2018 OXCEP Academic Medicine Course
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Participants on the 2018 Academic Medicine course, together with Principal Keith Gull, Dr Frank Hwang and Professor Robert Wilkins

For the third year running, St Edmund Hall has hosted the OXCEP [2] (the Oxford Chinese Economy Programme) Academic Medicine Course, a programme designed by Dr Frank Hwang with the aim of fostering international links between the UK and China.

Nearly 40 academic clinicians from hospitals across China took part in the two-week residential course, which involves cultural activities and days out in addition to presentations on various aspects of academic medicine. Participants have also had the opportunity to observe translational research being carried out in research laboratories, a new addition to the programme this year.

The two-week course continued to expand in its third year, and was attended by a group of 39 senior clinicians and medical researchers, including 36 from West China Medical School and Hospitals of Sichuan University and 3 from Xiangya Medical School and Hospitals of Central South University. It comprised 26 lecture sessions, 5 academic visits and 2 laboratory observations, as well as various cultural and social activities. Since 2016, a total of 118 Chinese medical faculty members have been trained on this programme.

On Monday 2 July, Professor Keith Gull, Principal of St Edmund Hall, welcomed the group to the College with a formal dinner. Over the following two weeks, participants attended a series of academic presentations at many of the teaching hospitals around Oxford, including the Churchill Hospital, the John Radcliffe Hospital and the Warneford Hospital. The talks, on
topics from "The Future of Genetics in Women's and Reproductive Health" to "Tonsils, Trials and Trouble Understanding," were given by industry experts, including several Hall academics, with serial translation provided in all the sessions. Participants were also able to combine theory with practice by taking part in several laboratory observations at the John Radcliffe Hospital and the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre.

Alongside the academic activities, participants enjoyed excursions to the Ashmolean Museum, Bicester Village and London, and also had some free time to explore Oxford independently. The course concluded at the weekend with a farewell dinner before the group travelled to Heathrow for their flight home.

OXCEP is a task force specifically established for St Edmund Hall and solely based at the College, in order to spearhead and implement projects including the related forums and workshops, distinguished speaker lectures, short courses, and the Visiting Fellow and Visiting Student programmes. Its previous academic courses have focussed on economics and public policy, and have successfully trained a total of 227 highly-qualified university academics and professionals from both China and the USA over the past four years.

At the conclusion of the course this year, OXCEP proudly recognised the success of its first Graduate Scholar, Ilona Mostipan, in her DPhil viva at the Oxford Saïd Business School. Dr Frank Hwang, Chairman of OXCEP, was also pleased to announce an OXCEP Graduate Scholarship for DPhil study in Clinical Medicine (2018-2019) at the Hall.

For more information on OXCEP, please visit www.oxcep.com [2].