

*Leading expert of the International Relations Office*

**The Experience Exchange is the way to improvement!**

On October 18–20, Dr. Hakan Agir, a plastic surgeon at the Acibadem Altunizade Clinic (Istanbul, Turkey), visited Kharkiv National Medical University.



During the visit, Dr. Agir met with the management of KhNMU, gave the series of lectures for students of the VII Faculty for International Students of KhNMU Education and Research Institute for Foreign Nationals and students of the III Medical Faculty, as well as conducted master classes for surgeons at the clinical bases of the Department of Surgery No. 4.

During the meeting, the parties discussed issues of further cooperation, knowledge acquisition and exchange of experience in the field of reconstructive plastic surgery. The participants of the event expressed confidence in the future fruitful cooperation.

**Maryna Bilonozhko,**

*Leading expert of the International Relations Office*

**HONORARY GUESTS OF KHNMU****Palliative medicine is a requirement of the time**

On November 10, a delegation of the founders of the public organization for parents who have children with disabilities "Parents2" from the Netherlands visited the University. Namely, Mr. Rene Hubregtze, the Director of the NGO, Mrs. Nellie Oversluisen, the Professor of Nursing at the Christian University, and Mr. Willem Peter van Kempen, a volunteer for people with disabilities and their relatives.

The meeting was initiated by the Professor of the Department of Paediatrics No. 1 with Neonatology, Mrs. Olena Riga. The purpose of the visit was to discuss opportunities for cooperation in the field of paediatric palliative care, drawing up a lecture course for students, doctors and academia.

Welcoming foreign guests at KhNMU, the Vice-Rector for Research, Prof. Valeriy Myasoyedov pointed out that palliative medicine is not only the latest tendency, but also a requirement of the time, for this the University is trying to follow modern trends. "Currently, we are creating a Centre for Palliative Medicine in our University. The tasks of the Centre are education, science and practical activities. However, this should happen in the context of international cooperation, because there are international standards for palliative care in the world, and we want them to be established in Ukraine as well. By bringing together experts, qualified international managers, people involved in education, science and the arts, we can get the results we expect. I hope that during our meeting we will be able to outline areas of interest to both you and us" – said the Vice-Rector. Mr. Rene Hubregtze, for his part, reminded how the cooperation between our institutions was set and gave an appraisal of it, saying, "We are very happy to visit your school again and hope to continue this tradition in the future. Ukrainian medics have a great desire to develop palliative care, and I hope that your University will be a good example of it".

During the visit, the guests discussed issues of further cooperation in the field of supporting children with special needs. After visiting the National Museum, they also got acquainted with the history of Kharkiv National Medical University and phantom classes at the Simulation Centre of the Institute of Educational Quality.

**Long-term cooperation based on professional experience**

On November 10–12, Dr. med. Michael Schenk, the Honorary Professor of KhNMU, Head of the Center of Integrative Pain Medicine in Franziskus Krankenhaus (Berlin, Germany), paid a working visit to Kharkiv National Medical University.

Our cooperation is known as long-term and fruitful, and its boundaries are constantly expanding. The program of the last visit was rich and very informative for research and teaching staff and students.

During three days, Dr. Schenk worked at the University, visited the University Clinic of KhNMU, clinical bases of the Department of Critical Care Medicine, Anesthesiology and Intensive Care of KhNMU, and has shared his professional experience.

On November 10–11, there were open lectures in a mixed format (online and offline). The topic of the first lecture was "The problem of treatment of pain in combat trauma: phantom pain, neuropathic pain, etc". and the second open lecture was devoted to chronic pain in cancer patients.

On the last day of his stay Dr. Schenk had a meeting with the University's administration, and he was awarded with a Certificate of appreciation for his fruitful cooperation with KhNMU.

Expressing gratitude to the colleague, the Vice-Rector for Research and Education Iryna Leshchyna expressed the deepest respect to Dr. Schenk for over 6 years of fruitful and mutual cooperation. "Thanks to such close cooperation, we were able to organize internships for undergraduate and post-graduate students who have gained extremely useful experience in practical training, as well as familiarization with the medical practices of a leading European clinic. We hope that in the future our cooperation will bring even more achievements, and interesting projects" – said Assoc. Prof. Leshchyna.

