A Message from the Chairperson of the Assembly

It gives me great pleasure to announce the 46th Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA) to be held at the American University of Beirut on May 9-11, 2013. MEMA has traditionally been, and continues to be, a multidisciplinary scientific meeting bringing together international, regional and local experts, physicians, and scientists with the aim of enhancing medical education, research, and health care in Lebanon and the Middle East. In all aspects, MEMA embodies the academic mission of the American University of Beirut Medical Center and is a yearly celebration of its history, present, and future.

This year’s program was developed with the idea of a health forum based on a set of core themes. These include modern medical education, global health and social medicine, the science and practice of clinical research, preventative medicine, and health care reform. The multidisciplinary scientific program is built around an action-directed strategy set to involve and engage students, public health experts, policy makers, health activists and NGOs, and the community at large. In addition, and as in past MEMAs, there will be a number of workshops and lecture sessions aimed at specialists in the various fields of medicine, such as reproductive medicine, nursing leadership program, thrombosis, oncology, bariatric surgery, immunology, neonatology and emergency medicine. We are excited to have highly acclaimed international speakers and experts working side-by-side and interacting with our esteemed faculty and student body.

The success of our lofty mission hinges on an interested audience seeking continuing medical education and innovation in medicine and health care. Hundreds of national and regional participants and attendees are expected to partake in this event. Participants can expect to interact with renowned scientists and clinical experts and have the opportunity to share their opinion, enhance their clinical skills, explore novel therapies, and present their research, experience and expertise in their respective fields.

We look forward to have you with us!

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Program Highlights
The 46th MEMA will feature state of the art educational sessions, novel research poster sessions, workshops, symposia and special memorial lectures focusing on the following disciplines:

1. Global Health and Social Medicine
2. Medical Education
3. Clinical Research
4. Colorectal Cancer
5. Smoking Cessation and Awareness Programs
6. Healthcare Reform
General information

Overview
The Middle East Medical Assembly offers a panoply of high standard educational activities for participants. Attendees can enhance their clinical skills, explore practice performance issues, present their own research or clinical experience, benefit from new and most advanced techniques, participate in sessions addressing specialty and multidisciplinary topics and interact with internationally renowned experts.

Venue
The 46th MEMA will be held on the premises of the Campus of the American University of Beirut.

Target Audience
This annual scientific meeting has been designed for physicians, nurses, medical students, trainees and researchers in all specialties.

Accreditation Statement
This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

Lebanese Order of Physicians Statement
MEMA also complies with the Lebanese Order of Physicians Continuing Medical Education guidelines.

Gala Dinner
A grand gala dinner is scheduled for Saturday May 11, 2013 at 8:00 pm at the Four Seasons Hotel, Beirut. All profits go to support medical students’ scholarship programs.