We are very pleased that you are interested in the Summer School on Pediatrics! Below you will find general information about the summer school and application conditions. Please read this document very carefully. If you would like additional information, feel free to contact us.

INTRODUCTION

First, I would like to introduce the organizing committee. We are a group of eight enthusiastic medical students from the University of Groningen, The Netherlands. This year, under supervision of doctor Derks (Pediatrician/PhD), we will organize the 27th edition of the Medical Sciences Summer School on Pediatrics (SSOP). The summer School will take place from **Monday 6 July 2020 – Thursday 16 July 2020**.

The summer school comprises two courses: an educational and a research course. All will take place in and around the education centre of the University Medical Centre Groningen (UMCG). The educational part of the program will be very interesting and informative. It will vary from patient demonstrations and lectures to case discussions, workshops and clinical practice. The research part of the course will be more focused on 'scientific skills', such as critical reading of literature, critical thinking and developing your own research plan.

COURSES ‘EDUCATION’ AND ‘SCIENTIFIC SKILLS’

During the course ‘education’ specific subjects, which suit within the main subjects of paediatrics, will be discussed in detail. Each day is devoted to one or two specific disciplines. Every discipline will start with an interesting (patient)lecture. After this, you will get the chance to discuss the subject and interact with doctors, patients and each other during case discussions, workshops or clinical practice. The composition of such a day is based on the teaching method for medical students at the University of Groningen; every week has a specific theme and starts with a patient demonstration. The lectures that follow during that week elaborate more about the problem/theme of that week, accompanied with workshops and group discussions. By copying this concept, you’ll get a top education about paediatrics and you’ll also get familiar with the method in which Dutch students become a doctor.

During the summer school you will get the chance to implement all the research skills in writing a research proposal with other participants. The course will be concluded with a fascinating symposium given by you!

SUBJECTS

At this moment we are working hard to arrange patient demonstrations, workshops and lectures with doctors. A few lectures will be given to both participants of SSOP and participants of other summer schools at the same time.

The subjects on Pediatrics discussed during the course ‘education’ will **probably** be:

- Neonatology
- Intensive Care
- Cardiology
- Neurology
- Orthopaedics
- Surgery
- Ethics
- Endocrinology
- Metabolic diseases
- Lecture about the influence of music and movement on the development of children
Please follow our website and Facebook page! This will keep you up-to-date with our program.

**SOCIAL PROGRAM**

Besides an extensive educational program we provide a very exciting social program as well. We would like to organize a trip to the beautiful city of Amsterdam. In the course of the two weeks all kinds of fun activities, like an international cooking event, will be organized for you. Of course you’ll get to see plenty of the nightlife in Groningen, which is guaranteed to be much fun. We will not reveal all of the social activities yet, but we are certain that you’ll not be disappointed.

**IMPORTANT FACTS!**

**PARTICIPANT’S PROFILE**
- **Medical Students only!**
- Educational level: last-year pre-clinical/first year clinical. You can also attend when you are further, or perhaps just started, but keep in mind that the level of the program will be aimed for last-year preclinical/first year clinical students.
- Acceptance on basis of:
  - a motivational letter or short video (see the attachment: ‘Motivational Letter Guidelines’ for more information);
  - a filled in application form (see the attachment: ‘Application form 2020’);
  - a curriculum vitae (CV).
- Official language of the summer school: English. A sufficient level of English is required.

**EXAMINATION INFECTIOUS DISEASES**
For a short time, you will be a guest of the University Medical Center Groningen. During your stay you will be considered as an employer. Therefore, we would like to carry out the entrance examination with regard to infectious diseases, like we do with every UMCG staff member. This examination is meant to determine whether you are medically suitable to carry out the intended work, without exposing your own health and that of others to danger. You will receive more information about this procedure later on, if you are selected for our summer school.

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS**
The maximum number of students attending this year’s summer school is 30.

**CERTIFICATE**
At the end of the course every student who has attended all lectures receives a certificate of participation.

