

# How to overcome the limitations of the Junior Alumni Program to increase Alumni POTential

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## JUNIOR ALUMNI PROGRAM

From POTential Alumni  
to Alumni with POTential



WORKSHOPS / MOTIVATIONAL CAFÉ / PROFESSIONAL CAFÉ / NETWORKING

# The Junior Alumni Program

## Framework

- piloted in 2021/22
- volunteer-based
- extracurricular activity
- alumni powered (all presenters are alumni)
- all activities are strictly professional
- mirrors a typical medical student's career path (pre-clinical and clinical)
- 80% of events are dedicated to self-development-oriented activities (workshops)
- 20% to fun (motivational & professional cafés, career inn)

## Goals

- facilitate the alumni tradition at UPMS
- collaborative approach between alumni and POTential alumni
- enhancing partnerships in education, research and social commitment
- lay foundations for lifelong connection between the graduates and the Alma Mater
- shift the focus from *reconnection* to building *connections* right from the start

# JAP milestones

## 2021/22

- 7 events – 4 workshops, motivational café, professional café, career inn
- main positive: high student interest (10% of total student population)
- limitation: designed to serve the widest possible audience, thus: restructured/restrategised to the specific training programmes of the medical faculty


## 2022/23

- 10 events - 4 workshops and a specialty and destination café for all, 5 tailored workshops for pharmacists
- main positive: increasing student interest (12 % of total, 25% of Pharmacy)
- limitation: creating specific dental events remains challenging

# Workshops reloaded

## Aim:

- to bridge the gap between the curriculum and medschool reality
- connecting students with our alumni globally, in scientific interaction
- to equip students with soft skills/career guidance to excel during their educational journey and beyond
- events and resources designed to complement the traditional curriculum, harnessing the expertise of alumni



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ALUMNI SPECIALTY  
AND DESTINATION CAFÉ #1

**SPECIALTIES: OPHTHALMOLOGY  
AND PATHOLOGY**

**DESTINATIONS:** France, Luxembourg, Germany  
**DATE:** March 17 (Friday)  
**TIME:** 4pm  
**PLACE:** SIOT0032  
**MODERATOR:** Dr Ibitamuno Caleb  
**PRESENTERS:** Dr George Hayek, Dr Sebastian Bárdosi



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**WORKSHOP 1:**

**INTRODUCTION TO  
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
AND SOCIETIES AT UP MS**

(Recommended for 1st-2nd year students)

**DATE:** September 21 (Wednesday)  
**TIME:** 05:00 PM  
**PLACE:** SIOT0002 (new theoretical building, red corridor)  
**MODERATORS:** Dr Ibitamuno Caleb and Dr Alan Abada

**PRESENTERS:**  
Dr Ibitamuno Caleb (Pécs Surgical Society)  
Dr Alan Abada (Pécs Emergency Society)  
Dr Bence Pytal (Pécs Undergraduate Researcher Society)  
Zsombor Márton (DOK – Circle of Demonstrators)



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**WORKSHOPS 2:**

**PRESENTATION TECHNIQUES AND  
PPT MAKING, INTRODUCTION TO  
DATABASES AND SEARCH KEYS,  
SCIENTIFIC ARTICLE WRITING**

(Recommended for 2nd to 5th year students)

**DATE:** September 27 (Tuesday)  
**TIME:** 04:30 PM  
**PLACE:** SIOT0033 (new theoretical building, green corridor)  
**MODERATOR:** Dr Ibitamuno Caleb

**PRESENTERS:**  
Dr Bence Pytal – Presentation techniques and PPT making  
Dr Alan Abada – Databases, search keys and scientific articles



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**WORKSHOP 3**

**HOW TO PREPARE FOR  
THE ROTATIONAL YEAR**

(Recommended for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> year students, particularly 5<sup>th</sup> year medical students)

**DATE:** November 8 (Tuesday)  
**TIME:** 04:00 pm  
**PLACE:** SIOT0033 (new theoretical building, green corridor)  
**MODERATOR:** Dr Caleb Ibitamuno

