23rd Congress of The Arab Division International Academy of Pathology

In association with:
- Lebanese Society of Anatomic Pathology
- Association of Molecular Pathology
- International Society of Gynecologic Pathology
- The American University of Beirut

Nov 29 – Nov 30, 2011
Arab School of Pathology Pre congress workshop on Molecular Pathology
Arab Division Congress

Nov 30 – Dec 3, 2011

Lebanese Order of Physicians
Website: www.iap-ad.org
Venue: American University of Beirut Beirut - Lebanon
Dear Colleagues,

The annual scientific congress of the Arab Division is an event that we look forward to each year to renew our friendships and to update the membership of the Division on new knowledge in pathology. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Lebanon and its vibrant capital, Beirut, to attend the 23rd Congress of the Arab Division of the International Academy of Pathology in Beirut, Lebanon on November 29 - December 3, 2011.

The program includes several outstanding sessions that cover timely topics in pathology. These sessions include: Breast pathology, Dermatopathology, Hematopathology, Gastrointestinal pathology and hepatopathology, Gynecologic pathology, Pulmonary pathology and Uropathology. This scientific program will be preceded on November 29 by a two day Workshop organized by the Arab School of Pathology on Diagnostic Molecular Pathology, cosponsored by the Association for Molecular Pathologists.

A list of 33 highly distinguished and world renowned guest speakers has accepted to be on the rich program of the Congress and Workshop.

The organization Committee has also arranged for an exciting social program so take advantage of your visit to tour the country, enjoy its historic riches, meet its warm and friendly people and learn first hand about their culinary skills. In addition, do not miss on the entertaining Gala Dinner on Friday 2, 2011.

Therefore, take advantage of this unique educational and social activity and come and join your colleagues on another memorable event that follows the successful track of congresses of the Arab Division of the International Academy of Pathology.

Warmest regards,

Ghazi Zaatari, MD
President of the Congress
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Dr. Bharat Nathwani, University of Southern California, USA
Dr. Dietmar Schmidt, Institute of Pathology, Germany
Dr. Elizabeth Montgomery, Johns Hopkins University, USA
Dr. Elvio Silva, The University of Texas, USA
Dr. Esther Oliva, Harvard Medical School, USA
Dr. Françoise Galateau-Salle, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Caen, France

Dr. Hossein Salimnia, D(ABMM), Wayne State University, USA
Dr. Joaquin Garcia, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, USA
Dr. Shelby Melton, MS, University of Texas Southern Medical Center, USA
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Dr. Yury Monczak, McGill University, Canada

Dr. Frederique Capron, Groupe Hospitalier Pitié-Salpêtrière, France
Dr. George Netto, Johns Hopkins University, USA
Dr. Gregory Lauwers, Harvard Medical School, USA
Dr. Jean Simpson, Vanderbilt University, USA
Dr. Jonathan Epstein, Johns Hopkins University, USA
Dr. Klaus Sellheyer, Case Western Reserve University, USA
Dr. Kristin Henry, Imperial College London, UK
Dr. Neil Shepherd, Cheltenham General Hospital, UK
Dr. Nour Sneige, The University of Texas, USA
Dr. Sylvie Lantuejoul, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire, France
Dr. Wael Sakr, Wayne State University, USA
Objectives of the 23rd Congress of IAP-AD

GYNECOLOGIC PATHOLOGY
Describe the morphologic features of epithelial tumors of the ovary.
Discuss the differentiating features of ovarian tumors and the use of immunohistochemical markers in the diagnosis.

GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOLOGY
Review new topics in small intestinal pathology.
List the pathological mimickers of malignancy in the gastro intestinal tract.
Describe new concepts on pathogenesis of gastric carcinoma and its morphologic features.
Recommend the best practices in communicating with the clinicians on non-inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) colitis.
Review new information on colorectal polyps.

BREAST PATHOLOGY
Discuss the relationship of benign breast lesion and breast cancer and the associated risks.
Summarize issues pertaining to the examination of sentinel lymph nodes in breast cancer and recommend best practices.
Describe the limitations of core needle biopsy in diagnosing non-palpable breast lesions.
Review therapeutic implication of ductal carcinoma in situ.

