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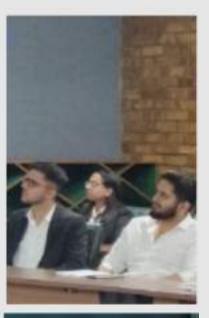






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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Office of International Affairs shall be responsible for undertaking the following activities:

- To disseminate information related to admission process among prospective foreign students.
- To engage in promotional activities and brand building campaigns abroad.
- Single point of contact for carrying out all collaborative activities with the foreign institutes.
- Acts as a liaison body between the foreign students and sponsoring agency.
- To coordinate all matters relating to welcoming and supporting foreign students.
- To address the grievances of foreign students and sponsoring agency.
- Single point contact for registration with FRRO/e-FRRO.
- To facilitate networking with fellow students.
- To extend all possible help to the foreign students to adapt to the new cultural environment and make their stay in India comfortable and enriching.

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S. No.	Faculty	Coordinators
1	Director	Prof. (Dr.) Meena Kapahi
2	Mathematics	Ms. Savitta Saini
3	Physics	Dr. Sandeep Kumar
4	Chemistry	Dr. A. Jayamani
5	Computer Science & Technology	Dr. Abhishek Saxena
6	Electronics & Communication Engineering	Dr. Piyush Charan
7	Mechanical Engineering	Dr. Jai Prakash
8	Education & Humanities	Dr. Pooja Parmar and Dr. Kriti Dagar
9	Law	Ms. Chaitali Wadhwa
10	Management & Commerce	Dr. Vandana Zutshi Bhat

International Collaborations

S. No.	Institute	Country
1	Abdullah Gul University	Turkey
2	Antioquia School of Engineering (EIA), Columbia	USA
3	Association of International Accountants	UK
4	Autonomous University of Sinaloa	Mexico
5	Hasan Kalyoncu University	Turkey
6	Istanbul Commerce University	Turkey
7	Istanbul Kultur University	Turkey
8	Lahti University of Applied Sciences	Finland
9	Purdue University NorthWest	USA
10	University of Pitesti	Romania
11	College Sevigne	France
12	University College of Northern Denmark	Denmark
13	University of North America	North America
14	President University	Indonesia
15	Vinh University	Vietnam
16	University of Regina	Canada
17	Syrian Private University	Syria
18	Asia University	Vietnam
19	Akamai University	USA
20	Al Mustaqbal University College	Iraq
21	Karabuk University	Turkey
22	The University of Nottingham	UK, China
23	Auburn University of Montgomery	USA
24	University of the West of England	UK
25	Universidade Lusofona	Portugal
26	Polesskey State University	Pinsk, Belarus
27	Universitas Indonesia	Indonesia
28	The University of New Castle	Australia
29	Universidad Nacional Villa Maria	Argentina
30	Haaga Helia University of Applied Sciences	Finland
31	Laurea University of Applied Sciences	Finland
32	Metropolia University of Applied Sciences	Finland
33	Istanbul Gedik University	Turkey

International Collaborations

S. No.	Institute	Country
34	University of North Texas	USA
35	Osh State University	Kyrgyztan
36	Korean Culture Centre	Korea
37	Illinois Institute of Technology	Chicago, USA
38	Norquest College	Canada
39	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia	Malaysia
40	Yuan Ze University	Taiwan
41	Our Lady of the Lake University	USA
42	Wentworth Institute of Higher Studies	Australia
43	Livingstone International University of Tourism Excellence and Business Management (LIUTEBM)	Lusaka, Zambia
44	Ureka Education Group	Oxford Science Park, Oxford, UK
45	The University of Winnipeg	Canada
46	Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía (ISDE)	Madrid, Spain
47	National Dong Hwa University	Taiwan, R.O.C.
48	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Bogotá, Colombia
49	Bezmialem Vakif University	Turkey
50	Ural State University of Economics	Russia
51	Kırıkkale University	Kirikkale, Turkey
52	University of North Carolina, Wilmington	USA
53	Egas Moniz School of Health and Sciences	Portugal
54	Ege University	Turkey
55	Management & Science University (MSU)	Selangor, Malaysia
56	Cebu Normal University	Philippines
57	Vilnius Tech University	Lithuania
58	Politehnica University Timisoara	Romania
59	The University of Waikato	New Zealand
60	William Paterson University (WPU)	Wayne, New Jersey, USA

