

## ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

- International student exchange programmes are organized by Ramaiah Medical College & Hospitals for students to explore the opportunities to attend summer schools, research collaborations and overseas clinical training such as electives/ observerships.
- International relations office publicizes the information on the college website regarding the availability of medical electives for the observership programs including Ayurveda & Physiotherapy.
- Information regarding the eligibility criteria, application, registration process, invite letters for visa processing, duration of observership, facility of lodging & transportation, temporary ID card & library facilities on arrival to the campus are made available to the students.
- On the basis of the students learning objectives clinical rotations are framed into a well structured observership program with details of the Nodal coordinators designated as their mentor for the training program shared with the students .
- Students are instructed to maintain a log book and enter the day to day activities & get it authenticated by the mentor faculty.
- Student observers to make a presentation at the end of the program which is attended by the Principal & Dean, IRO, Nodal coordinators, respective Heads of the departments where the students have attended the observership program .
- At the end of the program the students need fill & submit a feedback form of their observership experience at RMCH to the IRO.
- A completion certificate if required by the student is presented at the end of the program.

**2015**

## International Student Cell Photographs

### Experiences of International internship at MS Ramaiah Medical College



**Impressions of Medicine and Life in India**

Six students from Medical School, University of Ghent Belgium visited the MS Ramaiah Medical College and Hospital for their short term internship between November 2014 and January 2015, in different disciplines of Medicine: Forensic Medicine, OBG, General Medicine, Orthopaedic surgery, Accident & Emergency, Pediatrics and Community Medicine. Medical students Mr. Tom, Simon, Jozie, Debrae, Aline and Zsófi chose to come to India to experience

differences in practices of medicine and also experience cultural differences. The students had an enriching experience. One of the student expressed "We could attend consultations, see ultrasound, observe operations, join the rounds and examine hospitalized patients and observe laparoscopic techniques in the skills lab. I couldn't have wished for a better start of my internship. When looking back, my internship at Ramaiah Hospital was a very good one. I learned a lot, not only about the clinical aspects of OBG, general medicine, community medicine and forensic medicine but also about the Indian culture and its people. Thanks to everybody's open and welcoming attitude, we had a great experience as well inside as outside the hospital. I hope we can extend these contacts in the future so we can keep learning from each other and keep our minds open for other cultures."

### International Relations



We are happy to have this month Post Graduate International Internship Students from Ghent University Belgium, in the Department of Physiotherapy. Mr. Benedikt Van Renterghem, Ms. Eline Coorevits and Ms. Anneleen have arrived on campus on

6th February 2015 and will complete their two month internship on 2nd April 2015. Mr. Benedikt is a Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy student, Ms. Eline and Ms. Anneleen are Pediatric Physiotherapy students. They are supervised by Dr. Profima and Dr. Kirti Joshi. The students will also be involved in community internship at Kaiwara.

### International Students on the Campus



M.S.R.I.N.E.R. has received two final year nursing students, Ms Louise Friant & Ms. Margot De Ruijter from Arteveldehoger School, Gent, Belgium. The objective of their visit is to know about delivery of community nursing care in urban and rural Indian set-up. M.S.R.I.N.E.R. received another batch of exchange students from Nursing school of North Dakota State University, USA on 28th March 2015. Five nursing students, Ms. Laura Hexum, Ms. Taylor Kuehl, Ms. Rheo Neuberger, Ms. Alexis Schaaf and Ms. Erica Stein are accompanied by their two teachers, Dr. Jane Gledt and Dr. Kelly. These students will have their experience in urban and rural community area. They will also be posted in MSR hospitals for their clinical experience. They would be with us till 16th April 2015.

### Visiting students and faculty from NDSU

MSRINER hosted five nursing students and two faculty members from North Dakota State University, USA who spent two weeks on our campus as exchange students. Students found their clinical and community experiences very enriching. Dr. Jane Gledt & Dr. Kelly Buetner, nursing faculty of North Dakota State University USA, delivered lectures on "Preparation & scope of practice for Baccalaureate & Master's registered nurses in the USA" and "Tobacco use & control in the USA. Nurses role" respectively.



### MSRMC students at Summer school in Groningen- Netherlands

While we waited at the international departure terminal for boarding, to begin, we reflected on that afternoon back in January when we happened to look at a poster on the college notice board and had a casual discussion amongst us. Little did we know that it would lead to one of the best experiences of our lives.

Every year the University of Medical Centre Groningen, Netherlands (UMCG) organises international summer schools for undergraduates in various disciplines and this year we were the privileged lot to represent India in an international forum.

The summer school on Global Health was a platform for realising the diversities in health care services and systems across the world. It gave us an insight into the merits and limitations of the Indian health system in comparison to other countries. Interaction with students from various countries and cultures and exchange of ideas and opinions was an enriching experience both academically and socially. As an undergraduate I found the experience amazing and if such an opportunity comes up, we should definitely recommend you take it.

choose in the future. The Summer School on Pediatrics was one of the best opportunities for us to look deeper into its various aspects. At Groningen, we were introduced to various subspecialties under Pediatrics and we also had hands on workshops to enhance our learning experience.

During our two weeks we also had to work with our peers and come up with research proposal in Pediatrics. We also got to make a lot of contacts in view of doing future research at the UMCG.

The time spent at Groningen helped broaden our perspective and it truly was an enriching and unforgettable experience for each and every one of us.



