



## WELCOME OUR NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Editorial Board of the Middle East Journal of Anesthesiology is pleased to announce that Dr. George B. Bikhazi is the new Editor-in-Chief of the Middle East Journal of Anesthesiology. This comes in line with the appointment of Dr. Bikhazi as the new Chairman of Anesthesiology at the American University of Beirut - School of Medicine and Medical Center as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Dr. Bikhazi received his MD degree from the American University of Beirut in 1971. Following graduation he pursued his residency and fellowship at AUB and in the USA. In 1976, he was appointed assistant professor of anesthesiology at University of Miami School of Medicine and the Director of Pediatric Anesthesia until 2001. During his stay at Miami, he was promoted to associate professor (1979) and professor (1991). Dr. Bikhazi joined the Department of Anesthesiology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee in 2002 and later on became the Chief of the Division of Anesthesia until he returned to AUB as the Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology in 2014.

Dr. Bikhazi is a member and has served on boards/committees of several professional organizations and societies (ASA, AMA, ASA Committee on Pediatric Anesthesia) and throughout his career has received numerous prestigious awards and recognitions (Fellow, American College of Anesthesiologists and Diplomat, American Board of Anesthesiologists). Furthermore, Dr. Bikhazi has published around 113 original articles, abstracts, and book chapters throughout his academic career. He delivered numerous lectures at major national and international scientific meetings.

The Editorial Board extends a warm welcome to Dr. Bikhazi and looks forward for fruitful years and bright future of the journal under his leadership.