For his part, Dr. Schenk stressed that pain medicine is very important for European countries, so much attention is paid to the study of this area. "In Germany, we on a regular basis hold lectures, seminars, and exams in this subject, as well as take care of patients, in particular, we present beds for patients in clinics. Kharkiv National Medical University has expressed interest in this field and I am sure that it will have a good impact on the development of pain medicine in your country" – said Michael Schenk.

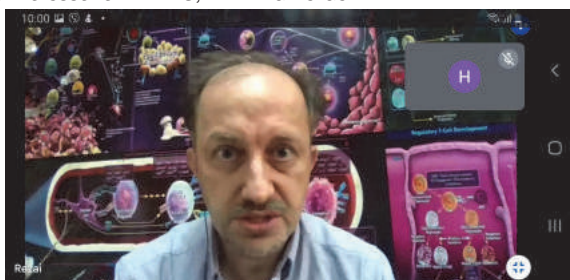
**Viktoriia Zakharevych, Maryna Bilonozhko**



## COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS

### Lecture by Nima Rezaei

Kharkiv National Medical University has been a partner of Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) for many years. Thanks to long-term and fruitful cooperation, international scientific and educational events, training sessions and lectures on medical and dental specialization has been conducted. Master classes are also often held with the participation of a prominent Iranian doctor and Honorary Professor of KhNMU, Dr. Nima Rezaei.



Thus, on the 25th of October 2021, the lecture "Principles of functioning of the immune system. Primary immunodeficiencies" was held for students of the VII Faculty for International Students of KhNMU Education and Research Institute for Foreign Nationals. The event was implemented with the support and organization of the Department of Internal Medicine No. 2, Clinical Immunology and Allergology named after Academician L.T. Malaya the Head of the Department, Academician Pavel Kravchun and Professor Volodymyr Babadzhan. The lecture was attended by 158 students of KhNMU, interns and experienced doctors.

During the lecture, Dr. Nima Rezaei shared his many years of experience in treating patients with primary immunodeficiency during his diagnostic and treatment activities as the Head of the Research Center for Immunodeficiency. Nima Rezaei not only gave a brilliant lecture, but also asked questions to students, listened and commented on their answers, thus ensuring an interactive contact with the audience.

Kharkiv National Medical University expresses its respect and gratitude to the colleague from Iran, who helped make all his happen. We invite students, graduate students and young scientists to join our international activities!

### Lecture by Mavzhuda Abdullayeva

The lecture of the Head of the Department of Propaedeutics of Children's Diseases and Polyclinic Paediatrics of Andijan State Medical Institute (Uzbekistan) Assoc. Prof. Mavzhuda Abdullayeva, titled "Breastfeeding and artificial feeding of infants. Classification and characteristics of milk formulas. Techniques and rules of breastfeeding and artificial feeding. Additional nutrition and nutrition correction" was held at the University.



The lecture was given to students, interns and experienced doctors of KhNMU. The topic of the lecture aroused the interest of the listeners, discussion issues were covered.

The event was implemented with the support and organization of the Department of Propaedeutics of Pediatrics No. 2 the Head of the Department, Prof. Victoria Klimenko.

Kharkiv National Medical University expresses its respect and gratitude to the colleague from Uzbekistan, thanks to whom the event was possible.

### Lecture by Mohammad Khami

In November, Professor of Oral Public Health, Head of the Research Centre for Caries Prevention at Tehran University of Medical Sciences (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mohammad Khami gave a lecture, titled "Smoking and oral health: the role of the dentists in smoking cessation activities".

The topic of the lecture was relevant and aroused the interest of the listeners. The lecture was attended by about 60 students of KhNMU who are studying Dentistry, as well as residents and regular doctors. The event was implemented with the support and organization of the Faculty of Dentistry in the person of the Dean of the Faculty, Assoc. Prof. Viktor Nikonov.

Kharkiv National Medical University expresses its respect and gratitude to the colleague from Iran, thanks to whom the event was possible.

