

Human Biology Society

The Human Biology Society was founded on 25th May 2011.

The purpose of this student initiative is to bring the students and faculty of the Human Biology programme, and all those who share a common interest in the field of Biology together.

The second purpose is to create opportunities for the programme to connect with other biology related organizations in Cyprus through an increasing variety of events organized by the society.

In the academic year 2011-2012, the Human Biology Society expressed interest in organizing the Blood Donation event in cooperation with the Student Affairs Department, the Cyprus Blood Establishment and the Social Work Society of the University which took place in the Fall '11 semester. The Human Biology Society was actively involved in the organization and promotion of the event.

A second blood donation was organized by the Society during Spring '12 semester.

The Human Biology Society would like to express our appreciation to everyone who volunteered to donate blood!

Following these successful events, the Human Biology Society organized their own very first conference in December 2011 to provide the academic staff and the students-members of all years of study the opportunity to meet and discuss as well as present the society and its goals. The academic staff presented their research interests and current research.

In February 2012, in association with the group “Cyprus FreeThinkers”, the Human Biology Society arranged a talk on “Natural Selection” and the “Evolution of the Central Nervous System”, given by paleoentomologist Marc Srouf. The Society also established for the first time at the University of Nicosia, May as Research Month.

Under the concept of Research month two seminars took place, both open to the public to familiarize them with research in Cyprus. The first talk was given by Dr. Alexandros Heraclides, with topic the “Gene-environment interactions in relation to eating behaviour, obesity and type 2

diabetes”. The second talk was given by Dr Diego Molina Serano, from the University of Cyprus, who present his topic on "The role of histone arginine methylation in epigenetics".

The Society closed the academic year with a recap party, where the first Human Biology graduates were congratulated, and the faculty had also the opportunity to discuss with the students problems and further suggestions to improve the quality of the program.

Finally, the Human Biology Society was rewarded as one of the best academic societies of the university. The position was equally shared with the Design Society and International Relations and EU Affairs Society (IREA). Additionally, during the Award ceremony, the president of the Human Biology Society - Myrofora Nicolaou, was awarded for her contribution and service to the University.

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Meet the Human Biology Committee:

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