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Message from the Editors

We are happy to present you with the 4th edition of our MUL Newsletter. We would like to introduce the new Director of the Administrative Center for Studies in English Ms. Agnieszka Dejda. She would like to say a few words to our alumni:

*"Dear Graduates,
It's a big pleasure to share with you the 4th edition of our Newsletter. I hope you'll find many interesting issues about our community, since you are still a part of it. Enjoy the reading and follow us on social networks Facebook and LinkedIn"*

With regards
Agnieszka Dejda
Administrative Director of Studies in English



Alumni stories

Today we would like to share with you stories of Dr Mohamad Mahdi Mortada and Dr Vishnu Pradeep.



Dr Mohamad Mahdi Mortada
Graduate of
MD Advanced Programme 2021

"I am Mohamad Mahdi Mortada, a medical doctor and PhD candidate in my 2nd year in the department of Immunology and Allergy. Back in 2017 and after finishing my undergraduate studies at the Lebanese American University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology & a minor in Chemistry, I decided to continue my medical studies abroad at the Medical University of Lodz. Moving to Poland was an exciting challenge as I gained new skills which helped in my personal and professional development. Alongside with my medical studies, I ensured to participate in several events organized by the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) in Germany, France, and Poland. During my studies I developed an interest in medical research, that's why after my graduation from the medical school in 2021, I decided to apply to the International doctoral school and since October 2021, I am conducting my research which is focused on the assessment of inflammatory parameters and local allergic reaction in diagnosis and endotypic classification of allergic

rhinitis. Currently we are in the phase of recruiting patients for the study and collecting samples for assessment. We hope that the results of our study will open new doors for the implementation of allergen immunotherapy (AIT) in the management protocol of local allergic rhinitis patients and will helpfully provide new insights into phenotypical and endotypical classification of allergic rhinitis.

Finally, a message to all future doctors and researchers who would like to continue their education in Poland, you will have in the city of Łódź the chance to enjoy the friendly environment, connect with new people and discover the beautiful Polish culture."



Dr Vishnu Pradeep

Graduate of 6MD Programme 2012
MD, MRCPsych (UK), MCPsych (Ireland),
Consultant Adult Psychiatrist and Senior
Clinical Lecturer Trinity College Dublin

Dr Vishnu Pradeep graduated from the six-year MD program at MUL in 2012. He is a Consultant Psychiatrist in General Adult Psychiatry based at Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin and is a Senior Clinical Lecturer with Trinity College Dublin. Following his studies at MUL, he completed his medical and surgical internship in Ireland. Then subsequently went on to complete his specialist training in Adult Psychiatry and Psychogeriatrics while rotating through the Mid-West Mental Health and Dublin psychiatric training schemes. During core training, he received the regional psychiatry trainee award. While in higher training, he held academic teaching posts with University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin and was awarded the National Doctor's Training and Planning HSE Management and Leadership Scholarship to pursue a master's in leadership studies with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

While in training, he held leadership roles within the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland Trainee Committee and was actively involved in improving post-graduate training and education in psychiatry. He maintains research ties with the University of Limerick, University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin and has published research on medical education and service development. He is currently working in a Dublin Community Adult Psychiatry team focusing on primary care psychiatric outreach service and is responsible for training Psychiatric Trainees, General Practice Trainees and Medical Students linked to Trinity College Dublin.

Dr Pradeep fondly remembers his time in MUL and is grateful for all the support he received from his supervisors and administrative staff with the faculty of medicine and various teaching hospitals in Łódź. He encourages all future graduates to work hard, stay focused and dream big!

All of you spent a few years of your life at our University. After graduation some of you came back to your home countries, some chose a new place to live, but all of you began walking a new path. We would love to hear about this new chapter of your lives and professional careers. Please email your story (maximum 10 sentences) and photo to: mul.alumni@umed.lodz.pl, if you want to catch up and share your journey with others like you.

MUL news

After a three-year break caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, a graduation ceremony for the students of medical studies in English was held on June 23rd, 2022. 121 Doctors of Medicine and 24 Doctors of Dental Medicine from nearly 30 countries collected their diplomas from the Deans and from Prof. Janusz Piekarski, Vice-Rector for Organisation and Student Affairs. We wish you all the best both personally and professionally!

Graduation ceremony 2022



Inauguration of the Academic Year 2022/2023



On September 30th official Inauguration of the Academic Year 2022/2023 was held. 147 new MD students and 22 DMD students began their journey to become doctors. The inauguration lecture on 'Precision medicine in acute myeloid leukaemia. Hype or hope?' was given by prof. Agnieszka Wierzbowska MD PhD, Head of the Department and Clinical Department of Haematology Medical University of Lodz. As usual, the ceremony was exquisitely complemented with a performance by the University Choir.

On July 27th 2002 by the decision of the Polish Parliament the Medical University of Lodz was established by merging the civilian Medical Academy and the Military Medical Academy. On this special anniversary the University organised a benefit concert of a famous Polish band "Raz, dwa, trzy". The amount of 27,000 PLN collected from the ticket sale will be donated to MUL's Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Happy 20th anniversary to MUL!



Rector's Award 2021/2022



Mr. Edward Clarke, the 6th year student of 6MD programme at MUL won the Rector's Award for the Best Student for the 4th time!

