# Faculty of Medicine—Masaryk University

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Brno is the second largest city of the Czech Republic and has nearly 370.000 inhabitants. It is located in the central part of Europe and as Prague is called "the heart of Europe", Brno is called "the heart of South Moravia". Brno was established as a city in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, but the first signs of settlement date back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century. Therefore the city is an important historical centre. But as we try to preserve sights and keep our traditions we also try to evolve and keep up to date.

### The University

Masaryk University is one of the most rapidly developing teaching and research institutions in Central Europe. The university was founded in 1919 and is named after the first president of the newly independent Czechoslovakia, T.G. Masaryk. Since then, students and professors have been trying to raise its educational quality.

Initially, the university had only four faculties (the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Science and Arts). Today, Masaryk University, with its nine faculties, is the largest university in Moravia. Recently a new university campus, a modern teaching and research complex, has been built in Brno-Bohunice. The campus offers surroundings for the whole academia. Lectures and

practice take place here. Besides that, students can find everything they need there, such as a library with computer center, a canteen or shops. Our university is tempting not only for Czech students but also for foreigners, whom we are very glad about, because it gives us the opportunity to meet new people and widen our horizons.

#### Medicine and dentistry

The Faculty of Medicine has been present from the birth of the university and its priority has been the education of doctors, dentists and other specialists in the health sector. Dentistry itself came through many changes during the history of our faculty. Nowadays, the dentistry









degree program lasts five years and after graduation you can open your own practice. In our field of study it is very important to have as much practice as possible and I think that our university

is offering us a lot of possibilities how to become an experienced enough dentist.

#### **Czech Dental Student Association**

Talking about opportunities, I would like to give my special thanks to the dental students' organization called Czech Dental Student Association, which widens our horizons even more. CDSA organizes both educational and social events for dental students and, furthermore, it enables us to go for various exchanges, thanks to its membership to IADS (International Association of Dental Students). I am very happy that I can study dentistry at Masaryk University and also that I can be a part of such a great team of people who represent our association and IADS.



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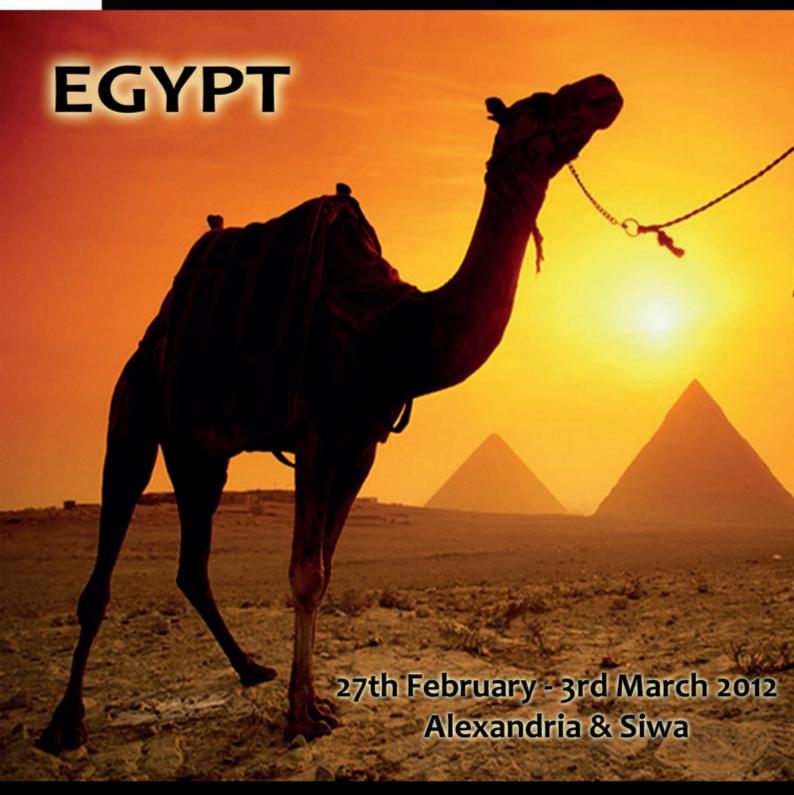
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