HEMATO PATHOLOGY
Describe molecular pathogenesis of lymphomas and the rational use of molecular testing in their diagnosis.
Review dendritic cell diseases, both neoplastic and non-neoplastic.
Illustrate unusual cases of lymphoma.
Objectives of the 23rd Congress of IAPAD

DERMATOPATHOLOGY
Discuss the pitfalls in the diagnosis of cutaneous neoplasms.
Illustrate diagnostically challenging cases in dermatopathology.

GENITOURINARY PATHOLOGY
Review pathology of renal neoplasms.
Describe classification of bladder cancer and use of molecular diagnostics.
Assess the Gleason grading system in the diagnosis of prostate cancer.
Review mimickers of prostate cancer and define the criteria of diagnosis on limited biopsy material.

HEAD & NECK / PULMONARY PATHOLOGY
Differentiate squamous cells carcinoma of the Head & Neck from its mimickers.
Review neuroendocrine neoplasms of the Head & Neck with emphasis on classification and diagnostic considerations.
Demonstrate the use of molecular markers in the diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer.
Describe features of pleural neoplasms and distinguish them from metastatic tumors.
Tuesday, November 29, 2011
Arab School of Pathology
Precongress Workshop
Molecular Pathology, Moderators: R. Mahfouz and N. Fakhreddine
Hisham Jaroudi Auditorium - Hariri School of Nursing

08:30 - 09:20 Introduction to molecular diagnostics
C. Hill

09:20 - 10:10 Next generation sequencing
Y. Monczak

10:10 - 10:30 COFFEE BREAK
T. Shutzbank

10:30 - 11:20 Human genetics and infectious diseases
H. Salimnia

11:20 - 12:10 New technologies for rapid identification of infectious diseases

12:10 - 01:30 LUNCH BREAK

01:30 - 02:20 An update on the diagnostic molecular pathology of myeloid neoplasms
A. Bagg

02:20 - 03:10 The critical role of histologic diagnosis in an era of genomics and proteomics
B. Nathawani

03:10 - 03:30 COFFEE BREAK

03:30 - 04:20 An update on the diagnostic molecular pathology of lymphoid neoplasms
A. Bagg

04:20 - 05:10 Molecular diagnostics of solid tumor oncology: Making the promise of personalized medicine attainable
G. Netto

05:10 - 05:30 PANEL DISCUSSION
## Wednesday, November 30, 2011

### Arab School of Pathology

#### Precongress Workshop

**Molecular Pathology, Moderators: R. Mahfouz and N. Fakhreddine**

Hisham Jaroudi Auditorium - Hariri School of Nursing

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### Arab Division Congress

**Gynecologic Pathology Session. Moderators: F. Abdul-Karim and R. Ali**

The International Society of Gynecologic Pathology (ISGP)
Maamari Auditorium, Suliman S. Olayan School of Business

### 12:10 - 01:30 LUNCH BREAK

### 12:10 - 01:30 Roche Diagnostic Luncheon: Innovation & Competence in Tissue Diagnostics

- **12:10 - 12:40** Personalized Healthcare: How pathologists save lives & improve diagnostic testing accuracy  
  - D. Nummer
- **12:40 - 1:10** HER2-neu testing: From breast cancer to gastric cancer  
  - I. Nagelmeier

### 01:30 - 02:15 Serous tumors of the ovary - New developments  
  - E. Silva

### 02:15 - 03:00 Endometrioid and clear cell carcinoma of ovaries  
  - E. Oliva

### 03:00 - 03:30 COFFEE BREAK and POSTER EXHIBIT

### 03:30 - 04:15 Pathology of female peritoneum  
  - A. Malpica

### 04:15 - 05:00 GYN case presentations

  - **Common Mimickers of Adenocarcinoma in Situ of the Cervix**  
    - E. Oliva
  - **Deceiving dysplasia of the cervix**  
    - E. Silva
  - **A practical approach to mucinous tumors in the ovary**  
    - A. Malpica

