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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



During the Fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers a panel discussion on the involvement of NGOs in the improvement of Health Services in OIC Member Countries was held. The panelists inspired by the ideas and views on various aspects of NGO involvement in the improvement of health services in OIC Member Communities have put forward the following recommendations for consideration by member countries.

- Volunteerism for NGOs in the implementation of various health programs should be

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5TH SESSION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF HEALTH MINISTERS CONCLUDES IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY

President Tayyip Erdogan urges the ministers to build a bridge for healthier Ummah through integrated effort.



The Fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, from 17 to 19 November, 2015. The conference was attended by health ministers & representatives from 55



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Panel discussion on Role of NGO's in Improving Healthcare in OIC Member States



Panelist after the session



OIC Secretariat Staff busy with the arrangements



President of Turkey addressing the concluding session



Day 2 of the 5th ICHM



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Panel discussion on IT addiction



Health Ministers busy in taking notes

member countries. President of Republic of Turkey addressed the conference during its concluding session. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged the OIC Member States to accord high priority to health sector and take necessary steps towards ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages and attaining health related targets in the SDGs and the SHPA; He stressed the Member States to take steps towards achieving universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and

access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all; He also emphasized the Turkish model of development in the area of preventive and curative health and showed his keen interest and eagerness to share it with OIC member states.

The health ministers discussed various issues and matters relating to SHPA and SDGs. It was decided that all Member States shall designate their National Focal Point on Health; to facilitate coordination with the General

Secretariat and other Member States on health issues including implementation of SHPA. They also Underscored the need for increasing health financing, the recruitment, development, training and retention of health workforce and strengthening national and regional capacities for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks.

The Member States were urged to further enhance cooperation in terms of sharing of experience, expertise, best practices and

technology in respect of the actions and activities identified in the SHPA. It was also resolved to implement the recommendations of LCCs and assist the Member States to extend their assistance to the General Secretariat for the immediate operationalization of the Health Implementation Unit (HIU) to facilitate the functions of the SCH to monitor implementations of the decisions of the ICHMs, coordinate actions pursuant to the Implementation Plan of the SHPA and promote cooperation among the Member States. The Member States were urged to strengthen cooperation in the area of health training and

education including offers of scholarships in the field of health education. The initiative of COMSTECH-WHO/EMRO's Research Grants Programme was commended.

The conference welcomed the establishment of OIC Ibn Sina Alliance of Health NGOs by SESRIC, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and IDB. The SESRIC was called upon to align its health capacity-building programmes with the needs and priorities of Member States and take NGOs on board and seek the advice and on ground facilitation by them in OIC member states..

It was decided to hold the 6th session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) in 2017 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and welcomed the offer by the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the 7th session of ICHM in 2019. A highly structured exhibition was held displaying the medical and pharmaceutical related products at the conference venue. The delegates were taken to four various field trips arranged by the ministry of health, Turkey. A dinner and cultural evening program was hosted by Minister of health of Turkey in the honour of respected ministers and delegates.

FIMA PRESIDENT ADDRESSES THE 5TH ICHM AS A PANEL EXPERT

During the Fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers a panel discussion on the involvement of NGOs in the improvement of Health Services in OIC Member Countries was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 18 November 2015. The participants in the panel discussion were as following Insaf Hag-Mousa, Qatar Red Crescent, Mehmet Fatih Serenli, SESRIC, Dr. Kerem Kınık, Doctors Worldwide,

Turkey, Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, Federation of Islamic Medical Association, Mr. Ehsan Bin Saleh Tayeb, IIRO, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Enes Efendioğlu from Civil Life Association and Mr. M. Hamid H. Azad of Muslim Aid-UK.

