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AUB President-elect Dr. Fadlo Khuri elected to Academy of Sciences for Lebanon

Beirut, Lebanon- 02/07/2015 - American University of Beirut President-elect Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri has been elected a Full Member of the Academy of Sciences for Lebanon (officially Académie des Sciences du Liban or ASL), Division 2, Section “Health.”

The Académie des Sciences du Liban (ASL) is an independent, nonprofit institution founded by a decree from the Lebanese Government in August of 2007.

Dr. Khuri was made full member “for creativity in addressing biological problems and generating innovative approaches in cancer therapy,” according to the official letter sent by Professor Georges Bahr, ASL home secretary, and an AUB alumnus.

“I speak for all members in saying that we are thrilled to welcome you to the ASL,” said Bahr in his letter. “Your remarkable accomplishments and recognized status as a leading oncology researcher, scholar and teacher add prestige to the ASL. Your intellectual talents will make for an invaluable asset for our Academy to draw upon as we go forward in our mission.”

“This election is deeply meaningful to me not just for the stellar company I join but also the honor to be entrusted with the noble mission to advance science in our native land,” said Dr. Khuri. “It is personally very touching to me that I am being welcomed by ASL President George Helou and ASL home secretary Georges Bahr, both distinguished alumni of AUB, a world class university whose presidency I will assume in September. AUB has been both the nexus and the fulcrum for so much great intellectual thought and discovery in the sciences for decades, with its alumni, students and faculty all contributing manifestly to its deserved reputation as a hub of scientific creativity and inspiration.”

According to the ASL website, the academy aims to “play a central role in Lebanon’s scientific life, similar to that played by national academies of sciences in many countries. The ultimate goals of the ASL are to contribute directly to the growth, invigoration, and dissemination of the sciences in Lebanon, and to help in growing a world-class scientific culture that is both universal in its aspirations and responsive to the particular needs of the nation.”

The academy hopes to do so by providing independent science, research, and education-related advice and guidance to governmental and private institutions; encouraging research and helping disseminate it; facilitating the exchange of ideas and knowledge among scholars; granting awards to distinguished scientists and encouraging young Lebanese to pursue careers in the sciences.

ASL Members consist of the leading, most successful and accomplished Lebanese scientists working inside and outside of Lebanon, as well as a smaller number of prominent foreign

scientists, including some who are of Lebanese origin, or who can contribute to the growth of the sciences in Lebanon.

All ASL academicians provide their services *pro bono*, i.e. voluntarily and without payment, as a public service.

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