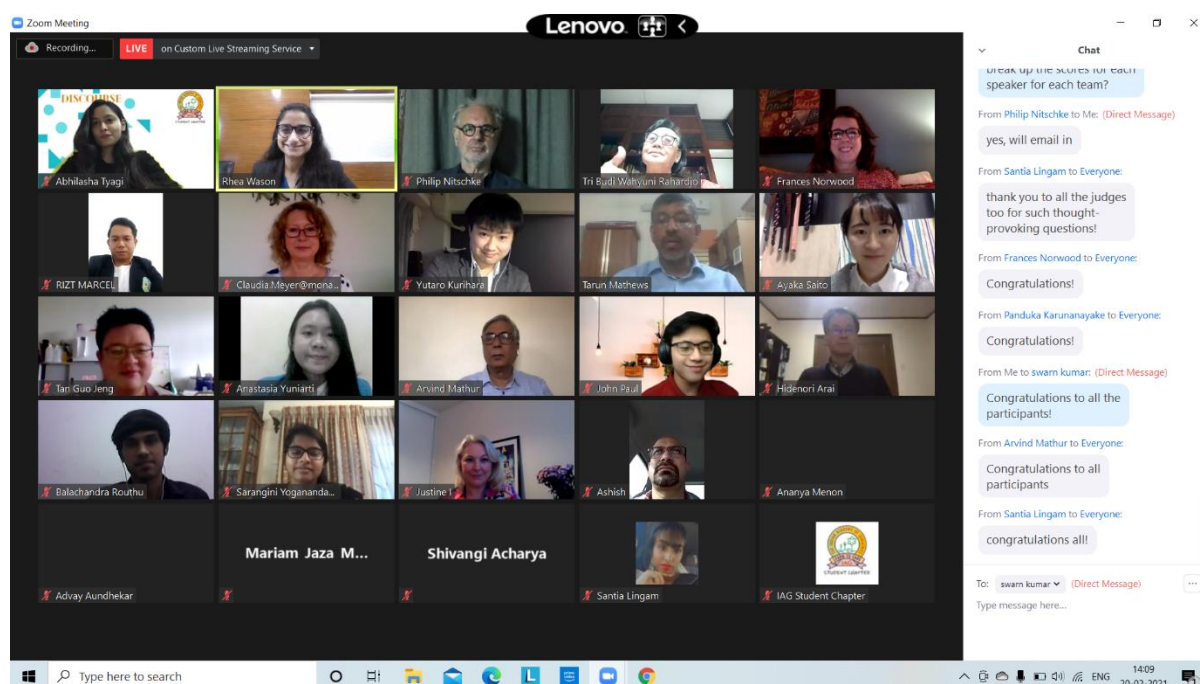


Discourse: The International Debate Competition

The *Student Chapter of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics* organized an online international debate on the topic – “Euthanasia is Ethical: Why prolong painful existence?” on 20th February 2021 in association with the national body *Association of Gerontology India (AGI)*. The event was supported and promoted by the *International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG)*, the *International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)* and *Active-Ageing Consortium Asia Pacific (ACAP)*. Teams of two medical students each selected nationally from five countries from the region - India, Malaysia, Japan, Sri Lanka and Indonesia participated in the event.

A panel of judges included doctors and lawyers from different countries, offering a myriad of opinions and interjecting the participants on the subject allowing a vibrant discussion.

Many medicolegal aspects of euthanasia emerged during the debate that sparked a healthy conversation on this controversial topic among medical students early in their medical career. Participants emphasized that policies and discussions on this topic need to be multidisciplinary. This activity promoted networking among students in the region, paving the way for more coordinated activities in the future thus strengthening the global geriatric community. The event was streamed live on YouTube and reached to several viewers across the world.



Covimpressions: Local Action, Global Impact

University College of Medical Sciences (UCMS), a the University of Delhi in India organised a webinar on May 27, 2020 to clear the air around COVID 19, a pandemic that has brought the whole to a grinding halt on more than one occasion over the last two years. The event was organized with the support of the *Student Chapter of the Indian academy of Geriatrics (IAG)*

and the *Association of Gerontology India (AGI)*. It was conducted online on the GoToWebinar platform which allowed for active interaction between the panelists and the attendees. The webinar had diverse panelists with subject experts in Virology and Public Health with the key target audience being medical faculty, residents and students. Global experts from *Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHBSPH)* interacted with local leaders from UCMS to discuss the hot topics related to coronavirus that created panic amongst the public. Topics like the expected duration of the pandemic, thoughts on lockdown, the local response and preparedness for the pandemic were discussed. Special focus was given to the role of each healthcare worker and how can one protect oneself from the virus. The webinar attracted more than 1000 participants from around the world, leaving them enlightened with some lesser known facts and a thirst to learn more about the disease.