The objective of the Panel Discussion were to explore and introduce the role of NGOs in the improvement of health services

both globally and in OIC, and discussing strategies to exploit their potentials for enhanced collaboration with public sector. Examining and discussing the challenges and obstacles as well as the prospects for the development of an integrated approach among NGOs for better coordination for the implementation of OIC SHPA. Exploring the possibility of partnership in specific activities and programmes with relevant



A view of the inaugural session of 5th ICHM



Field visit to robotic surgery center Achebadem Hospital



A view of the Opening Ceremony

national, international, regional and NGOs institutions. A brief summary on the Workshop on the “Role of NGOs in the Implementation of OIC Strategic Health Program of Action 2014-2023 (SHPA)” held on 7-8 April 2014 at SESRIC-HQ in Ankara was given to the audience. It was recommended to establish a working group to develop the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the OIC Ibn Sina Alliance of Health NGOs, which will touch on the Alliance's vision and include a

five-year action plan for the period 2015-2020. This effort is to be led and facilitated by SESRIC with the support of some of the participating NGOs.

Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, President of Federation of Islamic Medical Association gave a brief review on the history of FIMA, its affiliates and its health care professionals. Dr. Zubairi highlighted the FIMA's main working areas in health domain as follows: Consortium of Islamic Medical

Colleges, Islamic Hospital Consortium, Research and Publications, Medical Relief, FIMA Save Vision, Smile and Dignity, Medical Students Activities, HIV AIDS Resource Centre. Dr. Zubairi emphasized the role of Capacity Building programmes in the implementation of the SHPA. Dr Zubairi highlighted the efforts of FIMA in the fight against AIDS and in Polio eradication.



President FIMA with Mr. Naeem Khan Deputy Secretary General OIC & Mr. Kamran Akhter Director General of Science & Technology OIC



Group photo of Health Ministers attending 5th ICHM



Dr. Kemal Presenting his book on history of Islamic Medicine to FIMA President

IMAM RESPONSE AND RELIEF TEAM PREPARES FOR EXPECTED HEAVY RAINFALLS & FLOODS

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IMANA NEW JERSEY CHAPTER HOSTS A NETWORKING DINNER FOR MUSLIM PHYSICIANS OF TWIN CITIES

A networking dinner was arranged by IMA of North America, New York and New Jersey chapters for fund raising and introduction of the projects of IMANA Relief spread in a number of developing and disaster hit countries which included Haiti, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Syria, Sudan, Gaza, Somalia, Turkey, Libya, Philippines and Kenya. The dinner meeting was addressed by Dr Ismail Mehr Ex President IMANA, Dr. Asif Malik, President IMANA, Dr Parvaiz Malik, Ex President

IMANA and FIMA and other speakers. Dr Tanveer Zubairi President FIMA And Dr. Atta Muhammad, Vice Chancellor of Shifa University Islamabad were the guests of honor. A standup comedian Mo Amer presented the entertainment program. He is an excellent standup comedian, producer and a writer and the audience thoroughly enjoyed his lively show. A large number of Muslim physicians from New York and New Jersey attended the meeting with their families.



ACTIVITIES OF IMA OF SOUTH AFRICA



Islamic Medical Association of South Africa , Durban branch arranged a graduates dinner. Awards distribution at Graduates dinner.



Islamic Medical Association Durban receives a new VW Caddy sponsored by 27four Asset Management. Another Mobile clinic was also inaugurated. It is a purpose built mini hospital van. Mr Solly Suleman and IMA Durban executives during the inaugural session.



Vice President FIMA and Rector of Mediniat University Istanbul hosted a family dinner in the honor of FIMA President Dr Tanveer Zubairi and his wife at the eve of his visit to Istanbul to attend the 5th ICHM 2015.



Islamic Medical Association, South Africa, Johannesburg branch held a breast cancer awareness workshop at the BMJ Hall in Benoni. Those that attended were asked to bring a box of cupcakes and these were handed out to the underprivileged at the Actonville Clinic. Alhamdulillah over 250 cupcakes were collected for the drive.