### 05:00 - 05:30 Immunohistochemical markers in the diagnosis of tumors of the female genital tract  
  - D. Schmidt

### 06:00 - 07:30 IAP-AD Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

- **Special Lecture: Our changing view of the human genome: Implications for Pathology**  
  - P. Hall
Thursday, December 1, 2011
Arab Division Congress, Issam Fares Hall

Gastrointestinal Pathology Session, Moderators: N. Mourra, I. Matalka and A. Tawil

08:30 - 09:00 Non-IBD colitis: How to communicate with the clinicians  G. Lauwers
09:00 - 09:45 Topics in small intestinal pathology  E. Montgomery
09:45 - 10:30 Pathological mimics of malignancy in the GI tract  N. Shepherd
10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 11:30 Gastric adenocarcinoma: An update  G. Lauwers
11:30 - 12:15 Colorectal polyps – Everything old is new again  E. Montgomery
12:15 - 01:00 The reporting of colorectal cancer pathology: Recent advances  N. Shepherd

01:00 - 02:30 LUNCH
01:15 - 02:15 LUNCHEON: PATHOLOGY ACROSS ARABIA, Moderators: M. Sughayer and S. Haddad

Abstract and Poster Presentations

02:30 - 03:15 Update on core needle biopsy of nonpalpable breast lesions  N. Sneige
Breast Pathology Session, Moderators: F. Boulos. S. Nasser and S. Mekki
03:15 - 04:00 Benign breast disease and breast cancer risk  J. Simpson
04:00 - 04:30 COFFEE BREAK
04:30 - 05:15 Therapeutic implications of ductal carcinoma in situ  J. Simpson
05:15 - 06:00 Issues in assessment of axillary sentinel lymph nodes  N. Sneige

06:00 - 07:00 Special Symposium:
06:00 - 06:30 Gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST)  E. Montgomery
06:30 - 07:00 Gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (GEPNET)  A. El- Najjar
07:15- 08:00 Cocktail Dinner
Friday, December 2, 2011

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Hemato-Pathology Session, **Moderators: G. Aftimos, S. Nasser and S. Mekki**
Issam Fares Hall - Faculty of Medicine

08:30 - 09:30  Dendritic cell diseases: Neoplastic and non-neoplastic  
K. Henry

09:30 - 10:30  The rational use of molecular testing in lymphomas  
A. Bagg

10:30 - 11:00  COFFEE BREAK and POSTER EXHIBIT

11:00 - 11:45  A very puzzling lymphoma case  
A. Schmitt-Graff

11:45 - 01:00  Molecular pathogenesis of follicular lymphoma  
B. Nathawani

01:00 - 02:30  LUNCH

01:15 - 02:15  LUNCHEON: PATHOLOGY ACROSS ARABIA, **Moderators: Z. Shawaf and N. Bejjani Dweihy**  
Arab Division

Dermato-Pathology Session, **Moderators: I. Khalifeh, G. Abadjian and R. El Bhtimi**

02:30 - 04:00  Pitfalls in the diagnosis of cutaneous neoplasms  
A. Andea

04:00 - 04:30  COFFEE BREAK and POSTER EXHIBIT

04:30 - 06:00  50 challenging cases in dermatopathology  
K. Sellheyer

08:00 PM  **GALA DINNER**
(Admission by tickets)
Saturday, December 3, 2011

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Genitourinary Pathology Session, **Moderators: D. Tamimi. A. EL-Hindawi and F. Ghandour**
Issam Fares Hall - Faculty of Medicine

08:30 - 09:30  Mimickers of prostate cancer and diagnosis of limited prostate cancer on needle biopsy  J. Epstein
09:30 - 10:15  Pathology of renal neoplasms  W. Sakr
10:15 - 10:45  COFFEE BREAK and POSTER EXHIBIT
10:45 - 11:45  J. Epstein
11:45 - 12:30  Pathology of bladder cancer and use of molecular diagnostics  G. Netto

12:30 - 02:00  LUNCH
12:30 - 01:00  LUNCHEON: PATHOLOGY ACROSS ARABIA, **Moderators: C. Ghorra and S. El-Salem**
Abstract and Poster Presentations

