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Θέμα: Σχόλια σχετικά με την έκθεση της Εξωτερικής Επιτροπής Αξιολόγησης για τα Ακαδημαϊκά Προγράμματα MSc & PhD in Neuroscience, της Σχολής Μοριακής Ιατρικής Κύπρου του Ινστιτούτου Νευρολογίας και Γενετικής Κύπρου

Θα ήθελα να σας ευχαριστήσω θερμά για την υλοποίηση της πιο πάνω αξιολόγησης που διεξάχθηκε την Τετάρτη 8 Φεβρουαρίου 2017. Η κάθε εξωτερική αξιολόγηση αποτελεί σημαντικό εργαλείο για τη σωστή λειτουργία των οργανισμών και η ανεξάρτητη έκθεσή αξιολόγησης συμβάλει στην αντικειμενική προσπάθεια για βελτίωση της ποιότητας της εκπαίδευσης. Με ικανοποίηση έχουμε αναγνώσει τα πολύ θετικά στοιχεία των ευρημάτων για τα προγράμματα προς αξιολόγηση της Σχολής μας. Παραθέτουμε, σε ξεχωριστό έντυπο, απαντήσεις σε όλα τα σχόλια που έχουν εγερθεί από τους αξιολογητές.

Είμαστε στη διάθεσή σας για οτιδήποτε άλλο χρειαστείτε.

Με εκτίμηση,

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Απαντήσεις στα σχόλια των αξιολογητών

1. EFFECTIVENESS OF TEACHING WORK – AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Organization of Teaching Work (page 6)

The intention is to increase the number of international students to the max number allowed as per the regulation of the Ministry of Education and Culture. The limited available budget for promotion is a challenge.

- Teaching (page 6)

Our policy strongly encourages the presence of students in the lectures (mandatory attendance of 80%).

At the CSMM we are reluctant to allow recording of lectures as we are unable to monitor the extended distribution of the recorded material.

Teaching personnel (page 6)

The CSMM already has a mechanism for attracting esteemed international academic through allocation of visiting faculty staff at all academic ranks.

In addition, CING holds regular journal club presentations / lectures which are delivered by many of the international collaborators of CING. Those lectures are attended by the students.

2. PROGRAM OF STUDY AND HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

Structure and Content of the Program of studies (page 7)

The programs are regularly revised in terms of their structure and content and when and if necessary, appropriate measures are taken, such as introducing new courses. During Spring 2016, a new elective course titled “molecular virology and immunology” was introduced. A new elective course will also be introduced during Fall 2017. With the availability of the newly established (Sep. 2016) Bioinformatics group as well as Neuroepidemiology expertise we plan to introduce more statistical and computational topics.

International Dimension (page 8)

Through participation in Erasmus+ (also for faculty members) faculty from other Universities are hosted. For example, Professor George Theofilidis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) was hosted in 2015.



In addition to regular journal club presentations and meetings organized (for example Cyprus Society for Human Genetics Meeting, October 2016), through numerous international collaborations of the CSMM faculty there is also regular exposure to Neuroscience leading researchers world-wide, with some examples listed below:

Visit of Prof. Angela Gritti (Gene Therapy), San Raffaele Scientific Institute, May 2013

Visit of Prof. Angela Vincent (Neuroimmunology), Univ. of Oxford, March 2014

Visit of Prof. Richard Reynolds (Glial cell biology), Imperial College London, July 2014

Visit of Prof. Panayiota Poirazi (Computational Neuroscience), University of Crete, July 2015

Although there is limited critical mass in Neuroscience Research in Cyprus outside CING and CSMM, every effort to encourage collaboration with other centers, for example with Center for Applied Neurosciences (CAN) at University of Cyprus is made. A collaboration is established with Prof. Fofi Constantinidou (Prof. Papacostas is a member of the external scientific committee for this center) and there is an active participation in seminars of this center, for the CSMM Academic staff and students. Last occasion was in October 2016, where Prof. Kleopa was invited to talk at CAN yearly seminar and CSMM Neuroscience students were able to attend and hear lectures on computational and behavioral neuroscience. One of the CSMM MSc students secured a PhD position at King's College London through introduction to Prof. Williams at this meeting.

Our plan is to invite more faculty to teach at our courses, in order to enrich the students' learning experience.

There is an ongoing effort to expand the dedicated budget for supporting visiting Professors.