### Lecture by Plamen Staykov

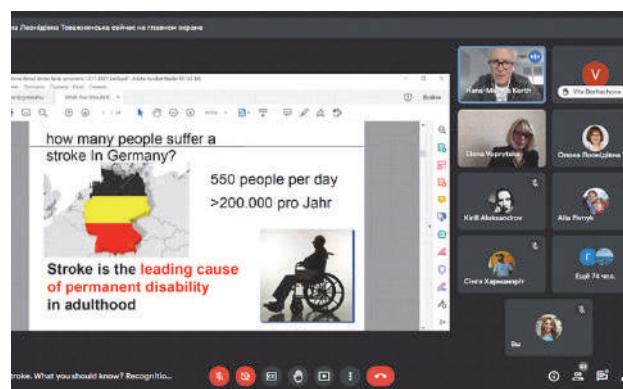
The open lecture on the topic "Acute cholecystitis: clinical patterns, diagnosis, treatment" by Dr. Plamen Staikov was held at the University. The event was implemented with the support and organization of the Department of Surgery No. 2 in the person of its Head, Prof. Igor Kryvoruchko and Assoc. Prof. Mykola Sykal.

Students of KhNMU, interns and experienced doctors had the opportunity to listen to the lecture. During his speech, Dr. Staykov shared his many years of experience as a surgeon and talked about acute cholecystitis. He presented to the audience current information on the classification, etiology and pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, methods of laboratory and instrumental diagnosis of patients with acute cholecystitis. The lecturer also paid attention to the peculiarities of the treatment of patients, features and types of surgical interventions depending on the presence of complications. In the end, Dr. Staykov showed a video from his own experience of surgical treatment of acute cholecystitis.

KhNMU expresses its respect and gratitude to the colleague from Germany, and hope for further fruitful cooperation.

### Lecture by Dr. Hans-Markus Kerth

During last two years Kharkiv National Medical University invites leading international experts to give open lectures in various fields on the most relevant topics.



On November 12, Dr. med Hans-Markus Kerth, the Senior physician in charge of Helios Dr. Horst Schmidt Clinics Wiesbaden (Germany), has begun a series of lectures on stroke. His first lecture "Stroke. What you should know? Recognition. Treatment. Prevention." was organized by the Department of Neurology, headed by Prof. Olena Tovazhnianska. The lecture was a tremendous success and was attended and attended by more than 100 students, professors, doctors and specialists in the field of neurology and rehabilitation. Also, the lecture was joined by specialists from other cities of Ukraine.

According to the International Relations Office

## ACADEMIC MOBILITY

### Invaluable experience gained at Klinik Sachsenhausen

*Kharkiv National Medical University has been a partner of German Klinik Sachsenhausen in Frankfurt am Main for many years. Every year, KhNMU's students have the opportunity to undergo an internship in surgery at Klinik Sachsenhausen.*

This year is not an exception – from October 17 to 24, students of the II Medical Faculty Mrs. Alina Valentieva and Mr. Oleksandr Prasol, and student of the VII Faculty for International Students of KhNMU Mrs. Soha Raad successfully completed their practical training. Students shared their impressions:

"My name is Oleksandr Prasol. This fall, I had the opportunity to have a week-long practice in surgery at Klinik Sachsenhausen. I am very grateful to KhNMU for this opportunity. This practice opened for me a very interesting world of bariatric surgery.

From the first day of the tour around the clinic, which was conducted by the Head of the Department for Cooperation with International Trainees and Patients, Mrs. Spiegel, I was impressed by the organization and quality of medical care provided by the clinic. Excellent equipment, friendly and qualified staff, doctors, who always answered all questions, and were always happy to help.

During the practice itself, we looked at both bariatric surgery, which was the most interesting part to me, and inguinal hernias surgery, a hernia of the esophageal orifice of the diaphragm. Also, we were able to observe patients in the postoperative period in the intensive care unit. Moreover, we were able not only to watch but also to participate in operations performed by Dr. Staikov.

Once again, I would like to thank the top management of KhNMU, the International Relations Office of KhNMU, and all the staff of Klinik Sachsenhausen for this invaluable experience. I really wish as many students, graduates of our University, heads of hospitals as possible to have the opportunity to participate in such programmes".

"I am Valentieva Alina, a 5th-year student of the II Medical Faculty of KhNMU. And I'm very grateful to the International Relations Office of KhNMU for the opportunity to gain a new unforgettable professional experience at Klinik Sachsenhausen.

The programme, indeed was intense and incredible! My fellow students and I had the opportunity not only to take an active part in the preparation for the operation (to analyze previous examinations

carried out before the operation and discuss the plan for further treatment), but also to assist Dr. Plamen Staikov during the operation. I am very grateful to the doctor for his professionalism, for our training,

for his attentive attitude to our group, and responsiveness to us. I would also like to thank the medical staff of the Klinik Sachsenhausen and Ms. Spiegel for the warm welcome and support of each member of our group. Also, my colleges and I saw advanced technologies and how they work in practice. The internship gave me an unforgettable experience (we walked around Frankfurt, visited the Goethe Museum, Heidelberg Castle, and the ancient university).

