20th Anniversary of Medical Programs in English



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GRADUATES 2015

Dear Graduating Class 2015,

It is my honor and great pleasure to address you on the occasion of your Graduation on behalf of the University officials and the whole academic community. This time is really special as we are celebrating 20th anniversary of English language programs at our University. The project got under way in September 1993 with the arriving of the first group of students from America and Canada who came to our University to study medicine in our 4-year MD program. In years new programs were added (6-year MD program, 5-year DDS program, 6-year PharmD program and 3-year Physiotherapy program) and the number of students increased reaching almost 1000 students currently enrolled in all English programs. The number of graduates grew in number over the years and reached nearly 1500 this year.

All of you, dear graduates are of special importance to our academic world. For your convenience we have been trying to improve our teaching programs in order to adjust our teaching standards and technology to fulfill the modern academic standards and requirements and also to take care of the proper living and working conditions during your studies.

You have come here from various distant countries, particularly from the United States, Canada, Scandinavia and Taiwan. The initial period of the adaptation to a new culture and new academic environment must have been quite difficult for you. However, we tried to everything we could to help you overcome the difficulties and make you feel at home.

You have chosen one of the best medical school in Poland. You were taught and guided by well-known medical specialists and eminent academic teachers, and therefore I am sure you will certainly have the unique opportunity to fulfill your professional dreams and ambitions. It is our ardent wish that you will succeed in this.

Sincerely,

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POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, POLAND

General information

For over 95 years the Poznan University of Medical Sciences (PUMS) has been educating medical practitioners in the Wielkopolska region, and the programs for education in English have gradually become an integral part of it during the past 20 years. Currently (according to the rankings of "Perspektywy," Rzeczpospolita," and "Wprost" magazines), PUMS enjoys the top position as the best and the largest medical university and clinical research center in Poland that provides to its students the highest number of medical specialty areas to choose from. All of the research and clinical teaching activities are conducted here in close partnership with six clinical hospitals and its new consolidated campus is growing quickly.

In the present academic year, there are over 8,000 students enrolled with nearly 1,000 students of English Programs. Thus PUMS is also the only medical school in Poland with such a high number of foreign students. It makes the learning experience in Poznan a richer one for all concerned: students, faculty, patients, as well as the Poznan residents. During the past 20 years, students from more than 40 countries have studied and lived here — and this list continues to grow with each year.

Admissions

Students enrolled at PUMS may choose from the following five fields of study in English:

- 4-year M.D. program (since 1993)
- 6-year M.D. program (since 1995)
- 5-year D.D.S. program (since 2001)
- 6-year Pharm. D. program (since 2004 as a 5-year program, in 2009 replaced by a 6-year program)
- 3-year B.Sc. in Physiotherapy program (since 2009)

PUMS administers the admissions process through its Admissions Offices in USA, Norway, Taiwan, Israel, Canada and Poland.

University staff

The Poznan University of Medical Sciences employs 2,000 teaching and research staff (including administrative personnel) whose high level of education and vast professional experience have made the Poznan Medical University one of the best institution of its kind in Poland and in Central Europe. A majority of our faculty have received Ph.D. and post-graduate degrees, and they hold the following titles: full professor, professor, assistant professor, or associate professor in - medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, and other areas of science. Therefore, PUMS is well endowed with outstanding faculty members who offer their support and guidance to students pursuing different specializations and degrees at graduate and post-graduate levels.

Our faculty - to name a few - are credited with introducing pioneering medical techniques in bone marrow transplants, heart surgery, cancer of the eye surgery, and hybrid implants for ear and nose cancer patients.

International cooperation

One of the top priorities for the growth of the University is the expansion of the various forms of collaboration in the areas of teaching and research. Until present, the University has entered into more than 30 long-term partnership agreements with medical universities worldwide, including: Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Norway, USA, China, Japan, the Ukraine, and Belarus. These collaborations engage both faculty and students at PUMS through: joint research and participation in interna-



tional programs and research projects; joint publications and participation in scientific conferences; as well as through numerous student and faculty exchanges. Among the sponsors for the PUMS research and teaching staff is the EU Framework program.

Competency based curriculum

The Poznan University of Medical Sciences aspires to develop rich and exciting curricula. Students are presented with specific subject matter together with clinical objectives and potential outcomes, so that both student expectations and evaluations either in the basic sciences or in the clinical studies are made very clear by the respective faculty members. Furthermore, students receive training in problem-based learning through extensive use of brief clinical case studies in the basic sciences. In order to strengthen the existing practices on teaching methodology, PUMS has established the University System for Quality Assurance in Teaching and Learning.

Through the investment in the opening of the brand new, or the upgrading of several existing, facilities the quality of learning at PUMS is constantly improving.

Accreditation

Poznan University of Medical Sciences has received, among others, international accreditation from the following institutions in the United States and Europe: Department of Education, Educational Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), Medical Board of California, National Board of Medical Examiners, National Accreditation Commission, European Union Council.

The above-listed accreditation privileges enable our graduates to have a smoother transition into their professional lives upon return to their home countries.

Graduates around the world

When the first international students enrolled in 1993, they were drawn to Poznan by the high quality of teaching and work of the University faculty, many of whom have come to serve on the boards of professional and scientific associations; have been invited to serve as advisors to the WHO and IAEA organizations; and have become outstanding clinical specialists and heads of hospital departments in Europe, North America, South Africa, and elsewhere. Over the years, the PUMS faculty and research staff have been receiving prestigious awards and wide recognition for the excellent quality of their work, innovations, research, and teaching; hence, many have been sought after by the world's advanced medical centers. For example, in 2008 Dr. Maria Siemionow, a PUMS graduate and professor of surgery, has been responsible for leading the landmark face transplantation surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in the U.S.A.

Alumni Association

Inauguration of Alumni Association of English Programs' graduates took place in May 2007 during a special dinner organized to celebrate the 10th graduating class of English Programs.

In April 2009 a solemn meeting of the University's Alumni was held in the Polish Embassy in Washington D.C. At this meeting the authorities of PUMS presented a proposal of setting up the Alumni Association in the U.S with the following goals:

- sustaining contact with the University
- opening possibilities for further scientific cooperation and professional development of Alumni
- establishing contacts of Alumni with our students and supporting the ablest of them.

More information on Alumni initiatives and activities is available at the University website at www.pums.edu.pl under the heading Information for Graduates.

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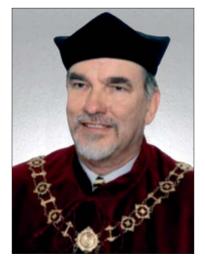


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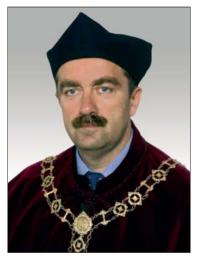
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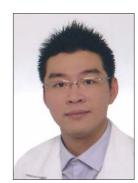
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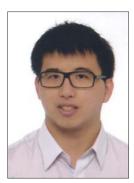
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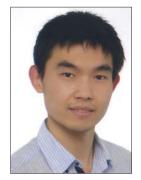
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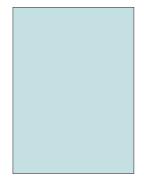
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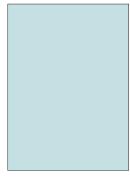
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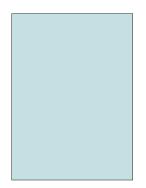
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