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#### **Staff Achievements**

Associate Prof Dr Ganesh Ramachandran is the Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs at the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. An Obstetrician and Gynaecologist by training. he joined the faculty in 2013. He obtained a Certificate in Medical and Health Sciences Education from Hong Kong University in 2016.

Dr Ganesh has a keen interest in Medical Education and is a council member of the Malaysian Association of Education in Medical and Health Sciences (MAEMHS) since 2015.

He was appointed to the Malaysian Medical Council Examinations Committee for Provisional Registration in 2017 for a period of two years and has currently been reappointed in 2019 for another two years. This committee oversees the conduct of examinations for undergraduates with qualifications not recognized by the Medical Council.

He is an appointed External Examiner for the MBBS programme at AIMST University Malaysia for three years beginning 2019, as well as serving as an External Examiner for the Perdana University RCSI programme in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in June 2019.

In addition, he was appointed as a member of the editorial board of the Education in Medicine Journal, a joint publication of Universiti Sains Malaysia and MAEMHS in January 2019.

#### **OUR STUDENTS, OUR PRIDE**

As the adage goes, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating", the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences has always held to this adage and is very proud of its first four students who were selected for postgraduate training in General Surgery, Internal Medicine and Psychiatry. All will undertake this training period at KKM hospitals and the public Universities running the programme.

All 4 students are from the pioneer batch of medical students of the faculty who qualified in 2014.

They are

| Name                     | Discipline        |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Dr Bentham Teh Liang Sen | Psychiatry        |
| Dr Kossalavani Shanmugam | Internal Medicine |
| Dr Poon Khai Vern        | Internal Medicine |
| Dr Gilbert Peh Voon Yeow | General Surgery   |







Medical University, Malaysia.

#### **Our Success Stories**

Yet another MAHSA University student from this Faculty, Dr Aida Rezaei, has completed her MBA at the Staffordshire University in 2017 and is presently working as Faculty Manager and Lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, while Dr. Thenmaaran Palanisamy is pursuing his Masters in Molecular Medicine at International

On the international front, our students continue to blaze a trail of excellence. Seven Thai students from our  $6^{th}$  cohort, have completed various portions of the Medical Council of Thailand examination and have been

offered internship appointments in various hospitals in Thailand. They are scheduled to begin immediately after the Final Professional Examinations for the MBBS programme in August. The performance of our 5<sup>th</sup> cohort was a major contributor to their success in the selection process.

Dr. Sin Chun Leong from our 5<sup>th</sup> cohort rounds off student achievements this month. He is in the United Kingdom and we are proud of his achievement in the PLAB part 1, which is a qualifying examination for foreign graduates planning to work in the United Kingdom.



Truly, these are the achievements of great pride. Our students are our pride who live the 'BE MORE' motto of the MAHSA University.

#### **Staff Achievements**



January 2019.

Dr Nagaraja had been invited as guest speaker the **First** at International Conference on Contemporary Research Trends in Mycotechnology, Mycology and CRTMMT-2019. Organized department of Biotechnology, Mother Teresa Women's University Kodaikanal. India on 24th and 25th



Dr Nagaraja Suryadevara represented MAHSA University to do MoU with Mother Teresa Women's University Kodaikanal, India on 24th January 2019. Department of Biomedical Sciences, MAHSA University and Department of Biotechnology, Mother Teresa Women's University are planning for collaborative research work.

#### **Staff Achievements**

Dr. Nagaraja acted as resource person at the  $2^{nd}$  *International seminar* on Recent trends in Biological Sciences organized by Annai College of Arts and Sciences, Kumbakonam, India on  $25^{th}$  January 2019.



### **Awards and Achievements**



Five Biomedical Science students have been awarded with First Class Honours from Anglia Ruskin University, UK.

The Biomedical Science degree at MAHSA is a dual award degree with Anglia Ruskin University, UK. This year, five graduates achieved the highest Honours- the First Class Honours. Congratulations to Geetha Letchumanan, Michelle Lim Fong Ting, Chong Jia Shing, Kwan Yoke Ing and Chan Wai Hin. Twenty-two other graduates went on to receive the Second Class Upper Honours and eleven graduates obtained Second Class Lower Honours.

## **Junior Best Scientist Award**

Dr. Nagaraja received a "Junior Best Scientist Award" from Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India for the academic excellence in Medicine and Biomedical Sciences under Molecular Biology Specialization for the year of 2017 to 2018 on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.



Nagaraja Suryadevara, Yong K, Rajan S, Kwan Y and Ting Lim M (2018). "Molecular Characterization of blaTEM and blaCTX-M in ESBLs producing *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella spp*. in Poultry farm and *Klebsiella pneumoniae and Proteus spp*. in Klang River in Malaysia". *Front. Pharmacol. "Seizing Opportunities and Addressing Challenges of Precision Medicine"*. doi: 10.3389/conf.fphar.2018.63.00091. Impact factor 3.8.

