

# INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

June 15 - July 29, 2012



## THE PROGRAM: WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

The International Experience Program (IEP) is a first of its kind at Laurentian University (LU) in collaboration with Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad, India (GTU). The program allows students from GTU to pursue courses of study for a six week duration at LU along with cultural experience and visits to some of the famous places in Ontario.

### Message from the Dean of Faculty of Science & Engineering



Laurentian University is open to international students and collaborations, an important feature of our strategic goal. The International Experience Program (IEP) aims to couple academic component with social and cultural experience.

This enables international students to learn about the social, cultural and the landscape of Canada. The IEP with the Gujarat Technological University, India was inaugurated in summer 2012 with the arrival of more than 100 students in computer science and pharmacy-related programs. The success of this collaboration between LU-GTU has resulted in the co-supervision of doctoral students and I expect this relation to grow into other innovative linkages between our universities.

**Vasu Appanna**

### Message from Honourable Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University



I am very pleased with the International Experience Program of Laurentian University that enables international students in acquiring global exposure in order to stay competitive with the graduates around the world.

The GTU students and faculty members were extremely pleased with the welcome they received from the faculty members and other staff at Laurentian University. They enjoyed their stay in Canada. I hope that this interaction will lead to other programs and common research projects that will be beneficial to students and faculty alike. Internationalization is an important aspect of education and I hope GTU and LU will collaborate in this endeavour. We are already seeing the benefits of this with joint supervision of numerous of doctoral students in pharmacy, computer science and engineering.

**Akshai Aggarwal**

## Student Activities

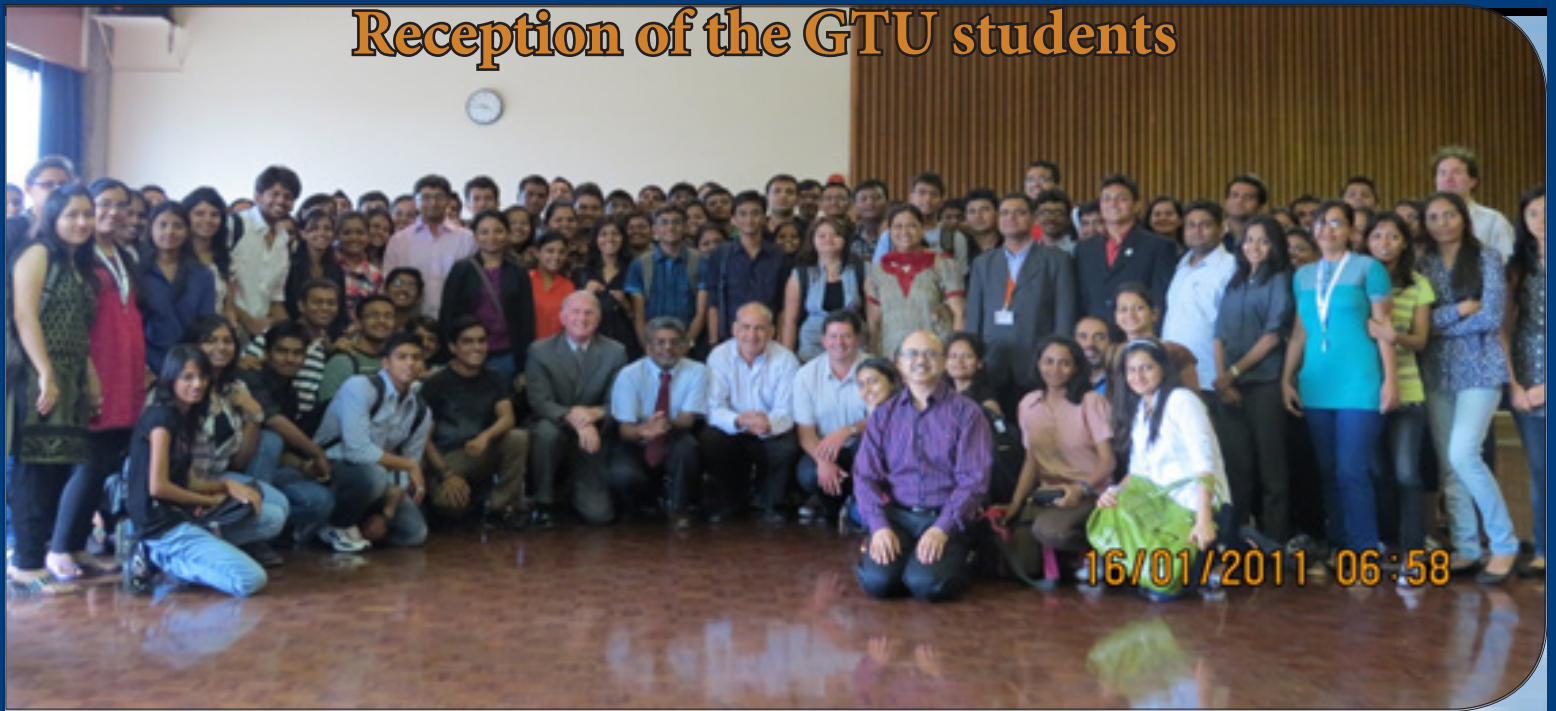


**Billiard pool at the student residence**



**On the cricket ground**

# Reception of the GTU students



A reception was organized by Dr. Vasu Appanna, Dean, Faculty of Science and Engineering for the visiting students and faculty members, Professor Nirbhay Chaubey and Dr. Anita Mehta from GTU. The reception was attended by Dr. Robert Kerr (Vice-President, Academic and Provost), Dr. Kalpdram Passi (Coordinator of IEP), Dr. Abdel Omri and Dr. Gerado Ulibarri, faculty members involved in the program.