International Faculty Panel



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Events/Activities Reports

School of Law invited Prof. Catherine Iorns Magallanes for a Guest Lecture - 31st January 2023

The School of Law, in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs organised a guest lecture on 31st January 2023. The speaker for the event was Prof. Catherine Iorns Magallanes, a Professor of Law at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. The topic for her session was "How to Argue: What is Law instruction like at Victoria University of Wellington".

Being a specialist in Environmental Law, Prof. Iorns first drew similarities between environmental jurisprudence in India and New Zealand. She then spoke about the style of teaching Law at Victoria University. The discussion was engaging, with Prof. Iorns quoting examples of judgements decided by courts at New Zealand, and students providing their inputs on the arguments they would present if they were counsel for those cases. The speaker was kind to answer the questions students had about the admission procedure, qualifying exams to practice law, and work visas in New Zealand.

After the session, Prof. Iorns took a tour of the campus. She visited the CADR Hall and the Moot Court Hall, the Sports Science Centre, the Central Library, and the newly inaugurated Peace Wall.





SCHOOL OF LAW INVITED PROF. CATHERINE IORNS MAGALLANES FOR A GUEST LECTURE

Ms. Chaitali Wadhwa (Asst. Prof., School of Law) invited as a Guest Speaker by AIAC Young Practitioner's Group - 24th February 2023

Ms. Chaitali Wadhwa, Asst Prof. at School of Law, MRU was invited by the AIAC Young Practitioner's Group to be a Guest Speaker at the AIAC Mooting Workshop organised for law students and mooters from universities and law schools across the globe. The session was on "Strengthening your oratory skills in Moot Competitions". Other speakers for the event were practicing advocates from Malaysia.





Global Immersion Trip to Singapore

Five students of BBA Manav Rachna University participated in Global immersion program (GIP) which was hosted by UAS Internationals to Singapore from 19th February 2023 to 24th February 2023.

The program provided a wide range of skill sets to the students so that they can perform well when dealing with complex projects and a multiplatform environment. Thus helps in enhancing the confidence level of an individual. The students visited many industries to understand the business environment in Singapore.

The students were also taken to various sightseeing trips around the city. Such multicultural exposure at the global level will help the students to easily adapt to the work environment and quickly advance in their career in future

TESTIMONIALS OF THE STUDENTS WHO WERE A PART OF THIS TRIP;

SUSHANT NAGPAL - HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/9HJ0CBHVJDS
SIDHARTH DEMBLA - HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/E0SL9R8NE80
PRITHVI RAJ MADAAN - HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/RWQ6QSXKDGK
HARDIK BHATIA - HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/EGLM0QGKG70
AARYAMAN SHARMA - HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/LFIIIW9PV_A











Global Immersion Trip to Dubai

Manav Rachna Educational Institute has been associated with UAS International to organize Global Immersion Programs for students. This year UAS International organized yet another GIP to Dubai in September 2023. 8 students from Manav Rachna University and 4 from MRIIRS went to this Global Immersion Program in Dubai from 29th September to 4th October. Ms. Srishti Bathla from the School of Management & Commerce, MRU was offered a sponsored seat by UAS International to accompany the students on this GIP.

This was in continuation with two GIPs - one happened in February 2023 to Singapore and another in 2022 to Dubai.

Benefits:

- 1. Students got an opportunity to visit 3 industries namely- FLY DUBAI, DNATA, and DAMAC where they talked to their HR, Legal, and Operation consultants and got deep insights into the workings of the company.
- 2. Students also visited the iconic landmarks of Dubai Burj Khalifa, Palm Jumeirah, Ferrari World, Mosque, Desert Safari etc.