Head & Neck / Pulmonary Pathology Session **Moderators: W. Raslan. S. Bou-Bakr and F. El-Dayel**

02:00 - 02:45  Pitfalls in diagnosis and differential diagnosis of H&N squamous cell carcinoma  A. El-Najjar
02:45 - 03:30  Neuroendocrine neoplasms of H&N: class and diagnostic considerations  A. El-Najjar
03:30 - 04:00  COFFEE BREAK and POSTER EXHIBIT
04:00 - 04:45  Pulmonary interstitial pathology with lavage  F. Capron
04:45 - 05:30  Pulmonary tumors with molecular biology for treatment  S. Lantuejoul
05:30 - 06:00  Pleural tumors  F. Galateau-Salle

06:00  **IAP-AD Closing Session and Announcement of Awards**
## Hotel Reservation

Please contact the Organizer to procure preferential rates for your accommodation arrangements.

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All the above rates are per night on Bed and Breakfast basis & are subject to 10% VAT.

The Organizer can also help with airport transfers & all other practical arrangements for your visit.

For all enquiries do not hesitate to contact nancyhatem@infomedweb.com.
Registration Form

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REGISTRATION

For the workshop | USD 100 (early registration) | USD 150 (late registration)
For the congress | USD 225 (early registration) | USD 275 (later registration)
For both | USD 300 (early registration) | USD 375 (late registration)

Late registration after November 1, 2011
For residents (with proper documentation):
USD 100 for workshop and USD for the congress. For both USD 200.

Gala Dinner Ticket:
USD 100 / per person

The registration fee includes.
- attendance to all scientific sessions
- access to the exhibit and poster areas
- final program and abstract book
- attendance certificate
- badge and congress bag
- lunches
- coffee breaks
- opening Ceremony and reception
CONGRESS GENERAL INFORMATION

■ Overview
The 23rd IAP-AD will feature state of the art educational sessions, and novel research poster and abstract sessions focusing the following disciplines:
- Molecular Biology
- Gynecologic Pathology
- Gastrointestinal Pathology
- Breast Pathology
- Neuropathology
- Hemato Pathology
- Dermato Pathology
- Genitourinary pathology
- Head and neck Pathology
- Pulmonary Pathology

■ Faculty Disclosure
Faculty declaring a relevant commercial interest will be identified in the activity syllabus.

■ Dates and Congress Venue
Wednesday, November 30 - Saturday, December 3, 2011
American University of Beirut

■ Lebanese Order of Physicians Statement
IAP-AD also complies with the Lebanese Order of Physicians Continuing Medical Education guidelines.

■ Target Audience
This annual scientific meeting has been designed for Anatomic, Clinical and Molecular pathologists, residents and fellows
ABOUT Lebanon

LOCATION:
Located on the East coast of the Mediterranean Sea, Lebanon is at the meeting point of three continents: Europe, Asia and Africa. It has been the crossroad of many civilizations - the traces of which can still be seen today. Its countryside is a place of spectacular mountains, cedar trees and magnificent ruins that look down from the mountains to the sea.

MAJOR CITIES: Beirut (Capital 1.3 m), Tripoli, Sidon, Zahle, Tyre and Jounieh.

CLIMATE:
Lebanon enjoys an essential four-season Mediterranean climate with rainy winters, moderate springs, warm summers and regular autumns, with an average of 300 sunny days a year. Average temperature in Beirut in Nov-Dec ranges from 15°C to 21°C with variable rain.

LANGUAGES: Arabic, English, French and Armenian

TIME: +02:00 GMT, +07:00 US EST

CURRENCY & EXCHANGE RATE:
The currency of Lebanon is Lebanese Pound (LL called Lira) where 1 US Dollar = 1500LL. Both LL and $ are used interchangeably for any transaction at this fixed exchange rate. ATM machines are widely available. Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard & American Express) are accepted in ATMs & with most vendors.

ENTRY VISA:
Nationals of most major countries can easily get their visas upon arrival at the Beirut Airport while others can obtain them in advance at Lebanese embassies and consulates around the world. For more information on visa requirements please visit: www.general-security.gov.lb
BEIRUT
Lebanon’s capital city is a vibrant, stylish metropolis with all of the fun, fashion and flair that a city-lover could look for...