Once again I want to express my deep gratitude for the opportunities and knowledge provided, for the pleasant and warm impressions of the internship to the International Relations Office of KhNMU, the organizers of the internship, Dr. Plamen Staikov.

You inspire, you motivate".

"My name is Soha Raad, I'm a 6th-year medical student of KhNMU. This semester I had the chance to train at the Surgery department at Klinik Sachsenhausen in Frankfurt, Germany under the supervision of Chief physician of Surgical Clinic at Klinik Sachsenhausen, Dr. Plamen Staikov.

On the first day, Mrs. Spiegel, head of Department of cooperation with international trainees and patients, gave us a tour around the hospital, which was equipped with all the latest equipments and technologies.

We had the opportunity to observe many bariatric surgeries, as well as hernia repair surgeries which were done under the greatest precision and experience. Additionally, we followed up on patients in the intensive care unit in the postoperative period.

Most importantly, we also got to participate in surgery with Dr. Staikov, who explained every step and answer every question with the utmost professionalism.

The medical staff at the hospital was professional, qualified, helpful and always ready to help.

I would like to thank Dr. Staikov and the medical staff at Klinik Sachsenhausen for this unforgettable experience which left me with invaluable knowledge.

Additionally, I'd like to thank the management and the International Relations Office of KhNMU for providing such an opportunity for its students".



### PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AT THE ANDIJAN STATE MEDICAL INSTITUTE

*Students of the III Medical Faculty majoring in "Pediatrics" participated in the programme of academic mobility for practical training in a partner institution the Andijan State Medical Institute (Uzbekistan) from October 08 to October 18. Students immersed themselves in the educational process, gained new knowledge and practical experience in maternity and psychiatric hospital. Students had the opportunity to get acquainted with the traditions and culture of Uzbekistan, as well as to learn about the history and present of the city, visit places of interest in Andijan, to boot.*

Students' feedback:

"First of all, we would like to thank KhNMU for the opportunity to visit the beautiful, sunny city of Andijan, Uzbekistan. The training was organized on the highest level, namely: classes were held at the Department of Psychiatry and Addiction, as well as at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. We had the opportunity to get acquainted with the system of treatment of psychiatric patients with a variety of pathologies, such as: Kandinsky-Clerambo syndrome, paraphrenic syndrome, schizophre-



nia, etc. We also were able to take a clinical record of patients with generalized anxiety, anxiety and phobia. A 3-month-old child was examined together with the Professor Asalkhon Malikova, as well as MRI images of patients. We attended a caesarean section at the maternity hospital at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, visited the ASMI simulation center, practiced on the endoscopic surgery simulator, trained CPR on mannequins and much more.

The training was wonderful. We thank the Andijan State Medical Institute for access to patients – the classes were quite productive, during the trip we gained a lot of experience. We came to Ukraine with new knowledge, which we will definitely share. In the evenings we were not bored – we got to know the city, culture, walked, had fun, studied. We look forward to new student exchange programme from our University. We thank KhNMU and ASMI for cooperation with us".

**Hrechyshnykova Antonina,  
Kosilov Kyryl,  
Humeniuk Iryna**



## ACADEMIC MOBILITY IN ACTION

### BECOME A PART OF KHNMU'S STUDENTS

*On November 19, the students of Andijan State Medical Institute (Uzbekistan) visited Kharkiv National Medical University as part of the academic mobility programme. The visit of students began with an acquaintance with the history of the University and its main locations.*



On the first day of their visit, students from Andijan got acquainted with the expositions of the Museum of History of KhNMU, the Department of Pathological Anatomy, as well as the Department of Human Anatomy and the Scientific Library of KhNMU.

The Uzbek guests have been staying for 20 days at our University. During this period, they attended classes in accordance with the programme of academic mobility in the specialties "Medicine" and "Dentistry". During the visit, practical classes in emergency medicine and paediatrics and neonatology were held for the ASMI students at the KhNMU Simulation Center. In addition, master classes on making synthetic three-dimensional models were held at the Center for Three-Dimensional Technologies, and the training "Soft skills in medicine" was held for them on the basis of the Psychological Service of the KhNMU. They were also awaited by a cultural programme developed with the participation of the Students' government activists of our University.