Webinars by International Experts

S. No.	Expert	Country
1	Dr Nathan Cooper, Associate Professor at Te Piringa - Faculty of Law, University of Waikato, New Zealand	School of Law, Manav Rachna University Guest Lecture in CADR Hall, G Block
2	Prof. Rene Dario Peralta Rodriguez, Senior Researcher at Centre for Research in Applied Chemistry, Saltillo, Mexico	Department of Sciences, Program - Chemistry, Manav Rachna University
3	Prof. Bungo Ochiai, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Yamagata University, Japan	Department of Sciences, Program - Chemistry, Manav Rachna University

International Webinar on "Understanding Higher Education Pathways"

The Department of Sciences (Program - Mathematics), Manay Rachna University organised an invited talk on "UNDERSTANDING HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS" by its alumni (M.Sc. Mathematics 2018-2020 batch), Ms. Ridhima Nehra on February 6, 2023.. She is currently pursuing PhD from North Dakota State University, USA. The session was conducted in online mode on Microsoft Teams (Link: https://tinyurl.com/5n867x7r) from 10 AM onwards. The session began with the welcoming of the speaker and audiences. A brief introduction about Ms Ridhima was given by the Program Head -Mathematics, Dr. Aparna Vyas. Ms Ridhima started the talk by sharing her experiences of the journey from Manav Rachna to PhD in USA. She shared how research guidance and encouragement from her research mentor Dr Aparna helped her to get admission in PhD. She also shared that the guidance from her research mentors helped her to grow as a researcher and made her capable of presenting papers in various workshops and conferences during her masters tenure. Many questions were asked by the students which Ms Ridhima answered very skilfully. She shared the procedure to apply for admission to PhD and Master's degree programs. She motivated students to be selfmanaged and to manage time effectively so as to participate in extracurricular activities while keeping their grades on the higher side. She inspired students to stay focused on their goals and to never stop learning. Overall, the session was very informative and the students were very happy to listen to her. The session was concluded with the vote of thanks by the organiser of the event, Ms Savitta Saini.





International Webinar on "Emulsion Polymerization of Styrene by the C1EG™ Ionic Liquid"

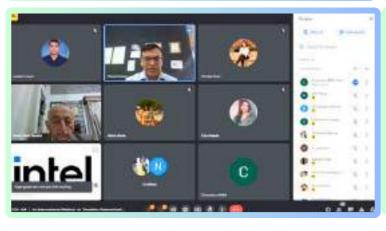
The Department of Sciences, Program - Chemistry, Manav Rachna University organized an International Webinar on Emulsion Polymerization of Styrene by the C1EG™ Ionic Liquid on October 12, 2023, by Prof. Rene Dario Peralta Rodriguez, Senior Researcher at Centre for Research in Applied Chemistry, Saltillo, Mexico. He completed his UG in Chemical Engineering at the University of Coahuila, MSc in Chemical Engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaigne, and pursued his PhD in Agricultural Engineering at the University of California, Davis. He has published enormous publications in highly reputed journals in the field of polymer chemistry more than 1,000 citations, h-index 21 and i10-index 37 (Google Scholar) also he is on the Editorial Advisory Board of several journals.

Ms. Aanchal, student of III M.Sc. Chemistry started the session, gave highlights of the webinar, and welcomed the guests and audience.

The talk enriched the students, research scholars, and faculty with the process of emulsion polymerization of Styrene using commercially available surfactant. More than 65 participants from different Universities attended the session with interest in the interactive session. At the end of the session, a memento as a token of appreciation was given to Prof. Rene, followed by a vote of thanks by Dr. A. Jayamani, and taking a group photo. A total of 67 participants attented the session.







