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Stream 1: 'Medical Education Molds the Future of Medicine'

Stream 2: 'University of the Future'

Press-Release

We are pleased to inform you that the **Debate 'University of the Future'** organized by the **Academic Union, Oxford** was successfully held on September 27, 2019. The prestigious Council Chamber at Oxford Town Hall was provided to the **Academic Union, Oxford** to host the **Oxford Debate 'University of the Future'**.

It was not random that the **Oxford Debate** took place at the unique meaningful location - the Council Chamber, where since the end of the 19th century members of Oxford Council have debated the most important issues of Oxford not least of which are medicine and education.

Debate participants highlighted the most actual aspects from their professional field and expressed their opinions on the role of medicine as well as education in our society.

The prime organizer of the 'Oxford Debate' is Academic Union, Oxford (AUO) – an academic association of more than 350 University Chancellors, medical experts, scientists, researchers and innovators from 34 countries.

The primary aim of the Union is to consolidate the efforts of scientists, educators, industrialists, and manufacturers on science, education and business integration and development in the XXI st century.

The AUO is consistently increasing its influence and strength for the development of professional connections, the improvement of educational, methodical, researches, cultural and educational activities for the benefit of humanitarian and social progress in all major areas of human activity.

Debate 'University of the Future' is an exclusive format of the Academic Union events, special partnership and discussion platform for higher education regional leaders, flag carriers in the medical sphere as well as famous experts in the field of regional and global education and medical management.

Debate 'University of the Future' was divided into two Streams:

Stream 1: **'Medical Education Molds the Future of Medicine'** and Stream 2: **'The University of the Future'**.

Stream 1 **'Medical Education Molds the Future of Medicine'** was dedicated to the most demanding issues and challenges the modern medicine faced nowadays.

Moderated by Dr.Vincenzo Costigliola, President of the European Medical Association and Honourary President of the Academic Union, Oxford, the session started with the presentations of the leaders in the medical field accompanied by the discussions on the following topics:

- 'What to do to promote Medicine as an attractive and sustainable profession?'
- 'What do we need to have more inter professional education?'
- 'What medical professions will be the most in demand in the future? What new medical professions do you foresee? How to prepare for changes and keep up with the times?'
- 'Need Based Curriculum & Teaching Strategies - A Global View'
- 'The role and effective implementation of simulation training in medical education'
- 'Is it possible to effectively combine personal medical practice with clinic management?'
- 'Demand and development in the field of plastic surgery (hair transplantation)'

The participants of Stream 2 **'University of the future'** were welcome to give their institutions' presentations within the Partners Session and the Discussion Session in order to debate on the chosen topics which were in demand among educational field representatives, moderated by **Prof.John W. A. Netting**-Internationally acclaimed expert with a high level of professional experience, Head of Editorial Board, Socrates Almanac, Oxford, UK.

The topics discussed during the Session were dedicated to the following aspects:

- 'Your concept and aims of the University of the Future'
- 'The role of Universities in Sustainable Regional development'
- 'Does college education help develop practical skills and find a job faster? Should the syllabus be changed drastically?'
- 'Future of Indian Education at K12 Stage'
- 'The use of communication, Liaisons and Joint Projects to foster Cooperation with other Tertiary Institutions Globally'
- 'Universities should cooperate, not compete with each other. Are you ready to initiate communications, liaisons, and joint projects with other colleges around the world?'

We strongly believe that participation in the Academic Union projects will be of great value for all the professionals in the field of education and medicine. The Academic Union intends to go on the Debate tradition and as the summing-up the participants' thesis of speeches and the articles will be published in a digest of scientific articles 'University of the Future' (ISSN 2053-4736).