All guests were satisfied with their stay at our University. As they said, these two weeks were very fruitful – both in terms of communication with people and in terms of training. Students learned a lot and understood what still needs to be worked on, gained a lot of practical experience both in the Simulation Center and in University's Clinics.

The students liked the curriculum, because it has all the conditions for comprehensive training of students. The KROK tests and the good relations of future doctors with teachers aroused special admiration. The guests also thanked for the accommodation. The only wish of the guests was to increase the number of exchanges.

Speaking to the Uzbek students, the Vice-Rector for Research and Education Assoc. Prof. Iryna Leshchyna said, "It seems that we have only recently met with you and today we are summing up our co-operation. We appreciate everyone who comes to us to improve their professional knowledge and skills. We thank to your Institute for highly trained students who strive for the best and move forward. We are ready to continue our active cooperation in all areas of activity. We will be glad to see you and your colleagues at our University".



Assoc. Prof. Leshchyna presented the students with the certificates of study at KhNMU, and also stressed that one of the main priorities of our University is student centering: "We do everything possible for comfortable learning of young people. In addition, we pay a lot of attention to the practice – we do our possible to make it accessible to students, because we understand that without such skills the graduate will not be competitive. Another of our priorities is the development of modern technologies, such as the Center for Three-Dimensional Technologies, thanks to which we can create the material we need".

**Victoria Zakharevich  
Daria Shliakhova**

### FEEDBACK FROM STUDENTS OF ANDIJAN STATE MEDICAL INSTITUTE

*We really liked the teaching methods and modern equipment used during classes at Kharkiv National Medical University. We would also like to emphasize the uniqueness of the Simulation Center, where students conduct practical exercises using simulators and computers programmed to simulate pathological and physiological processes in the body.*

The teaching methods and the atmosphere were conducive to a growing interest in learning. The friendliness of the students, the professionalism of the teachers, the richness of the curriculum made it possible to gain new knowledge.

Communication of teachers with students is also a special factor in their development; despite his merits, the teacher communicates with his students on an equal footing, even joking from time to time. Under these conditions, a kind, positive learning atmosphere is created. We are very grateful to KhNMU for the invaluable experience and knowledge that we received!



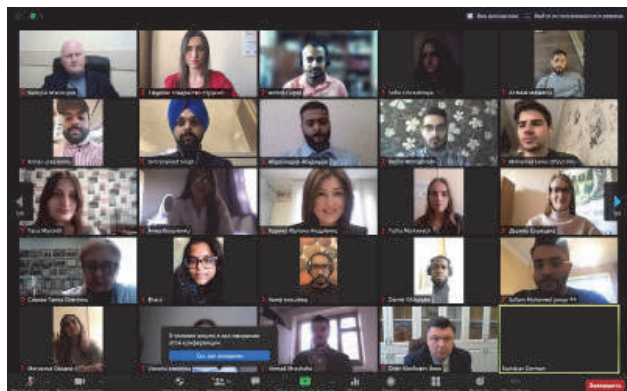
Additionally, a few words about the host city. Kharkiv is a very beautiful city with kind people who are always ready to accept people with an open mind and to lend a helping hand. First of all, the city attracts by many impressive churches and cathedrals filled with valuable relics and works of art. There are the Opera and Ballet Theater, the Shevchenko Theater, a cozy green Poetry Park, a monument to the Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko, which we really liked.

**Andijan State  
Medical Institute:**

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Turakhujayev Akhmadkhon Azamjon ugli  
Shukurova Shakhnozabonu Sherzodbek kizi  
Abakulova Mokhira Khamidjon kizi  
Abdukodirova Guzaloj Muhammadboburbek kizi  
Abdullaev Javokhirbek Oybek ugli  
Dusmatov Umidbek Alisher ugli**

## Youth science is a way to self-realization

On October 20–21, the annual international conference “International scientific interdisciplinary conference (ISIC–2021)” took place at Kharkiv National Medical University.



The event consisted of 8 sectional meetings. During two days young scientists presented the results of their achievements. In addition, on October 20 a poster section was held, and 23 reports were presented. All posters are published on the web-pages of the scientific society of students, graduate students, doctoral students and young scientists of KhNMU. Voting could be done via the link and lasted throughout the day. A total of 1,080

votes were cast in the poster section for the work of young scientists.