"I am honoured to be the winner of the Rector's Award, it is an indescribable feeling. I have no words to express the gratitude I have towards our University and Faculty, especially my supervisor Dr Wysocki, the Dean, Prof. Klocek and the Rector, Prof. Kordek. I will always be thankful to the Medical University of Łódź for encouraging me to fulfil my academic aspirations and ambitions."

Edward Clarke

Lodz Centre of Molecular Studies on Civilisation Diseases: MOLEcoLAB is yet another initiative within the Campus of Clinical and Didactic Centre of Medical University of Lodz. The official opening was held on September 5th, 2022. MOLEcoLAB is the complex of research and development laboratories designed to facilitate support for research commercialisation and R&D activities of MUL. MOLEcoLAB has been designed as a complex of laboratory modules divided according to their functions:

- Laboratory module of Civilisation Diseases,
- Laboratory module for the Assessment of Medication Safety and Effectiveness,
- Laboratory for Analysis of Biomedical Materials,
- Laboratory of Medical Technologies Clean Room,
- Living LAB .

Official opening of MOLEcoLAB



Another great asset of the project involves the technologies used in its design: they are both environmentally friendly and they can help towards reduction of building operation costs. The project is consistent with MUL's policy of sustainable development which has been deployed for several years now.

MOLEcoLAB laboratories will be used for research and development initiatives focused, among others, on innovations in products design and in diagnostic and therapeutical services but also on the University collaboration with industry at the national as well as international levels.



MUL high in rankings!

MUL was awarded 3rd place among Polish Medical Universities in the latest Times Higher Education World University Ranking. Our University obtained the best result in knowledge transfer i.e., the number of citations.

For the third time MUL was awarded Reference Site Status in active and healthy lifestyle and ageing. The activities of the University were awarded 4 stars (the highest rank possible). MUL is the only reference site in Poland as well as the only site in Central-East Europe to have been awarded 4 stars.

MUL was ranked second in the group of Polish medical universities in Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) 2022 thereby climbing up from the fourth (301-400) to the third hundred (201-300) in Clinical Medicine.

MUL was highly ranked in the Ministry of Education and Science evaluation of scientific activity for years 2017-2021 and was awarded A category in medical sciences and health sciences and B+ in pharmaceutical sciences.

MUL Research

The project *MAGIC-AML - Multiarm, Multicenter, RAndomized, Molecularly-Guided Controlled Trial of Personalized Treatment Strategy of Acute Myeloid Leukaemia* designed by a team of researchers from the Department of Haemathology in collaboration with MUL Clinical Research Support Centre and Department of Biostatistics and Translational Medicine received the funds amounting to PLN 32 mln and will be implemented at M. Kopernik WWCOiT consortium in Lodz and Polish Adult Leukaemia Group (PALG).

Acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) is one of the most aggressive types of haemopoietic cancer and it constitutes approx. 80% of all the acute leukaemia diagnosis in adults. Some hope for better treatment outcomes lies in modifications to the standard induction therapy with the use of Cladribine Added to Daunorubicin (DAC) in combination with innovative targeted therapies relying on genetically related sensitivity of neoplastic cells such as Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin (GO), Midostaurin (M) and Venetoclax (Ven).

The project objective is to combine potentially effective DAC induction therapy with targeted therapies. The project intends to provide health care to about 150-200 patients per year so that the ultimate number of 520 patients could be reached within the period of 42 months.

Over PLN 32 mln from the Medical Research Agency for research into acute myeloid leukaemia



MUL researchers study Parkinson patients in GP2 project



The researchers from the Department of Diseases of the Extraparamidal System are engaged in the international research project funded by Aligning Science Across Parkinson's (ASAP) and Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Molecular research on Parkinson patients in Polish populations conducted within a global genetics programme is coordinated by Agata Gajos MD PhD. GP2 programme aims at forming a global platform which will dramatically accelerate the identification of genetic factors behind Parkinson's Disease. It will also allow for the creation of a network of researchers who can use their knowledge in research, diagnostics, and treatment of PD worldwide. The number of discovered genes, pathogenic mutations and risk loci will increase significantly within the first five years of GP2 programme implementation, for both monogenic and multi-gene PD inheritance. What is more, for the first time the research will include the populations which have not been sufficiently represented i.e., Africa, Asia, Central America, Caribbean, Europe, Middle East, North America, Oceania and South America. The research will continue till 2026, and its total budget amounts to over \$ 9 million.

Life at MUL

Cultural Soirée 2022

On November 24th, 2022 for the first time after the pandemic the MUL Student Government organised a new edition of Cultural Soirée.

During this joyful evening students celebrated the diversity and got acquainted with other cultures. There were traditional foods and drinks, colorful outfits and great performances.



Keep in touch with us!

We want to create MUL alumni network to give our graduates possibility to share their experiences, achievements and to inspire each other. Therefore, we invite you to follow:

- our Linkedin profile :
 - <https://www.linkedin.com/school/medical-university-of-lodz-studies-in-english/>
 - www.linkedin.com/in/mul-alumni
- Facebook fanpage :
 - <https://www.facebook.com/medicaluniversityoflodz>
- and to check our website:
 - www.studymed.umed.pl

As 2022 is coming to an end, may the New Year bring you Happiness, Peace, and Prosperity.
Wishing you a joyous 2023!