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WCMC-Q Medical Students to Present their Research Findings

First-ever presentation on initial studies for research in Qatar by WCMC-Q

Doha, 20 November 2005: Cutting edge research in the biomedical sciences will be the center of attention at WCMC-Q on Tuesday, November 22, when medical students present their work during the summer with research teams at Cornell University and its Weill Medical College in the U.S.

Tuesday's second Annual Medical Student Research Forum, a highlight of the fall semester at WCMC-Q, puts the focus on investigation rather than education, bench rather than classroom. It gives students a chance to explain their role in work that could lead to advances in our understanding of medical conditions and the discovery of new treatments for them.

For the first time, this year's event also features a presentation by three medical students who worked on a research-oriented project in Qatar. Their review of the literature in the field of bone mineral density and osteoporosis could form the basis of future research to be carried out at WCMC-Q.

The Research Forum will open with oral presentations, in which students explain their work with the aid of Powerpoint presentations and answer questions from the audience; this session will be followed by poster presentations, where those attending the event will be able to walk round and read about the research projects, asking any questions they may have of the students.

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Seventeen students were awarded summer research fellowships for 2005. The fellowships allow recipients to travel to the U.S. and stay for up to nine weeks, working with Cornell's researchers and living the life of ordinary students on-campus in Ithaca and New York City.

This year, students gained important insight into diverse areas of research, from the ageing process to blood disorders, breast cancer to ventricular fibrillation. Assigned to teams led by some of Cornell University's most outstanding researchers, they learned a range of laboratory techniques, took part in meetings, presented journal articles to their colleagues, and – in some cases – carried out independent research that may lead to the publication of papers.

The second Annual Medical Student Research Forum opens Tuesday, November 22, in Lecture Hall 2 at WCMC-Q with delivery of the oral presentations from 2-4 p.m. **Members of the press are invited to attend the poster presentations on the ground floor of the North Hall from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

NOTES TO EDITORS

Established in partnership with the Qatar Foundation, WCMC-Q is part of the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, the first American institution to offer its M.D. degree overseas. WCMC-Q offers a complete and integrated educational program, comprising the two-year Pre-medical Program, followed by the four-year Medical Program, with teaching by Cornell faculty. There are separate admission processes for each Program, guided by the standards of admission in use at Cornell University in Ithaca, and its Medical College in New York City.

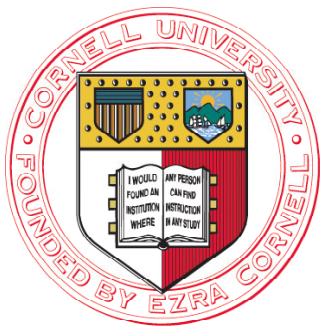
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