This year the conference participants had the opportunity to win gifts during a blitz quiz at the opening ceremony of the conference. On October 21, all participants were able to join the online award ceremony.



Thank you for your active participation in the conference and we look forward to seeing you next year!

**Olesia Pliekhova,**

*Council of the Scientific Society of Students, Postgraduates, Doctoral Students and Young Scientists*

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

## USERN IS A UNIQUE PROFESSIONAL NETWORK FOR SCIENTISTS

On November 06-13 the 6th Annual USERN International Congress and the USERN Awards Festival named “Elephant in the Dark” took place in Istanbul, Turkey. The Congress program provides a unique opportunity for young scientists to present their experiences in the form of USERN Junior talks or poster presentations, as well as lectures by leading scientists, who are included in 1% of the most cited authors in the world.

Each day of the Congress was moderated by one of the countries that had organized the USERN Congress in previous years. On November 09, 2021, the Congress was moderated by Kharkiv National Medical University. The theme of the day was “Environmental Sciences: Preserving Nature”.

The Vice-Rector for Research and Education Assoc. Prof. Iryna Leshchyna made a welcoming speech on behalf of our University. She presented KhNMU at the Congress as a moderator, as well as one of the USERN’s local offices in the world. During the programme, the speakers raised important issues related to the conservation of natural resources, solving global warming, regulation of legal norms in the field of space tourism development and space exploration, demographic problems, issues of quantity and quality of food resources and more.

Also, within the framework of the Congress Kharkiv National Medical University was represented by a delegation of participants in various fields of research.

The Professor of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Implantology Lyudmila Kryvenko opened the dental field of the conference, the assistants Ksenia Lepilina and Oksana Tishchenko also presented the results of research conducted at the Department. The reports focused on a topical and socially significant issue in Dentistry, namely the relationship between smoking and alternative smoking methods with changes in the dental status of young patients. These

studies are part of research work performed at the department and actively presented in the international publications.

Assoc. Prof. Anton Tkachenko, the Head of the Research Institute of Experimental and Clinical Medicine, presented a report in the field of nanotoxicology. The Professor of the Department of Tuberculosis and Pulmonology Dmytro Butov highlighted the global issues of the treatment of co-infection with tuberculosis and HIV.

As a result of the participation in the Congress, some of the advanced scientific and practical developments of our University were presented, supported by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, international relations were established, which will lead to the development of innovative research areas.

The Science Slam event for graduate students was organized with the support of USERN on the eve of the

World Science Day which is celebrating on November 10. Science Slam is a new format of competition for young scientists, developed to facilitate the understanding of major scientific results by the general public. Young scientists spoke about the main scientific ideas of present and their own research in an informal setting. Participants had to present their scientific achievements in an accessible and interesting way to the unprepared audience. Each participant had 10 minutes to present his idea in a witty, accessible and interesting way, and the audience determined the best by voting. All the participants without exception, were able to immerse themselves in science, creativity and humor!

Another part of the Congress was the International Festival of Paintings for Paediatric Patients (IFPPP), which is co-organized annually by the local USERN office at the University.

**Daria Shliakhova,**

*Expert of the International Relations Office*





## NEW YEAR PHOTO SHOW

### KhNMU in the snow



On the eve of St. Nicholas Day, the deans' offices for the training international students initiated an interactive creative exhibition "KhNMU in the snow". The idea of the event arose to create a festive Christmas atmosphere in the scientific library of the University. The English-speaking students brought their winter pictures taken at the University in the previous years, as well as their own winter drawings to the exhibition.

Due to the lack of snow in early December, the students were also invited to imagine what the departments and professors of our University would look like if the educational process took place at Winter Hogwarts. First of all, the true Potter fans made portraits of their favorite professors of the Harry Potter saga style. Then they were joined by a youth student organization that helped create fabulous winter locations in the library's coworking space.

The exhibition was opened on December 21, 2021. It was visited by vice-rectors for scientific and pedagogical work Ivan Letik and Volodymyr Markovsky, the management of the Institute for the Training of Foreign Citizens, as well as students-authors of winter works. The exhibition was opened by the Dean of the VII Faculty of International Students Oksana Vasylieva. She congratulated everyone on the upcoming holidays and noted that despite all the difficulties of last year, the festive mood and New Year's magic depends only on ourselves. To confirm her words, the dance group "African dancers" played an interactive performance "Ghostbusters during the pandemic."

