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International CEEPUS Summer School 2019

The 6th International CEEPUS Summer School 2019 was organized by the CEEPUS network CIII-SI-0611: “Novel diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to complex genetic disorders” and Faculty of pharmacy, University of Ljubljana. It took place in Student dormitory and hostel Portorož, Slovenia, between July 24th and 29th 2019. The summer school was attended by 42 participants from 8 countries (Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan and Palestine) – 9 teachers and 33 undergraduate and postgraduate students of laboratory biomedicine, medical biochemistry, medicine and pharmacy.

The main topic covered by the summer school was age-related diseases. Introductory lectures were held in the morning, followed by the student project work under the supervision of tutors. One workshop “Transferable skills: needs of pharma and biotech industries” was organized on the second day.

On the first day, the students were divided into 6 nationally mixed student groups and were assigned a topic on which they worked throughout the summer school. Each group prepared a 30 minute presentation of their topic and they presented it on the last day of the summer school. The presentations were graded by the commission and the best presentation was awarded. For their active participation, the students received 3 ECTS. Students took their assignments very seriously and responsibly and prepared excellent presentations. They gained experience in team working and speaking in a foreign language as well as a lot of professional knowledge.

As with previous summer schools, special care has been devoted to the development of social skills. We are aware that summer schools are the right place for acquisition of these, that's why we organized a quality social program, which included a first day welcome reception, a national afternoon with interesting presentations of participating countries, volleyball tournament and a farewell dinner, where awards were given for the best student presentation and to the winning group at the volleyball tournament.

Based on feedbacks, received from the participants, we are convinced that this years' summer school was very successful and well received by both students and lecturers. Besides quality professional program, also the social part and quality organization of the summer school contributed significantly to this success.

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