**WHERE**
Medical Sciences Summer School on Pediatrics Groningen
University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG)
The Netherlands
**SELECTION PROCEDURE**

As part of the application procedure for this year’s Summer School on Pediatrics we are asking you to write a motivational letter or to make a short video. Please read the information about the Application Procedure on our website carefully for more information.

In order to apply, please fill in the application form, which you can download on our website and send it along with your Curriculum Vitae, a clear close-up photo of you and your motivational letter/short video via a Google Form. The link to the Google Form is on our website. **Please note that you have to apply before the 1st of March 2020!** Before the 1st of April, you will receive an e-mail with the results of the selection procedure.

If you have any research experience, feel free to send us your abstracts or papers. This might increase your chances to be selected.

**APPLICATION CONDITIONS**

1. The costs of the Summer School on Pediatrics course will be ± 650 euro. This price includes housing, the educational and social program, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and excursions. It does **not** include visa (if necessary), and your plane-, train-, or bus ticket to Groningen and back home.

2. When definitely applying, you need to fill in the Google Form (link on website). In the Google Form, you need to upload the following:
   - A motivational letter or short video
   - A brief (medical) curriculum vitae
   - A clear close-up photo/passport photo
   - The application form with all your personal information and your signature!
   - Research papers or abstracts (optional)

On our website, in the subject Application Procedure, the following document is available and must be used for the uploading the required documents in the Google Form:  
- A blank application form

On this page, you can also find guidelines for your motivational letter or short video.

Please note that you have to apply before the **1st of March 2020**! After this deadline we don't take any application into account.

Once you have sent us the preceding documents and you are officially selected, you will receive payment instructions (including a deadline) and a Google Form: Card of Confirmation (which you will also have to fill in). We’ll try to make sure that you have enough time to transfer the money. If you are not selected, you’ll be added to our waiting list.

3. When the full costs are received on our account, as well as the Card of Confirmation (including two passport size pictures), you will receive a Card of Acceptance, a guide to living in Groningen, information about the examination of infectious diseases and if necessary, information about a visitor’s visa.
If you haven’t paid in time we consider your application cancelled. Only if you had good reasons why you couldn’t pay in time, we might still be able accept you. Otherwise, you’ll have to apply again (next year), which probably means that you will be on our waiting list.

4. If you have not received a Card of Acceptance, you have not (yet) been accepted to the International Summer School on Pediatrics. Do not come to Groningen without a Card of Acceptance! We will not arrange anything before a Card of Acceptance has been sent to you.

5. It is not allowed to take family, friends or pets with you during your participation in the summer school.

6. You must have Health Insurance, which is valid in the Netherlands during your participation in the summer school. The summer school provides an insurance package to the participating students.

7. If you need a visitor’s visa we will send you the necessary paperwork. Please be aware that it can take up to three months before your visa-application is accepted.

REFUND

Although we hope to welcome you in Groningen when you are accepted to the summer school, there is a chance that you have to turn down your placement. We will refund (a part of) the application costs, according to the following regulation:

➢ Cancelling 2 months before: 100 percent minus the cash transfer costs.
➢ Cancelling 1 month before: 50 percent minus the cash transfer costs.
➢ Less than 1 month before: Nothing will be refunded.

We have all rights to deny your refund request, if we consider your reason for cancelling inappropriate.

WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

Please follow our Facebook page, this will keep you up-to-date with our program:
https://www.facebook.com/summerschoolpediatrics/

Website of the University of Groningen:
http://www.rug.nl/research/gradschool-medical-sciences/summerschools/translational-pediatrics/

Email: summerschoolpediatrics@rug.nl

BEST WISHES

On behalf of the committee I thank you for your interest in the Summer School on Pediatrics Groningen and I hope to welcome you in July. I wish you the best of luck with the selection procedure!

Kind regards,

Mariëlle Bruins
Secretary Summer School on Pediatrics Groningen 2020