The most creative participants received incentive gifts, as well as the opportunity to take photos with a foreign Santa, who came specially from the South Pole. Everyone is free to visit the exhibition until January 12, 2022. *More photos on p. 16.*

**Galina Poluektova,**

*Leading specialist of the VII faculty for training international students*

## THE PARADE

### «CITY OF KNOWLEDGE»

Kharkiv National Medical University took part in the student carnival, which took place on September, 1 on the main square of the city.



So, recently in Kharkiv there was a new carnival tradition – students and schoolchildren arranged a festive procession in the city center, timed to the Day of Knowledge.

In that festival we could see only one column with international students in national costumes from different countries and it was a column of Kharkiv National Medical University.

They were greeting people on the street and the main square of Kharkiv.

The holiday was bright, colorful, fun and interesting. Two thousand schoolchildren and students in bright costumes walked the streets of the city, presented theatrical performances, took part in flash mobs and held a real creative parade "City of Knowledge". After that, a symbolic first bell rang in the square, which launched the new school year.

The Day of Knowledge ended with a festive concert and fireworks.

**Halyna Poluektova,**

*Leading Specialist of the VII Faculty for International Students of KhNMU*

## KHARKIV ZOO

### Immerse yourself in the world of animals

Last weekend, Education and Research Institute for Training of International Citizens of KhNMU, with the support of the student government, organized and put together an excursion of the newly re-opened Kharkiv Zoo, taking with them students from the 5th, 6th, and 7th faculties. The students most involved on campus were invited, those who previously had taken part in athletic and cultural festivals held by the University as well as students whose academic diligence and grades stood out, demonstrating their commitment to studying well. English-speaking volunteers, the Dean of the VII Faculty for International Students of KhNMU Education and Research Institute for Foreign Nationals, and the vice-deans of the 5th and 6th faculties for educational work accompanied the students. The intern students had a chance to view the animals in the first European-level zoo in Ukraine, which has recently been opened after a 5-year extensive reconstruction.



The excursion "The World of Tropics" with giant animals, reconstructed park areas, and futuristic installations impressed everyone. It was possible to get fairly close to the animals and take pictures (through the glass, making sure to maintain distance and other pandemic preventative measures). The modern approach to animal care, visitors' comfort, and compliance with international standards was made. Kharkiv Zoo is an object of admiration to not only of Kharkiv residents, but on the level of the country as a whole! We are glad that our international students were able to see all of this with their own eyes. We hope that their impressions of the zoo and positive emotions that they received during their time spent in the animal world will be a powerful motivation for them, as well as a stimulus to attain success and continue taking part in the daily life of Kharkiv National Medical University!

**Yuliya Mozgova,**

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## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS

### Congratulations to the winners!



Competitions of badminton took place as part of the Olympic Week. Teams from 8 faculties of KhNMU took part in the competition. Teams of international students of VI and VII faculties, bypassing the teams of Ukrainian faculties, went to the finals and competed against each other. The first place of honour was taken by the team of the VII Faculty for International Students of KhNMU Education and Research Institute for Foreign Nationals.

We congratulate the winners and wish them further sports success!



## THE DAY OF FIGHT AGAINST

## LIVE SAFELY!



On December 1, the Student Council of Kharkiv National Medical University and the VII Faculty for International Students of KhNMU Education and Research Institute for Foreign Natio-

nals, with the support of the Kharkiv City Health Center, as well as the Regional Clinical Center for the Prevention and Control of AIDS, celebrated World Day against Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.

All participants of the event were invited to take a free anonymous test to detect HIV infection. Experts tested more than 100 people. Everyone who wished to received current brochures about AIDS, up-to-date information from the speakers present, as well as contraception. The scientific and diagnostic event was held with prevention measures against COVID-19.

The organizers of the event tried to attract the attention of all those who were not indifferent current global circumstances, so they prepared bright posters and short stories about famous people who had or are sick with AIDS. English-speaking students actively participated in the discussion of modern methods of diagnosis and treatment of this disease, as this is an urgent problem for all countries of the world. We hope our students in the future will become doctors who are able to help humanity to defeat all existing pandemics in the world today.

**Iryna Karklina,**

Leading specialist of the VII Faculty for International Students of KhNMU Education and Research Institute for Foreign Nationals

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## KHNMU IN SNOW!



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