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## LITHUANIAN AMBASSADOR AND HONORARY CONSUL VISIT IBTec



**Professor Ahmed Al-Jumaily**

**Lithuanian Ambassador**

**Honorary Consul**

Lithuanian Ambassador HE Egidijus Meilusan & Honorary Consul Algis John Mak visited IBTec on Thursday 9 February. Professor Al-Jumaily introduced to them IBTec activities and took them on a tour around IBTec facilities and research projects. Possible collaborations with Lithuanian universities in the biomedical area have been discussed. The visitors were very impressed with the type and level of research and are keen to build research collaborations.

## HONORARY RESEARCHER



Dr Reena Rodriguez is an Honorary Researcher in IBTec. She graduated with a BDS from Dr.M.G.R Medical University in 2003. From 2004-2007 she engaged herself in clinical practice and clinical research during which she underwent training in Implant dentistry at Branemark Osseointegration Center, Tokyo. In 2007 she accepted a Scholarship through Honjo Scholarship foundation for a PhD in Oral implantology and Regenerative Dental Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

She was also awarded an "Advanced International Super Student award" under the Global Center of Excellence program "International Research Center for Molecular Science in Tooth and Bone Diseases" from 2008-2011. She was awarded her PhD in 2012 and in the same year was awarded a fellowship by the International Team of Implantologists to undergo advanced clinical and surgical training at Katharinen Hospital, Stuttgart, Germany. In 2015 she was awarded an International Research Fellowship in Showa University, School of dentistry at the department of Biochemistry for 1 year after which she became an Assistant Professor at the Showa University, School of Dentistry. Her research interests include dental implants, bio mineralization, bone tissue engineering and surface modification of biomaterials and has presented her findings in several international conferences and published papers in international journals of high repute.

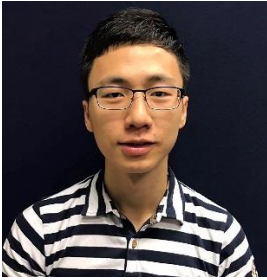


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### PROSPECTIVE PhD STUDENTS



Xiyong (Sean) Huang completed a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (hons) with first class honours at Auckland University of Technology in December 2016. He started to investigate the characteristics of human hair and its implications to melanoma as his final year project at the beginning of 2016. After achieving expected results, he decided to continue the research, focusing on the optical aspect of human hair. He is now applying to be a PhD student in IBTec.



Dalya Al-Mohamadamin is an adaptable, innovative qualified Biomedical Engineer who graduated with a BSc Honours. Her engineering degree includes doing a full year research project which was published in the KECBU Undergraduate Final Year Research Projects Journal. She has a passion for machine design and clinical engineering field. She is a creative, pro-active and optimistic person who has a positive attitude towards learning and working hard. Dalya will be applying for PHD study in IBTec.