

Newsletter 1/2018



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Universitatis Palackiana
Olomucensis

For international students of the Faculty of Medicine
and Dentistry

1. News from Palacký English Programme Association



PEPA has made great strides and progress in the organization of PEPA tutorials covering various topics of pathophysiology as well as chemistry calculations with many more planned for the upcoming semester.

We have additionally held the annual PEPA Ball which has proven to be a great success once again with over 200 students and other guests in attendance.



PEPA has built good ties with International School Olomouc, a local school which teaches in the English language. We have held sexual education workshops there with more planned, regarding health, dental hygiene, amongst others.

A number of workshops are being worked on, in areas of surgical skills as well as a new exciting project which will incorporate the concepts of Problem Based Learning in various specialities of Internal Medicine.

Bollywood Night is set to be held again at S-klub later this month to celebrate the international diversity of the English programme.

A number of football matches have been held between other English Medical Programmes from across the Czech Republic. Badminton training has been happening on a weekly basis with a number of students being in regular attendance.

A PEPA FIFA Tournament is being introduced this year to be held later this month.

2. Information for Dentistry students

- Recently we have learnt that there is generally a very low lecture turn out on part of Dentistry students. Please note that although attending lectures is not compulsory, it is considered as highly recommended.
- The rate of Dentistry students' absences is very high. Whenever you need to substitute missed classes, it needs to be noted that teachers cannot (and are not required to) arrange tailor-made substitution dates according to everyone's needs.
- Make sure that the clothes you change into for your practical classes are always kept clean.

3. Summer internships

Just like in the past few years, students of General Medicine from the second year onwards and students of Dentistry from the first year onwards have the opportunity to claim financial support from the faculty, if they decide to complete their obligatory summer trainings in their home countries. This support only applies to internships required by the curriculum. To be eligible for the funds your training must last minimum 30 consecutive days, you must have a contract signed with the hospital, where you will be completing your training and you are obliged to deliver it to the faculty prior to starting the training. Make sure you apply by 15th October 2018.

For details see: <http://old.lf.upol.cz/en/groups/studying/master-degree-programmes/general-medicine/internships-abroad/>

4. Graduation ceremony

Graduation ceremony will be held at "Hradisko" Military Hospital on Monday 18th June 2018. The graduation will be carried out in three or four batches; specific timings will be provided later.

5. Evaluation of teaching

Just like every year, you are given an opportunity to evaluate quality of teaching, as well as other issues such as how your study issues are handled by the faculty, how well is information communicated to you, etc.

Final year students can fill out the questionnaires after completion of their last state exam.

Evaluation questionnaires for all other students are best submitted at the Student Department once they come to register in September.

Evaluation questionnaires can be downloaded from the links below or collected from the Student Department:

General Medicine: <http://old.lf.upol.cz/en/groups/studying/master-degree-programmes/general-medicine/evaluation-of-teaching/>

Dentistry: <http://old.lf.upol.cz/en/groups/studying/master-degree-programmes/dentistry/evaluation-of-teaching/>

6. Student research projects

Students participating in the student research projects must submit all required documents (abstracts, poster and popularization text) by 13th April 2018 to veronika.glogarova@upol.cz. The student's scientific conference will take place on 15th May 2018.

7. General Practitioner

If you need to see a GP, the following physicians will be ready to help you on the given days:
MUDr. Diana Bawadekjiova from the Department of Internal Medicine 2 - Monday to Wednesday

MUDr. Samuel Genzor from the Department of Respiratory Medicine - Thursday and Friday

If you need to set up an appointment, contact them directly by email at diana.bawadekjiova@fnol.cz or samuel.genzor@fnol.cz or request your tutor (Dr. Běla Erdösová, Dr. Dana Šimková or Dr. Iva Voborná) to do it for you.

8. ClinicalKey Medical Education

The faculty has trial access to ClinicalKey Medical Education learning platform from 19th March to 17th May 2018. See www.elsevier.com/ckme. Information how to access the learning platform will be sent via email.

9. E-mail communication

The Study and Examination Code of Palacký University states that “students are obliged to use their UP e-mail address for official communication regarding studies administration”. However, if you do not use your faculty e-mail address regularly, remember to set up forwarding your emails to an e-mail account you normally use.

10. Erasmus+ programme

Do you know that as a Palacký University student you can study at another European university for 3-24 months within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme? Our Faculty has agreements with many institutions of higher education all around Europe. The selection procedure for Erasmus+ study stays takes place usually once a year (between December and February) for students wishing to go abroad in the following academic year. We are very happy that in the last selection procedure a couple of students from the English programmes applied and were successful. You can find more information about the Erasmus+ programme at our Faculty on: <http://old.lf.upol.cz/en/groups/studying/master-degree-programmes/general-medicine/erasmus-programme/>

11. Exceptional scholarship 2018

The Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry will soon announce the call for submitting applications for exceptional scholarship 2018 supporting the international mobility of its students. The call applies to students who carry out an internship/international mobility lasting at least 30 days during the year 2018 (especially IFMSA).

Note: this is not the same as the financial contribution from the Faculty for your summer (obligatory) internships outside the Czech Republic (see above).

Conditions for submitting the application for exceptional scholarship together with the application for the scholarship will be available online. Deadline for submitting the application is May 31, 2018.

12. Emergency contacts

Although your tutors Dr. Běla Erdösová, Dr. Dana Šimková and Dr. Iva Voborná are ready to help you with most issues you face, you may experience situations when calling your tutor may not be enough. What if you need to contact the emergency services directly? Do you know these telephone numbers?

158 - Police

150 - Fire and Rescue Services

155 - Emergency Medical Service

112 - to reach any of the above

13. Waste collection fee

All foreign students residing in Olomouc have an obligation to pay an annual waste collection fee. The fee amounts to CZK 660 per year and for 2018 should be paid by May 31. Your payment can either be made in cash at the Municipal Office at Palacký 14, Olomouc or via bank transfer to the following account no.: 19-1801731369/0800, variable symbol: 1337, specific symbol: your date of birth in DDMMYYYY format. Your name should also be stated as payment reference.

14. News for students who are third country nationals

Whenever you plan to submit your application for visa/residence permit extension, please keep in mind that the administrative fee is paid in a slightly different manner than it used to be. The fees must be paid in form of revenue stamps (“kolek” in Czech), which can be purchased at any post

office. Cash or card payments are not accepted. You will be required to pay CZK 1,500 at the point of submitting your application, and another CZK 1,000 upon collecting your biometric card. Also note that you can apply for extension of your visa as early as 120 days before its expiry. Your application can be submitted as late as one day before your visa expires, although we do not recommend leaving it so last minute.

Important deadlines reminder:

28th May to 29th June 2018 – examination period in the summer semester

30th June 2018 – start of electronic registration of courses for students with all courses from the 2017/2018 academic year completed (and recorded in the system) by this date

27th July 2018 – start of electronic registration of courses for all other students

6th September 2018 – deadline for completing courses for the 2017/2018 academic year

If you would like to contribute to the next issue of the Newsletter, please contact the Student Department by October 31, 2018 at the latest.

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