# Participation of our students in iMICROB Intervarsity Microbiology Quiz Challenge 2019 organized by Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM)

The Department of Microbiology/Parasitology at the Faculty of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, MAHSA University has taken the initiative to train and coach selected medical and dental students (Year 1, 2, 3, 4 MBBS and Year 2 DDS) on how to be equipped with Microbiology knowledge and critical thinking skills for the iMICROB Intervarsity Microbiology Quiz Challenge 2019 which was held on the 27th April 2019 at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), Kampus Pandan Indah. During the preparatory sessions that took place in the last Fridays of the entire month of April, the academic staff at the Microbiology/Parasitology Department did a good job in instilling the team spirit among students as well as training them with a plethora of questions in Bacteriology, Virology, Mycology, and Infectious Diseases. By taking part in this challenge, students had a unique and memorable experience mixing around with students from other Universities and answering all the Microbiology-related questions in front of a panel of judges.

This collective effort has led to a fruitful result and our dental student team was the title winners and our medical students could reach up to the semi-finals.

This is indeed a proud moment for the Faculty of Medicine, MAHSA University.

#### **CPD PROGRAMMES – FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

| No. | TITLE  | DATE/TIM<br>E  | PROGRAMME<br>OBJECTIVE  | VENUE  | PERSON-IN-<br>CHARGE          | CPD<br>POINT<br>S |
|-----|--|--|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1   | FAOM 2019<br>(Future of<br>Aesthetics in<br>Malaysia<br>Conference-<br>2019) | 21st -23rd<br>June 2019<br>8:00 am-<br>5:00pm                          | To Explore Advance and<br>Safe Practices in<br>Aesthetics   | Saujana<br>Putra<br>Campus,<br>MAHSA<br>University                                     | A/P Dr. Gauri<br>Krishnaswamy | 20                |
| 2   | FIRST SEMINAR<br>IN SURGERY<br>2019  | 11 <sup>th</sup> July<br>2019<br>8:30am-<br>4:00 pm                    | (1)To demonstrate how to acquire competency in the diagnosis and management of common surgery conditions based on the history, physical examination and relevant investigations; (2)To demonstrate how to obtain the requisite knowledge, skills, and attitudes for effective patient-centred care and service to a diverse population; (3)To explain how to apply knowledge and practical skills gained to practice evidence-based, preventive and rehabilitative medicine at all levels of society. | Clinical Skilled Labs, Level 4, Unity Building, Saujana Putra Campus, MAHSA University | Prof. Ravikant<br>Palur       | -                 |
| 3   | PRIMARY CARE<br>FOCUSED<br>WORKSHOP  | 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup><br>JULY 2019<br>8:00 am-<br>5:00pm | (1)To update knowledge on managing a clinic including taxation laws, tax issues and proper documentation; (2)To update techniques in common clinical procedures.  | Clinical Skilled Labs, Level 4, Unity Building, Saujana Putra Campus, MAHSA University | A/P Dr. Vivian<br>Fernandez   | 10                |

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| 4   | ORTHOPAEDICS<br>AND TRAUMA<br>COURSE 2019           | 20th July<br>2019 8.00<br>am -4.00<br>pm | (1)To demonstrate how to acquire competency in the diagnosis and management of common orthopedic conditions based on the history, physical examinations and relevant investigations; (2)To demonstrate how to obtain the requisite knowledge, skills, and attitudes for effective patient-centered care and service to a diverse population; (3) To explain how to apply knowledge and practical skills gained to practice evidence-based, preventive and rehabilitative medicine at all levels of society. | Level 10A,<br>Grand<br>Seasons<br>Hotel<br>MAHSA<br>University | Assoc. Prof. Dr.<br>Khaled Elsyed                          |                   |
| 5   | UPDATE IN<br>CHILDHOOD<br>INFECTION                 | 1st<br>December<br>2019 8 am<br>- 5 pm   | (1)To address issues on prevalent infectious disease in children in daily practice; (2)To provide update on the management of infectious disease in children; (3)To emphasize on clinical and investigative skills needed in the diagnosis of various infectious disease in children  | General Hospital Kuala Lumpur (to be confirmed)                | Prof. Dr. Usha<br>Rani Singh and<br>Dr. Ferry<br>Damarjata | To be annou nced  |
| 6   | STUDENT<br>ASSESSMENT:<br>PRINCIPLES<br>AND PITFALL | September 2019(to be confirmed)          | -   | Dry Lab 2  | Prof. Mohamed<br>Moussa Al-<br>Hasaan                      | To be annou nced  |

## **Upcoming Events**

- Assessment of Learning 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019 FOM, MAHSA University, SPC
- Surgical Review for Clinical Students
  June, 2019
  Hospital Sugai Buloh
- Workshop on Advancements in Ultrasound 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2019 FOM, MAHSA University, SPC
- Primary Care Workshop 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of July, 2019 FOM, MAHSA University, SPC

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