## Feedback from the students on the IEP

- Outstanding educational experience with an exposure to innovative teaching techniques
- Teaching environment was very friendly and interactive which boosted the confidence of students.
- LU staff was very supportive, hospitable and caring
- Food was very hygienic and healthy



## The Garba Dance Program

Garba was organised with the help of Laurentian University (LU) and local Indian Community at Alumni Hall, Fraser Building, LU.



## Academic Experience

Academic session started June 18 and ended with the finals exams on July 28. Students registered in Computer Science (CE), Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Master in Computer Applications (MCA) and Information Technology (IT) streams at GTU took (i) Web Data Management and (ii) Wireless Communication and Mobile Programming. Students registered in the Pharmacy program at GTU studied (i) Pharmacology and (ii) Medicinal Chemistry.

# Trip to Ottawa on Canada Day



On July 01, 2012, students from GTU gathered in downtown , Ottawa with huge crowds to celebrate Canada Day by dancing and singing on the roads, performing bicycle stunts and skating stunts. Students attended the evening music concert in front of the Parliament house and the fireworks that lasted 20 minutes.



GTU students visited historical and memorable places in Ottawa such as the Parliament Buildings of Canada, Rideau Canal, UNESCO World Heritage Site, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, The National War Memorial, and the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

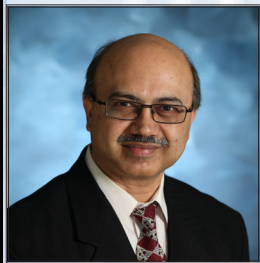


On July 15th, a trip was organized to the CN Tower, Niagara Falls and BAPS Temple. C.N. Tower is a telecommunications hub, designed by the American Society of Civil Engineers and Niagara Falls as one of the Seven Wonders and is one of the biggest waterfalls in the world.

# Trip to Niagara Falls and BAPS Temple



## Message from the coordinator of the IEP program



The International Experience Program has been a culmination of my association with Dr. Aggarwal who was appointed as the first Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University. It has been a unique experience for the university as we organized the courses and activities for such a large number of students from another country. The feedback from the students regarding the program has been extremely positive. We propose to continue this program and extend the collaboration at the master's and Ph.D. level so that students can benefit through academic exchange. This has been a successful start to the program and we endeavor to continue to provide excellent academic experience to the students from GTU and beyond.

**Kalpdrum Passi**



I am thankful to Dr. Vasu Appanna, Dean, Faculty of Science and Engineering for extending his whole hearted support in organizing all the activities including academic and extra curricular activities. We are highly thankful to Dr. Kalpdrum Passi who

has always been visiting student residence and inquiring about well being of all students apart from co-coordinating whole program efficiently.

**Nirbhay Chaubey**



We are highly obliged to Hon. Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University for enabling us to accompany the student's cohort at Laurentian University, Canada. It was a huge responsibility to manage 111 students of computer science, engineering and Pharmacy program during the six week stay in Canada. It was an incredible experience for me and it would not have been possible without the support of the Laurentian community.

**Anita Mehta**

### QUESTIONS OR COMENTS?

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## What Professors have to say?

I have been delighted to see these excellent students flex their mental intellect to comprehend and follow the new way of teaching at LU. Most of the students have shown a grand capacity to understand and relate previous learning to the new subject, that reflects on their strong basic academic knowledge. The multidisciplinary approach given to the Medicinal Chemistry course at Laurentian University is not simple, and the GTU students have managed to maintain their interest on the subject all along.

**Dr. Gerardo Ulbarri**

It was my pleasure to teach "Pharmacology" to the pharmacy students of Gujarat Technological University (GTU). I found these students having strong background in physiology and pharmacology, an attribute that was reflected in the class room. This allowed me to provide a holistic approach to the interaction of pharmacological agents in the human body. It was extremely exciting both for me and the students.

**Dr Abdel Omri**

It was an immense privilege and pleasure to teach and interact with the group of students from the Gujarat Technological University. I believe this is a unique concept to bring students in their senior semesters and expose them to an international learning environment. For me, it was so refreshing to see this big group of young faces forever eager to listen and learn new technologies and ideas, Canadian context, and real-life experience in a global scope.

**Dr. Khaled Mahmud**



**Trip to Laurentian Conservation**