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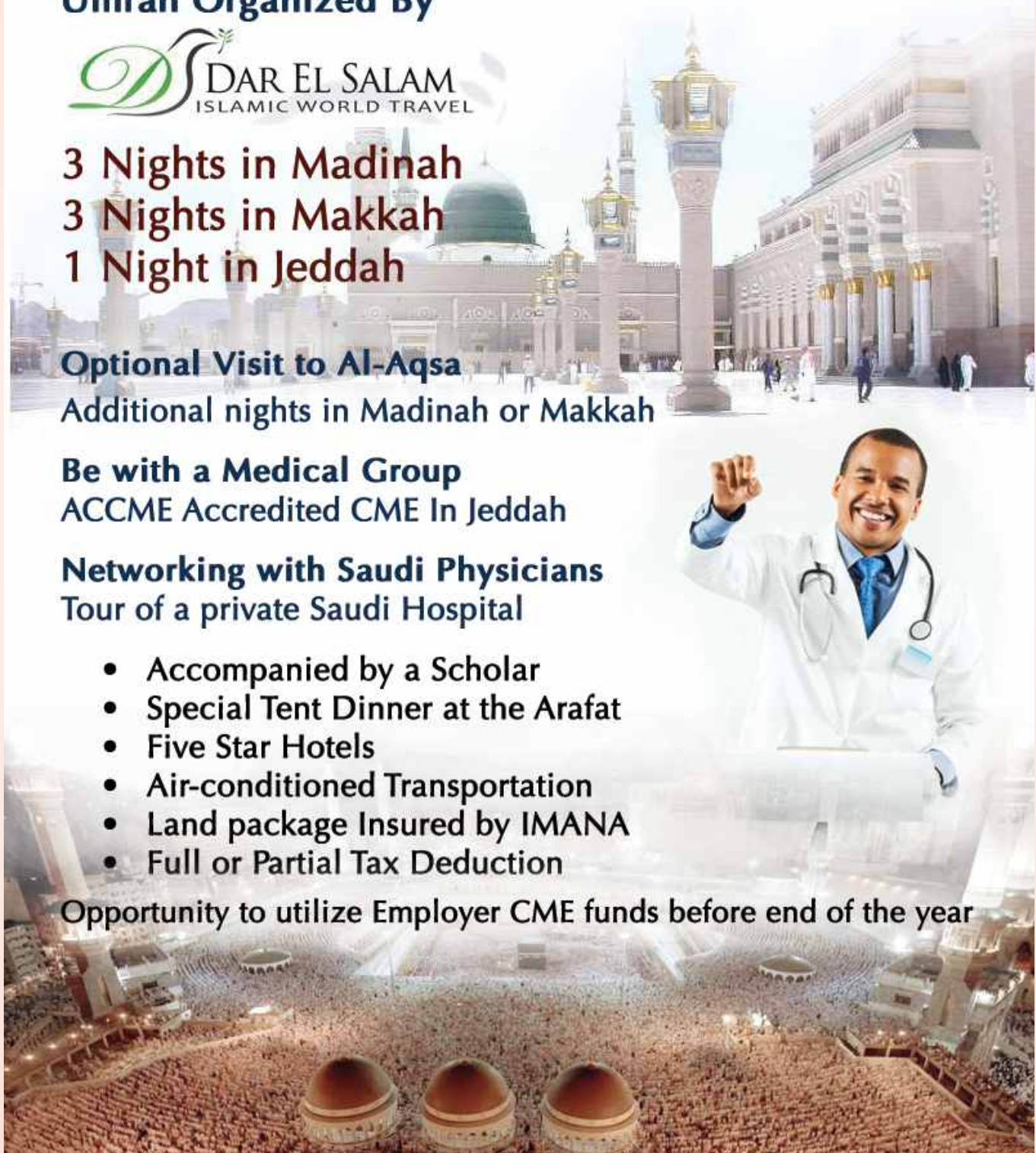
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IMANA MEDICAL RELIEF SENDS ANOTHER TEAM OF DOCTORS TO HAITI

IMR's 15 member volunteer team recently returned from Miragoane, Haiti after spending a week at IMR's H.O.P.E Clinic. The team treated a total of 800 patients. IMANA has maintained its commitment to Haiti ever since the deadly earthquake in 2010.

The H.O.P.E Clinic serves as the only access to healthcare in the rural area of Miragoane. On behalf of IMR we thank the numerous volunteers and donors for allowing us to continue our commitment to Haiti.



