

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Vice-Dean



Dear Graduates,

We are beginning to issue a Newsletter, which will be a source of information about what is currently happening at our University. We want it to be a place to learn about the life of our community and the most important events at the University and the city where you spent so much of your time.

We would also like it to be a place where you will share your personal and professional achievements, interests and thoughts with us. In this way, we wish to improve communication between you and the University and allow all of us to remain one community centred around our Alma Mater.

I wish you all health and prosperity and encourage you to cooperate and exchange experiences.

Prof. Sebastian Kłosek, MD, DMD, PhD

Vice-Dean for Studies in English

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Alumni Stories

Dear Graduates,

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.

Today we would like to share with you a story of

Wiktor Pietraszewski (BSc Hons, DMD),

who graduated the UMED English Division 5-year DMD programme in 2017.

Doctor Wiktor Pietraszewski now specialises in aesthetically driven restorative dentistry, utilising modern digital technologies in his direct and indirect ceramic and composite work. His dentistry is fuelled by his passion for dental photography, which he now teaches in the UK. He is an avid fan and promoter of working with rubber dam and uses it in ALL of his restorative cases.

After completing one year of foundation training (staż) at the Dental Institute in Łódź, he moved to Malta. He spent 2 years in Malta working in private practice developing his clinical skills and dental portfolio. He quickly started to gain a strong following on Instagram due to his artistic educational posts detailing his restorative workflow. He has attended numerous courses in the UK & Europe and has been tutored by several world renowned clinicians; including Maxim Belograd & Thomas Taha.

Dr Wiktor is meticulous and thorough in his approach to each case whilst ensuring that patients' needs and worries are fully attended to. After moving back to his hometown of London in late 2020, he continues to provide exceptional quality restorative work and now is a certified Invisalign provider at two London based private clinics. Wiktor aspires to be one of the best restorative dentists in the UK and hopes to open a state of the art clinic of his own within the next few years.



INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL SCHOOL

The International Doctoral School of the Medical University of Lodz (IDS-MUL) invites university graduates of all nationalities holding a Master's degree or equivalent for enrolment in the 2021 doctoral programme. It offers a PhD programme in three disciplines within the medical and health sciences: Pharmacology and Pharmacy, Medical Sciences and Health Sciences. All courses are run in English.

The updated scientific programme includes an individualized research project under the supervision of top university researchers with access to modern laboratories and facilities, cutting-edge knowledge delivered through elective courses, soft and transferable skill courses and lectures from visiting professors. This academic programme is enriched with a range of entertainments and sports, and the academic staff is available to advise and support your skills when writing and defending doctoral theses.

There is no application fee for candidates, and the course is free of charge for all participants who successfully pass the entry exams. Moreover, the IDS-MUL programme includes a doctoral scholarship for four years, a higher doctoral scholarship for outstanding postgraduate students based on annual achievements and an extra allowance for students living distant from their relatives. All students also have access to IT and library resources (e-library).

All details are available at: <http://doctoralschool.umed.pl/>



"Studies at Doctoral School provide an excellent opportunity of scientific development both in theory, while you work on your PhD thesis, and in practice, by involving you in interdisciplinary scientific research which opens a path to a higher level of your professional development. Our university offers perfect conditions for ambitious young researchers to realise their potential in Individual Research Plan."

Prof. Anna Woźniacka MD, PhD
Head of International Doctoral School

NCN 2020 AWARD FOR PROF. WOJCIECH FENDLER



Prof. Wojciech Fendler, head of the Department of Biostatistics and Translational Medicine at the Medical University of Lodz, has won the eighth edition of the National Science Centre Award in the field of life sciences. The prestigious distinction was awarded for significant achievements in his research on microRNA as biomarkers of accidental exposure to ionizing radiation and complications of radiotherapy. The research carried out by Prof. Fendler showed that serum-identifiable microRNAs indicate irreversible damage to the bone marrow by ionizing radiation.