BAALBEK
Approximately 86 kilometers northeast of Beirut, the temple complex of Baalbek stands proudly as a heritage of Lebanon’s past...

CEDARS
The most famous cedars known as Arz el Rab (Cedars of the Lord) are those of Bsharre in the North of Lebanon. This grove has the oldest in Lebanon...

JEITA
Jeita Grotto is a compound of crystallized caves located 20 km north of Beirut. The marvellous limestone caves are currently finalists in the 7 New Wonders of the World...

SIDON
Sidon, on the coast 48 kilometers south of Beirut, is one of the Famous names in ancient history. Of all Lebanon’s cities this is the most mysterious, for its past has been tragically scattered and plundered...

BYBLOS
Byblos is one of the top contenders for the title of “oldest continuously inhabited city”. According to Phoenician tradition it was founded by the God El. Even the Phoenicians considered it a city of great antiquity...

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# Lebanon Sightseeing Tours

## I-Baalbeck, Aanjar & Ksara

The tour starts with the visit Baalbeck (the big stone, Temples of Jupiter, Bacchus and Venus) followed by Anjar Omayyads' Town. Lunch and ends with Ksara (Wine tasting and visit of the caves)

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**Baalbeck**

Heliopolis: the roman temples of Baalbeck, located in the Bekaa valley 85 kilometers away from Beirut. It makes up the largest and best preserved corpus of roman architecture left around. The acropolis occupies the top of an artificial hill built up of different layers of habitation.

Its temples, dedicated to Jupiter, Bacchus and Venus, were constructed between the first and the third centuries A.D. The town of Baalbeck has major remains from Islamic times including the grand Mosque, built by the Ommayadds with material borrowed from ancient monuments, and another mosque built in Mamluke times near the spring of Ras El–Ain.

**Ksara**

Built during the Roman period then covered by sand for centuries the Ksara caves were found by mistakes in 1898 by the Jesuites who were looking for a wolf that was eating their chicken every night and was using the caves a refuge. It is now the refuge of the well known Ksara wine where thousands of the old wine bottles are preserved. A tasting of the best wines is done during the visits.

## II-Jeita, Byblos & Harissa

Our visit starts with the beautiful Phoenician city of Byblos, and then continues with the famous Jeita grottos with their fabulous sceneries. Lunch and ends in Harissa (one way cable-car) with a panoramic view of Jounieh bay

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**Jeita**

Nominated for the seven world wonders Jeita is one of the world's most beautiful cavern, at 20 km away north of Beirut. The lower caverns are visited by boat over a subterranean lake 623 meters long. A dry upper gallery can be seen on foot. After many years of exploration, Lebanese speleologists have penetrated 6,910 meters from the entry point of the grotto to the far end of the Underground River and 2,130 meters of the upper galleries. The main source of the Dog River (Nahr El Kalb) rises in this cavern.
Byblos

One of the oldest towns in the world goes back at least 7,000 years. The rise and fall of nearly two dozen successive levels of human culture on this site makes it one of the richest archaeological areas in the country. It was in Byblos where the first linear alphabet, ancestor of all modern alphabet, (through Greek and Latin), was invented. This busy modern town located at 36 kilometers north of Beirut, has the “Roman Medieval port” as its main tourist hub. The landmarks in this area are: the crusader castle and church as well as the extensive remains of city’s past - from Neolithic times to the crusader era. A beautiful Mosque adds to the cultural mix in the old part of Byblos. And all around a diversity of cafes and restaurants can be found.

Harissa

600 meters above sees level and 26 km away from Beirut, with a wonderful panoramic view covering the Bay of Jounieh. Statue of the Virgin Mary was erected in 1908. Inside its base, a chapel with outside spiral staircase that leads to the top, as well telepheric service is provided from the bay of jounieh to the mountain of Harissa.

