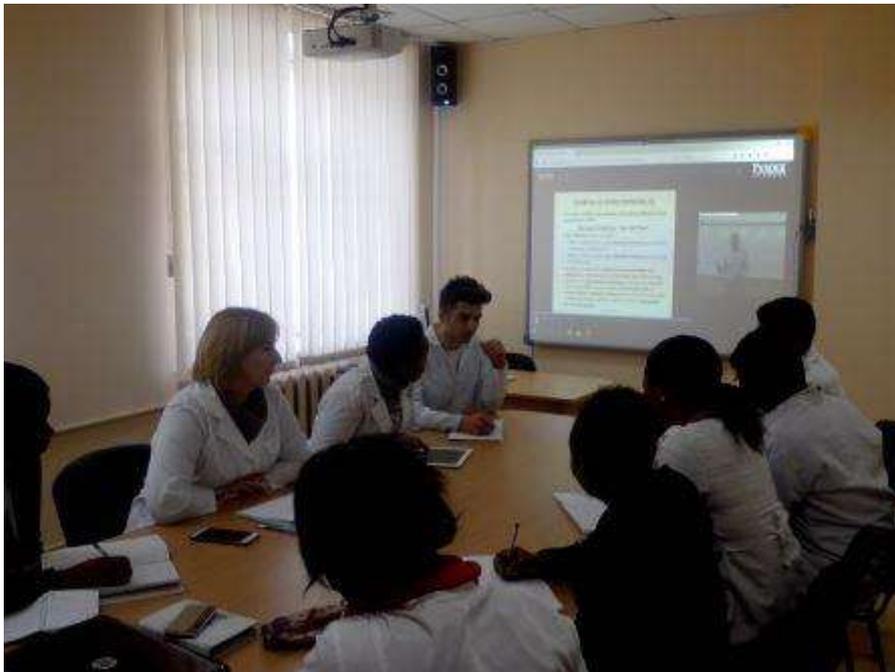


Since January 2017 at the department of public health distance semester course “Microbial foodborne pathogens” (in English language) within the discipline "Microbiology, Virology and Immunology" for the students of the 2nd course has been conducted. The course of on-line lectures was held by **Professor Arun K. Bhunia, Head of the Laboratory of Molecular Microbiology, Purdue University (USA)**, who was on a visit to the Institute of Medicine in May 2016 under the Fulbright Specialist Program.



The course of lectures was attended by a group of students, who are fluent in English, as well as invited PhD students and teachers of the department. The curator of this group was a Professor of the department – Oleksandra Berhilevych. In the classroom, students received a lot of new information on the biological characteristics of pathogens, pathogenesis of infectious diseases, modern methods of laboratory diagnostics. To ensure the quality of training, the American professor conducted skype-dialog, during which students could freely

communicate with him and asked questions. Students were attending these lessons and demonstrated their interest and activeness.



In addition to the above, as a result of collaboration with Professor A.K. Bhunia, all training materials (lectures presentations, books) and materials to control the level of knowledge are available for students and teachers of the department.

COMMENTS:

**Students of the 2<sup>nd</sup> course:**

CHIDERA OKORO: I am very elated and proud to be a part of this on-line course, because it has been a thorough learning opportunity for me.



MERCY CHIBUEZE: The on-line course with Professor A. K. Bhunia is very informative and useful for my medical studies.

CELESTINA MAKINDE: Personally, the distant learning course with the professor has been great and expository. I love his in-depth explanations and teaching materials.

AMANDA OKPOKO: I have learned a lot these past few months from Professor A. K. Bhunia. His electronic materials are so self-explanatory that any student can learn with.



**PhD students:**

IRYNA TKACHENKO: In my opinion, the lectures were substantive and valuable for my continuing research. I appreciate for having the opportunity to visit this distant learning course.



PAVLO SHUBIN: I liked the detailed description of pathogenesis in lectures, moreover, the teaching materials are very useful.