International Webinar on "Toward Infinite Origami Materials"

The Department of Sciences, Program - Chemistry, organized an International Webinar on Toward Infinite Origami Materials on October 31, 2023, by Prof. Bungo Ochiai, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Yamagata University, Japan. He has over 25 years of experience in the field of polymer synthesis. Currently working as Vice-Dean (Education), Faculty of Engineering, Yamagata University. He is an active member of the Chemical Society of Japan, Society of Polymer Science Japan, and American Chemical Society etc. Professor Bungo OCHIAI has authored more than 125 research papers.

Prof. Bungo Ochiai gave information about his polymeric material that has properties like Dynamic mechanical nature and shape memory for origami. Prof. Bungo explained the design of such materials and the ways of polymerization, single-step copolymerization, and polymerization of 19-membered ring polymers using polyethylene glycol. He also gave information on characterizing the materials using different techniques especially NMR, evaluation of inclusion behavior, comparison of the effects of thermal & photocuring, and experiments with results related to the evaluation of properties of the polymeric material as an option for infinite origami material. At the end of his presentation, Prof. Bungo Ochiai answered more clearly the questions asked by the participants in the chat box. At the end of the session, a memento was given to Prof. Bungo Ochiai as a token of appreciation after the thanks note by Dr. A. Jayamani. The talk enriched the UG, PG students, research scholars, and faculty members with interesting polymeric material that could be more innovative as origami material. A total of 54 participants from different institutions participated in the webinar with more interaction with the speaker.



Member of International Judging Panel

Dr. Meena Kapahi's selection as a member of the esteemed International Judging Panel for the 2023 QS Reimagine Education Awards. These awards recognize initiatives transforming the education landscape, and being part of this panel signifies Dr. Kapahi's dedication to pushing the boundaries of learning.

The QS Reimagine Education Awards are a prestigious platform that honors and acknowledges trailblazers in education worldwide, fostering a dynamic community of #innovators committed to reshaping learning and enhancing future, employability prospects. Dr. Meena Kapahi's role in evaluating projects for these awards, which will contend for regional, category, and overall distinctions in the 10th Edition of the QS Reimagine Education Awards and Conference, showcases her expertise and contribution to this transformative field.



Conference ICEMRB 2023 from 19 Dec to 22 Dec 2023

In the International Conference on Energy Materials and Rechargeable Batteries from 19 Dec to 22 Dec, 2023 ICEMRB2023, speakers from reputed organisation such as IITs, NITs and CSIR labs delivered plenary, keynote and invited talks. Conference also get attention of internationally recognised expert in the field of energy materials and batteries. Prof. MV Reddy, Canda and Prof. Villas Pol, USA delivered plenary speech on rechargeable batteries. Prof. Sesha Srinivasan, form USA, Prof. Mmantsae Diale from South Aftrica; Dr. Shailesh Upreti from USA delivered talks. Dr. Asanov Igor from Russia speak on the use of synchrotron techniques in energy materials. Emerging researchers in the field of energy materials, batteries and associated experimental techniques from USA, Korea, Japan, Israel and Nepal participated in the conference. Participants from Nepal, China, Korea, and UAE also presented their work in the conference. Overall conference has almost 200 presentations (including plenary, keynote, invited, oral and poster) and participants from more than 10 countries.









QS Reimagine Education Conference and Awards 2023 from 11 to 13 Dec 2023 at Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi)

The project titled "The Journey From Wastes to Resources - An Awareness Campaign" submitted by Dr. Meena Kapahi has been shortlisted for the QS Reimagine Education Awards under the Sustainability Education Award category for the innovative approach for encouraging and teaching the principles and best practices of sustainable development. The project is funded by the Hazardous Substances Management Division, MoEFCC, Gol, under the Central Sector Scheme. The project stands in the top 30%, securing a spot on the 2023 Reimagine Education Awards shortlist receiving 1200+ submissions all over the world. Dr. Kapahi attended the QS Reimagine Education Conference and Awards (11 to 13 Dec 2023) at Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi and presented her work in the sustainability education category during the conference, showcasing the project's significance on the global stage.