### Curious Summer School at the University of Twente, Enschede- Netherlands



180 students, 28 nationalities, 9 days, A world of knowledge, Memories for life.

An intellectual talk and an application form translated into a summer school, to represent India on an international platform.

A Boost for Health and Happiness, a course based on positive psychology implementation within the healthcare system, universities and workplace was my calling. Our mornings began with inspirational speakers like Bas Lansdorp, Nick Marsh, and others followed by workshops on job-crafting, E-health etc. Interactive themed lunches like art, business and food design comprised the afternoon events. The evenings were wonderfully planned for leisure. Personalities like Victor Muis, dietician and neurologist, Greg Shapiro, comedian etc added to the fun.

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I, a student of physical therapy and rehabilitation, experienced the broadening of understanding of our patients through symposiums, workshops and quizzes. We formulated a research proposal for an intervention in the healthcare system using autistic children as our beneficiary group. I now am able to comprehend that the approach is very essential when different cultures come into play. I also indulged in various activities like sports, karaoke, hands-on physics, etc. New cultures, new people and so many more memories to keep for posterity.

A big thank you to the institute, teachers and peers for giving me this opportunity to widen my horizon.

- Cristelle Lobo, Final Year BPT, M.S. Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore 54.

**2016**

**Foreign Interns in the campus**



**Ms. Vita Gurvits from University of Groningen (Netherlands),  
posted to the Department of Public Health**



**Ms. Lisa - University of Ghent (Belgium) – Physiotherapy**



**Ms. Lauranne University of Ghent (Belgium) - Physiotherapy**



**Ms. Luca- HoGhent (Belgium) - Microbiology**



**Ms. Tjolina HoGhent (Belgium) - Biochemistry**

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2017



Two Medical Interns from Ghent University, Belgium called on CE along with Community Medicine Department faculty and IRO

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## International student cell 2018



**Ms. Cristiana Seguiti** from Sapienza, University of Rome, completed her observership from 2nd March to 2nd April, 2018, at MC.



**Mr. Kasper**, Ghent University, completed his Observership in Cardiology from 5th February to 20th March, 2018, at MC.



Successful completion of **Observership** by Ghent University students on an exchange program at RMC and Hospital.



As a part of Health Care Immersion Programme, three students and two faculty on rotation from Montana State University, USA received training in the Institute of Nursing Education & Research, from 29th May to 6th July, 2018. The overseas students were paired along with our Indian buddies of IV yr B.Sc(N) Internship students, in several wards, to comprehend the clinical practices in medical, surgical, emergency wards, Intensive Care Units, Obstetric and Gynaecology wards. This training programme engaged the foreign students to urban and rural community field, in order to experience the socio-demographic and socio-cultural context at Kaiwara and Betahalasur. They were also taken to Mysore, on a cultural excursion, to enlighten them with cultural traditions of India. The overall experience was found enriching by the faculty and students, which enabled them to understand the global health challenges and plural culture.



Ms. Nahusha Madhusudan, a 12th Grade Student from Dublin, California, USA attended the 'Shadowing the Doctor Observership Programme', in the Department of Neurology, for two weeks at MCH. Two more students, Amogh Tundalam from Saratoga, California, USA & Nithyasree Palakodety from San Diego California, US, 11th Grade students, also attended the same programme in the Department of Internal Medicine, Physiotherapy & Ophthalmology, for a duration of two weeks.

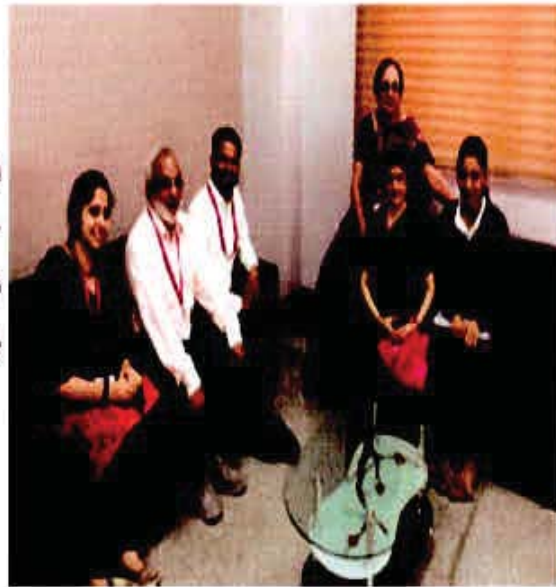




**Ghent University - Observership Program:** The Four medical students from Ghent University, who successfully completed their two months of Observership Program at Medical College & Hospitals.

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**Ms. Amrita Kour** from IGNOU, Kolkata successfully completed one month (1st - 31st October, 2018) of observership program in Clinical Psychology, in the Department of Psychiatry, MC&H



**2019**

Four medical students, Iris Willems, Mira Martens, Anse Vermeersch & Jordy Van der Cruyssen from Ghent



University, Belgium, attended a two months **Observership Program** at MCH from 24<sup>th</sup> June - 18<sup>th</sup> August.

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Four students **Laura Jaxsens, Manon Vandéputte, Sara Careelmont & Anna Aelbrecht** from Ghent University, Belgium successfully completed their two months (Sept. - Oct. 2019) of Observership Program at MCH.



**Ms. Janekke Groota** Medical Student from The University of Groningen, Netherlands, successfully completed two months (3<sup>rd</sup> March - 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2018) of observership program at the MC under the student exchange program.

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