Friday September 14th 2012
1:00-2:30 pm: Opening ceremony and reception

Sunday 16 September 16th 2012

9:00 am - 9:30 am: Registration + Coffee

9:30 am- 11:00 am: Plenary session 1. Assessment and Intervention
Chairs: Aida Habbal, RN, and Durriyah Sinno, M.D.

9:30- 10:05 Evidence-Based Assessment of Child Maltreatment Benjamin Saunders, Ph.D.

10:05-10:40 Child Maltreatment Interventions:Overview of the Evidence Monica Fitzgerald, PhD

10:40-11:00 Questions and Answers

11:00 am - 11:30 pm: Coffee break

11:30 pm-1.00 pm: Plenary Session 2. Local, Cultural and Legal issues
Chairs: Thalia Arawi, Ph.D and Lama Charafeddine, M.D.

11:30-11:50 Child Protection Committee Model in Medical Settings Fadi Maalouf, M.D.

11:50-12:10 Cultural Issues in Child Maltreatment Leyla Akoury Dirani, Ph.D.

12:10-12:30 Local Legislation on Child Protection Judge Roland Chartouny

12:30-1:00: Questions and Answers

1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch break

2:00 pm- 5:20 pm: Hands-on experience
Chair: Bernard Gerbaka, M.D.

2:00 pm- 5:00 pm Three workshops running in parallel (participants will rotate to participate in all workshops):

1. Screening for history of child abuse and traumatic events and for clinically significant trauma-related psychological symptoms (Benjamin Saunders, Ph.D and Wafa Khansa, AUBMC Social Services)

2. Suspected child maltreatment: early intervention skills for first responders (Monica Fitzgerald, Ph.D. and Jinane Usta, M.D.)

3. Case of Child victim of Abuse: presentation and discussion of the systems involved (Judge Roland Chartouny (Juvenile Court, Mt Lebanon), Union for Child Protection, Ms. Salam Chreim (Ministry of Social Affairs) and Ms. Abir Abi-Khalil (UNICEF).

5:00 pm- 5:20 pm: Questions and Answers

5:20 pm - 5:30 pm: Wrap-up
**International Speakers**

- **Benjamin Saunders, Ph.D.**

  Dr. Ben Saunders is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC. There he serves as the Associate Director of the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center and as Director of the NCVC’s Family and Child Program. Dr. Saunders received his Ph.D. in clinical social work from Florida State University in 1982; a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy from Virginia Tech in 1979; and a B.A., in religious studies from the University of South Florida in 1977. He is a Licensed Independent Social Worker-Clinical Practice, a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers, and a Diplomate in Clinical Social Work. His research, training, and clinical interests include the initial and long-term impact of violence and abuse on children and adolescents; the epidemiology of trauma, violence, and abuse; treatment approaches for abused children and their families; and innovative and effective methods for disseminating and implementing evidence supported interventions in community service agencies. His work has been funded by government and private agencies such as the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Institute on Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Justice, the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Office for Victims of Crime, the U.S. Department of the Navy, The Duke Endowment and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. In 2001 Dr. Saunders received the Research Career Achievement Award from the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and in 2008 was invited to deliver the APSAC William Friedrich Memorial Lecture. In addition to his research and teaching activities, Dr. Saunders provides clinical supervision, consultation, training, and program consultation concerning mental health treatment of abused children and their families, and is a frequent lecturer and trainer at national and international conferences.

- **Monica Fitzgerald, Ph.D.**

  Monica M. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist and Assistant Professor at the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Colorado Medical School. Dr. Fitzgerald is the Director of Training and Evaluation in the Kempe Child Trauma Program (CTP) and leads the Evidence Based Training Initiative which focuses on evaluating effective dissemination and implementation models to spread evidence supported, trauma-informed interventions in community settings in Colorado. She serves as a Principal Investigator on several federally-funded initiatives at her center which aim to raise the quality of mental health care for abused and trauma-exposed children and their families. Her current work as part of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN; www.nctsn.org) focuses on providing training and consultation to caseworkers in the Department of Human Services (DHS) who play a critical role in connecting child welfare involved youth to effective mental health services in Colorado. As Co-PI on the Kempe Safe Start-Aurora collaboration in Aurora Colorado, she is conducting a 3-year community based randomized clinical trial evaluating a strategic enhancement to Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) for trauma-exposed children and their families, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Dr. Fitzgerald is an expert trainer in several evidence based trauma focused treatments (e.g., TF-CBT; AF-CBT) and regularly conducts trainings, consultation, and evaluation nationally and internationally. She is a Board member of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC).