

Tbilisi State Medical University International Relations

The famous Cardiovascular Center of Bern (Switzerland) became interested in the student of Tbilisi State Medical University, Faculty of General Medicine. Mr. Chanchaleishvili was on the training courses in Bern. He has been studying and working on a scientific project in the Lab of the above-mentioned Center. The scientists of the mentioned Cardiovascular Center had attached such an importance to his work that they have addressed to Rector of Tbilisi State Medical University with the request to prolong Mr. Chanchaleishvili's authorization to stay in their Lab.

Whe obtained preliminary results of his work are very hopeful and encouraging and show that the intra-myocardial injection of myoblasts could in fact normalize the cell function. Mr. Chanchaleishvili developed this technique and is now able to get very enthusiastic data, which could probably be published" - is said in the letter. The matter is related to the experimental model of myocardial infarction. It is the fact, that the fifth year student of Tbilisi State Medical University is involved in very important investigation.

The possibility to reveal their knowledge and ability at leading clinics of the world is given to the hundreds of students of Tbilisi State Medical University. Only in summer of 2004, approximately 200 students have undergone such training courses. As the Head of International Affairs Department Mrs. Ia Avaliani, M.D., has announced, the current year was distinguished with the high activation of students' mobility. In this year, the Luven University (Belgium) and the University of Cairo (Egypt) were added to the list of our long-standing partner Universities such as: the Hacettepe University, the Varna University (Bulgaria), the Yena University (Germany). Recently concluded Bilateral Contracts with Medical University of Donetsk, Claipea University of Latvia foresees one year training courses not only for students but for young specialists as well.

The perspective is as attractive as useful. During their training courses, Georgian students are not limited only by immediate practice, they have also access to the library and computer service, take part in internal conferences. They make reports, perform night-watches at clinics, participate in operations and carry out different medical manipulations. Consequently, they are acquainted with new technologies and gain good experience. All of the students, having been on training courses got the positive estimations and were awarded by proper certificates in clinical disciplines, to say nothing about cultural measures that give a good chance to learn more about their host country. The students of Tbilisi State Medical University express their gratefulness to Prof. Ramaz Khetsuriani - the Rector of TSMU for his cordiality, to employers of International Affairs Department and the group supervisors.

Together with scientists-physicians of European Union, the following students of TSMU: Nika Chankoshvili, Givi Koberidze and Mamuka Khachapuridze have reported their proceedings at the international Scientific Conference which has been held in October, 19-24, 2004

in Berlin, at world-wide known Clinic of Scharite under the aegis of European Union.



All above-mentioned don't go beyond those required ranges that can be presented to the Tbilisi State Medical University - the only High School among the Former Soviet Union countries within NIS area, that has participated in the Institutional Evaluation Program, performed by EUA (Association of European Universities) and was integrated in the European Higher Education area. According to the Bologna Declaration, obtained in 1999, the creation of the European Higher Education area would be finished by 2010 year. Thus, the first step of Georgian High School might be considered as a successful step.