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SGUL and UNic extend collaboration

In 2011, the University of Nicosia established the first Medical School in Cyprus, and launched the Graduate Entry 4-Year MBBS Programme (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery), the first Medical Programme in Cyprus, in collaboration with St. George's, University of London.

Both universities have signed a long-term agreement to renew and extend their successful and innovative partnership in medical education. In May this year, the programme's first cohort of medical students will graduate in Cyprus with a St George's award.

Principal Professor Peter Kopelman will be attending the graduation ceremony in Nicosia on 15 May.

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Our First Graduation

By editor-in-chief George Sycallides, Head of Communications Office

Preparations for the Medical School's first Graduation Ceremony, awarding the St George's, University of London Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), are well underway. The ceremony will take place at the State Theatre in Nicosia on May 15 at 18:30 and the guest of honour will be the President of the Republic of Cyprus.

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Accreditation of MD and MSc programmes

By Constantina Constantinou, Associate Professor of Molecular Biology



Clinical Placements: Straddling 3 Continents

By Prof Sean Hilton, Dean of Clinical Education

The Medical School has come a long way since the MBBS course started in 2011. At that time we had agreements for CS and T year clinical placements in Nicosia, and an agreement with Sheba Medical Center in Israel to take students for P year and F year. Today we have extensive clinical placements across Cyprus for all years, and agreements in place for P&F year placements in...

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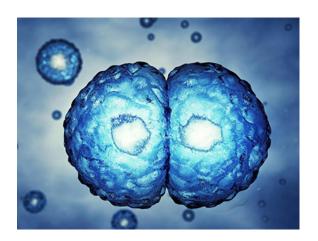


P & F year students participate at OBGYN congress

By Rami Saad, Class of 2015 and Maya Kfoury, Class of 2016

The Medical School's two newest programmes are accredited by the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture and its Evaluation Committee of Private Universities (ECPU). The Doctor of Medicine (MD) and the Master of Science in Family Medicine (MScFM) programmes were introduced last October. This development makes us the only Medical School in Cyprus to ...

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Stem cell research: Are we there yet?

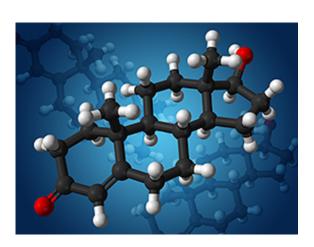
By Stella Nicolaou, Assistant Professor in Immunology

'Mr. Smith one of your kidneys is failing...
would you like for us to grow one or should I
order two for you just in case?' If we heard
that sentence ten years ago we would
believe that it came from a Sci-Fi movie.
However, with the promise of stem cell
research the above scenario sounds more
and more plausible.

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On 29 and 30 November, final year medical student Rami Marios Saad and penultimate year medical student Maya Kfoury, with the help of Dr. Savvas Argyridis and Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, participated in the 7th Obstetrical and Gynecological Congress at the Intercontinental Aphrodite Hills in Paphos.

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Genetic defects in girls

By Prof Nikos Skordis et al

In a new study published in the journal of Endocrinological Investigation, Professor Nicos Skordis et al show high rate of heterozygosity for CYP21A2 mutations in girls, female adolescents and women with clinical symptoms of androgen excess including premature adrenarche, hirsutism, and acne with or without polycystic ovary syndrome.

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A double first of key scientific events

By Assoc Prof Adonis Ioannides, Course Director

The Cyprus Society of Perinatal Medicine in conjunction with the March of Dimes Foundation, the University of Nicosia Medical School School and the Makarios Hospital organised the first International Seminar of Perinatal Medicine titled 'Challenges with Preterm Births' which was held at the University of Nicosia on ...

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Founding Chair of the Department of Paediatrics

Press release



Life at Sheba Medical Center

By Nisha Prasad, Class of 2016, UK

Clinical attachments at Sheba Medical Center have been busy, exciting and very hands-on. The sheer scale of everything at Sheba was a little overwhelming at first (with over 150 acres to navigate!) but there was an undeniable buzz at the prospect of being part of such a bustling and state-of-theart hospital.

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Sr Lect Prodromos Philippou receives Award

Press release

The Medical School announces the

Senior Lecturer Prodromos Philippou

appointment of Associate Professor
Joseph Laufer as the Founding Chair of
the Department of Paediatrics.
Joseph Laufer is the Clinical Lead of
Paediatrics at Sheba Medical Center in
Israel for the St George's, University of
London medical programme.

was awarded last October the Third
Prize in the Young Urologists
Competition for his presentation on
organ-sparing surgery for penile cancer.
The prize was awarded during the 10th
South Eastern European Meeting
organised by the European...

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Faculty Member becomes President of CyMA

The Medical School congratulates
Associate Professor in
Cardiology Petros Agathangelou on his
recent election as President of the
Cyprus Medical Association. Dr
Agathangelou joined our faculty when
the Medical School was ...

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Mobile Clinic Club

By Jaskiran Dulai, Class of 2017

The Mobile Clinic Club was established in Fall 2014. Students belonging to the club assist with the planning and execution of the expeditions. The club is working on a stress reliever event for the medical school, before examinations begin in full swing for the end of the school year!

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Student Affairs

By the student affairs team

The first four student clubs have been formed: the Mobile Clinic Club, the Medicine & Art Club, the Scalpels Basketball Club and the Wellness Club. Congratulations to all of those students who, despite their busy schedules, have taken the initiative to pursue their hobbies and interests through the formation of clubs.

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By Maria Perdikogianni, Lecturer in Clinical Communication Skills

Imagine attending training on the same grounds on which Edward, Prince of Wales, studied back in 1861, or dining in the same room that has long tables in front a fireplace and a breath taking view of endless green from its oversized windows. This is what a training in communication skills organized by the Teaching subcommittee of the European

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