

BioCamp 2015

Developing Future Leaders in Biotechnology

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OVER 100 university students and graduates of pharmacy, medicine, natural sciences, business administration and information technology applied to take part in this year's 12th annual Biotechnology Camp (BioCamp) in Basel, Switzerland.

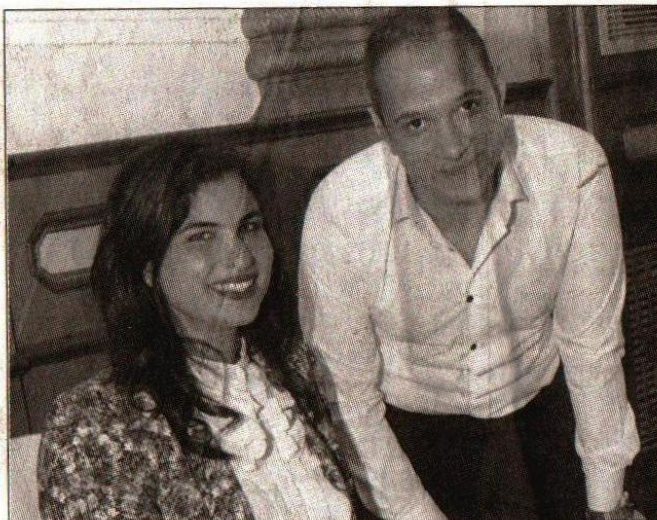
After a rigorous assessment by a panel of university professors, a couple of graduates of the Faculties of Pharmacy of Tanta University and the German University were chosen to attend the Basel event.

The Basel biocamp aimed at assisting participants to grasp the latest trends and challenges in the field of biotechnology as well as life sciences and gaining first-hand insights and training on what it takes to start and run a biotech company.

They visited laboratory facilities of the company in Basel.

Mennatallah Mamdouh and Hossam Shahin developed a business plan together for a mock biotech start-up covering the development, production, and launch phases of a hypothetical drug. The plan was discussed at the BioCamp in Basel and presented at the local camp held in Cairo.

"We worked very hard to be part of BioCamp, and the experience was well



MENNATALLAH Mamdouh (left) and Hossam Shahin, who were taking part in 12th annual Biotechnology Camp in Basel, Switzerland.

worth the effort," said Mamdouh. "Over three days we were committed to finalising our project which saw the start of a comprehensive biotech start-up plan. Besides the extensive learning experi-

ence, the opportunity to meet with talented minds, as well as colleagues with similar interests makes BioCamp an unmatched platform."

"BioCamp was a life altering experi-

ence," said Hossam. "I met remarkable people including Novartis Chief Executive Officer Joseph Jimenez, and professor Kurt Wüthrich, winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Getting exposed to the drug development process from start to finish is an unforgettable experience that has contributed immensely to my educational journey."

"Today, biotechnology is the linchpin of biological sciences and it is the definitive springboard for future breakthrough discoveries that will transform people's lives," said Dr Ayman Samir, assistant professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University. "This local BioCamp meeting allows many brilliant students to keep abreast of advances in this rapid evolving field and helps forge a successful future for Egypt's young scientists."

Dr Hossam Abd el-Ghàfar, a representative of the Supreme Committee for the Development of University Hospitals, said Biocamp provided students with a chance to learn about the development of breakthrough medicines that address unmet medical needs and learn first-hand how the application of biotechnology can benefit Egyptian patients.



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