**PANELLISTS:**  
Dr Areej Jaber  
Dr Bence Pytal  
András Nochtka  
Minh Nhat Phan Hoang  
Saman Soltanian



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**WORKSHOP 4**

**ERASMUS OPPORTUNITIES  
AND INTRODUCTION TO  
CLINICAL BLOCK PRACTICES**

(Recommended for 3rd year on)


**DATE:** November 15 (Tuesday)  
**TIME:** 4:30 pm  
**PLACE:** SIOT0033 (new theoretical building, green corridor)

**MODERATORS:**  
Dr Caleb Ibitamuno,  
Dr Rahin Kenari,  
Dr Afshin Zandi

**PRESENTERS:**  
Dóra Szabó, Miklós Bóka,  
András Nochtka,  
Ahmed Nawaz

# Junior Alumni Pharma Club (JAPC)

- besides regular workshops a series of career options offered to pharmacy students in approx. 2-weeks intervals
- on each occasion presenters showed the given career path in and outside of Hungary
- Faculty of Pharmacy offered to turn it into a credit course from the next academic year



**JUNIOR ALUMNI PHARMA CLUB #1**

**INTRODUCTION TO JAPC AND EXAM PERIOD SURVIVAL SKILLS**  
(for pharmacy students only)

**DATE:** November 22 (Tuesday) | **TIME:** 4 pm  
**PLACE:** Conference room (Medical School main building, behind the mosaic)

**PRESENTERS:** Dr Rahin Kenari and Dr Afshin Zand

Beware of PharmACTIVITY




**JUNIOR ALUMNI PHARMA CLUB #2**

**CAREER OPTIONS 1:  
ALL ABOUT THE PHD  
(THE WAY THERE: THESIS AND DEFENCE;  
SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS)**

**DATE:** March 1 (Wednesday) | **TIME:** 4pm  
**PLACE:** Conference Room (Medical School main building, behind the mosaic)

**PRESENTERS:** Dr Rahin Kenari, Dr Afshin Zand, Dr Okba Hatem



**JUNIOR ALUMNI PHARMA CLUB #3**

**CAREER OPTIONS 2: CLINICAL/  
HOSPITAL PHARMACY  
(IN HUNGARY AND ABROAD)**

**DATE:** March 17 (Friday)  
**TIME:** 5pm  
**PLACE:** SIOT0033

**PRESENTERS:** Dr Nouri-Rapajkó Ivett, Dr Perla Saoud Hayek




**JUNIOR ALUMNI PHARMA CLUB #4**

**CAREER OPTIONS 3A:  
COMMUNITY PHARMACY**

**DATE:** April 12  
**TIME:** 4pm  
**PLACE:** Conference room (Medical School, main building behind the mosaic)

**PRESENTERS:** Dr Davood Asadi, Dr Amir Reza Ashraf



**JUNIOR ALUMNI PHARMA CLUB #5**

**CAREER OPTIONS 3B:  
COMMUNITY PHARMACY (SCANDINAVIA)**

**DATE:** April 21  
**TIME:** 5pm  
**PLACE:** Conference room (Medical School, main building behind the mosaic)

**PRESENTERS:** Dr Milad Ghorbani, Dr Gabriella Boda



# Success Stories

- 2021/22: 4 students offered 3-year dental contract in UK by an alumnus
- involvement of 40+ alumni directly
- cooperation with Undergraduate Research Society: 1<sup>st</sup> international „TDK Saloon”
- cooperation with Pécs Surgical Society on their annual conference – organizational support and invited Alumni jury members

# What else is POTential?

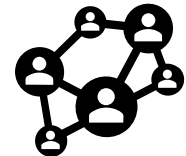
## Gaining

- involving students
- activate alumni
- positive impact on recruitment

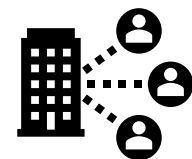


## Further collaborations

- joint projects
- research
- Placements



## Expanding the portfolio



# Thank you for your kind attention on behalf of my amazing Alumni Team!



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