III-Beiteddine & Deir Al Kamar

Visit Beiteddin palace and the summer residence of the Lebanese president. Lunch then Deir-El Kamar, Visit the wax museum of Marie Baz, Our lady of the tell church, the Kaissariya Caravan Seray

Time: 8:30am till 5:30pm
Days: Saturday
Lunch included
Price: 80$ per pers

Beiteddin

Forty-three kilometer from Beirut stands this magnificent palace built at the beginning of the 19th century by Emir Bechir II, who reigned over Lebanon for more than 50 years. With its arcades, galleries and rooms decorated by artists from Lebanon, Damascus and Italy, this building is a model of eastern architecture. Today the palace houses a museum of feudal weapons, costumes and jewelry as well as an archeological museum and a museum of Byzantine mosaics

Deir El Kamar

It was the capital of Mount Lebanon, located 35 km away from Beirut, now it is a typical Lebanese village with its historical center, souk(market), museum, mosque & churches
IV-Sidon, Tyre & Maghdouche

Our tour starts by visiting the Sea Castle, Khan El Franj and Soap museum in Sidon then the Necropolis and Sea site of Tyre. Lunch and on the way back, we visit the Maghdouche where Holy Virgin Mary used to wait for Jesus while he was preaching in Sidon.

Time: 8:30am till 5:30pm  
Days: Thursday  
Lunch included  
Price: 85$ per pers

Sidon

The third great Phoenician city-state, Sidon's origins are lost from memory. The name was mentioned in the texts for the first time in the 14th century B.C. in the 'Tell El Amara Letters.' But it was during the Persian era, between the end of the 6th century B.C. and the mid-4th century B.C. that the city experienced its golden age. Sidon was an open city with many cultural influences, including the Egyptian and the Greek. Today the ruins of the Crusader sea Castle and the Castle of Saint-Louis, Known as the land castle, can still be seen in Sidon.

Maghdouche

From the Mamluke and Ottoman periods we have the Great Mosque, built on the foundations of a Crusader building and the Khan 'el – Franj" built by Fakhreddine II. Today the town 41 Kilometers from Beirut, has grown into a thriving commercial and business centre serving the entire region.

Tyr

Although the earliest origins of Tyre are unknown, the testimonies of ancient historians and some archeological evidence suggest that it goes back to the start of the 3rd millennium B.C.. The remains of its Roman streets, arcades and public buildings, including one of the largest Roman hippodromes of the period, are Tyre's major attractions today.

Maghdouché

The name, Maghdouché, originates from the Syriac word, which means "crop collectors." It is also derived from the Syriac word Kidsh and its derivatives (Kadisho, Kadishat, Makdosho). In Hebrew, it means "holy" or "saintly."
HALF DAY TOURS, 40$ per pers

Half day to visit Beirut down with its constructions built during the French mandate and restored starting 1993, the Roman Bath, the churches and mosques, and the national museum.

Beirut

It was built on a rocky promontory, a site also occupied by prehistoric man. In ancient times it was overshadowed by powerful neighbors, but when the city-states of Sidon began to decline in the first millennium B.C, Beirut acquired more influence. During Roman times, Beirut became a roman colony (15 B.C), and an important port and cultural centre. During the roman and Byzantine eras it was distinguished for its law school, whom professors helped draft the famous Justinian code. Beirut was destroyed by a devastating earthquake in 551 A.D. A century later, it was conquered by the Muslim Arabs and in 1109 it fell to the crusaders. The city remained in crusader hands until 1291, when it was taken by the Mamluks. In 1516 the 400- year ottoman rule began. Later, in the 17th century, Beirut knew a period of great prosperity under the government of emir Fakhreddine II. Then with the break up of the Ottoman Empire at the end of the World War I, the city became the capital of modern Lebanon. Beirut, with nearly a million inhabitants, remains the cultural and commercial centre of the country. Some of its main landmarks are: the martyrs’ statue, the Souks (markets) and the parliament building, which are part of the design covering 1.8 million square meters. In extensive archeological investigations, historical periods ranging from Canaanite (3,000- 1200 B.C) to ottoman (1516-1918 A.D), have been revealed.

Jeita & Byblos, 55$ per pers

Start the day in Jeita Cave, visiting the upper and lower parts of the cave then visit Byblos, a charming city including the archeological site, the old harbor, Saint John church and free time in the Souks.
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