- My research concerns the detection of exposure and the prediction of harmful effects of ionizing radiation. It is aimed to create a diagnostic test to identify exposure to a potentially lethal dose of radiation, which may speed up the selection of exposed patients to a life-saving bone marrow transplant – explains Prof. Wojciech Fendler – After the stage of extensive research on the mechanisms regulating the production of radiation-dependent microRNAs and the application of microRNA-based diagnostic tests in monitoring complications of radiotherapy, the time has come for implementation – he adds.

Dr hab. Wojciech Fendler is a trained doctor. After graduating, he began researching the causes of rare types of diabetes, their epidemiology and tools to facilitate their diagnosis. After obtaining his habilitation in 2013, he began research on the biomarker application of microRNA, which he carried out together with researchers from Harvard Medical School.

The NCN 2020 award was awarded to an employee of a medical university for the first time.

INVITATION TO PUBLISH WITH Umedical Reports

In November 2020 a new editorial initiative was launched within the Publishing House of the Medical University of Lodz: UMedical Reports (UMR).

The UMR series is used to publish open access original scientific monographs of any nature, i.e. books, didactic materials, post-conference publications, etc., authored or multi-authored, in Polish or English. It was established as a forum for the exchange of thoughts and experiences of science and health workers, doctoral students and students, as well as the presentation and summary of the achievements, current knowledge and development prospects of the scientific disciplines represented by our University i.e., pharmaceutical sciences, medical sciences and health sciences. Both the experienced and the young scientists are welcome to share the outcomes of their research with UMR. The publications will have an easily accessible electronic form, they will be disseminated in the CYBRA Regional Digital Library in Lodz and will have a uniform editorial form.

We encourage you to visit the publisher's website to learn more: <http://wydawnictwo.umed.pl/>

RECTOR'S AWARD FOR THE TOP ENGLISH-SPEAKING STUDENT 2020

On December 22, 2020 Prof. Radzisław Kordek, the Rector of MUL handed out the Award for the Best English-speaking Student. The awarded student, Edward Joaquim Jose Clarke, comes from Ireland and is currently in the 4th year of his 6MD course. It is the second Rector's Award that he has received. The award symbolises the distinction for outstanding achievements in the given academic year. Apart from points for average grade Edward received additional points for papers in anatomy written in cooperation with Grzegorz Wysiadecki MD, PhD and other members of the Department of Anatomy MUL.



Interview with Edward Joaquim Jose Clarke

Why did you decide to study medicine?

I do not think many Doctors or future Doctors know the real reason, why they want to do medicine. I think most of us wake up every day and cannot imagine doing anything else. I do not think we choose medicine, but medicine chooses us. So far it has been an incredible journey.

Why did you decide to study abroad?

Studying abroad and living abroad is a unique experience that is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Studying in Poland has given me the opportunity to expose myself to so much more and to mature.

Why did you choose MUL?

I had a few friends who were studying here and they highly recommended it to me and I'm very happy with my decision.

What do you like about your studies?

I think the general atmosphere at the university is excellent. From the teachers and dean to the administrative Staff, everyone is so friendly and helpful.

What are your scientific fascinations?

Every day and every patient in medicine surprises you. What I have also realised is that as future Doctors and Doctors we never stop studying... I think that's the beauty of medicine.

Could you say a few words about your work in the Department of Anatomy?

Working with the Department of Anatomy has been an amazing experience and I'm especially grateful to my supervisor Dr Wysiadecki and all of my co-authors. My research work thus far has focused on anatomical variations and neuroanatomy. In the near future I'm looking forward to pursuing a career in a surgical specialty.

What was the strangest or funniest thing you have encountered during your stay in Poland?

I was surprised to find Lodz as a very student-friendly city. I really enjoy my life here and I feel welcomed as a Lodz resident.

Is there anything here that you would like to implement in your country?

There are many Polish people who have called Ireland their new home and wherever I work I'm excited to meet Polish patients and hopefully introduce myself as a graduate of the Medical University of Lodz... in Polish!

Thank you for your time