

The wisdom of pandemic: Collaboration of online physiology series lectures on for students of 18 Universities in Indonesia with world class professors

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Pandemics have given fundamental changes to learning methods. Although it has a diverse impact, online learning spurs collaboration between universities. The Indonesian Physiological Society (IPS) has initiated an online collaborative learning. The collaborations were serial guest lectures for 18 universities in Indonesia. The main purpose was to improve global insight among students.

In 2021, IPS has conducted 4 series of guest lectures from popular physiology professors. They are Prof. Cheng Hwee Ming, Prof. Kim Barrett, Prof. Dee U Silverthorn, and Prof. Hershel Raff. These activities were attended by 2,759 undergraduate students, 53 post graduate students, and 58 lecturers from various sciences. These activities were also attended by 165 IPS members and 22 IPS committees.

At each event, the speakers posed questions to the undergraduate participants. Guest professors and appointed committees, act as judges to assess the best answers from participants. The winners receive a physiology book as prize from the sponsor.

Feedback from participants concluded that the program has improved their knowledge and insight in physiology. In addition, these activities trigger continued collaboration in physiology learning among invited universities. IPS plans to continue the event with other world-class physiology professors.

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