IMA CAMBODIA MEETS LEADERSHIP OF IMA THAILAND



The Initiative on Islam and Medicine at the University of Chicago presents

Interfaces and Discourses: A Multidisciplinary Conference on Islamic Theology, Law, and Biomedicine

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, April 15th – Sunday, April 17th 2016
University of Chicago



Registration is now open

Call for abstracts: Abstract submissions are due Wednesday, December 16, 2015. For more information regarding the guidelines for an abstract submission or to submit your abstract follow this link: <https://pmruchicago.submittable.com/submit>

Objective:

Address the discursive and scholarly knowledge gaps impeding Islam and Science discourses through a 3-day multidisciplinary conference on the intersections of Islamic Theology and Law with Biomedicine.

Description:

The conference invites participants to share their work—be it using empirical, historical, theological, ethico-legal, social scientific, or other research methods—at the intersection of Islam and biomedicine. Papers will be grouped thematically into panels according to field of inquiry—scholastic theology (*kalam*), moral theology (*usul al-fiqh*), ethics/law (*fiqh, adab, ahklaq*), epistemology, empirical health research, and biomedical practice—and each panel will be brought to a close by a scholarly respondent commenting on the implications for cross-disciplinary dialogue and research that emerge from the presented work. While abstracts on any topic of relevance are welcome, presenters should consider the following two questions to be the primary focus of the conference.

- 1) How might scientific notions of harm and risk relate to, and work with, Islamic constructs of necessity and benefit in the context of biomedicine?
- 2) What is an Islamic ontology of the soul? How does it relate to, and how might it work with, modern neuroscientific data, in order to inform a better understanding of death and care for the dying?

Please visit our websites for additional information on the [Interfaces and Discourses](#) conference, the [Program on Medicine and Religion](#), or the [Initiative on Islam and Medicine](#).

The following organizations are helping host this conference



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Interfaces and Discourses: A Multidisciplinary Conference on Islamic Theology, Law, and Biomedicine

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Islamic Foundation School

DR. ISMAIL MEHR NOMINATED FIMA RELIEF CHAIR

Dr. Ismail Mehr has been nominated as FIMA Relief Chair by the FIMA ExCo and duly endorsed by FIMA Council. He will assume its charge in January 2015. He is the immediate past president of IMANA and chair of IMANA Relief. He is a Board Certified Anesthesiologist, Chairman of Department of Anesthesiology, and Medical Director of Operating Room Services, St. James Mercy Health System. He is a life member of Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA), Chairman of IMANA Relief Committee, Member of IMANA Executive Council, and former General Secretary of IMANA. Dr. Mehr has served on many Medical Relief missions of IMANA, including Indonesia Tsunami-March 2005, Pakistan earthquake- October 2005, Gaza War in January 2009, Haiti earthquake in January 2010, Sudan Save Smile Surgical Mission in March 2010-15, Pakistan floods in August 2010, and Bangladesh Burn relief camp 2015. He is also a member of Board of Directors YMCA, Hornell NY.



REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

- promoted by all stakeholders.
- Specialisation in specific areas related to healthcare service delivery is important for NGOs in order to become more efficient in supporting the implementation of the different thematic areas in the SHPA.
 - Adopting participatory approach with different stakeholders among NGOs themselves, and between them and other entities including governments, donors, and private sectors would influence the effective and sustainable delivery of health services.
 - NGOs can play significant role in conducting outreach activities and working with communities at the grass root level, such as influence the change of myths and misbeliefs on health related issues.
 - NGOs are active in the development of sustainable health centres around the Islamic world to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages particularly in the state of disasters and fragile conditions.
 - Youth should be actively involved in decision making processes in health sector.
 - Young NGOs in member countries should be supported for better inclusion and deeper cooperation in health sector, as well as to promote non-formal and peer to peer education methodologies to fight against diseases.
 - NGOs could be active in improving health services through capacity building, awareness raising, acting as link between community and government and in its efforts in improving coverage of health care services, as well as addressing gaps and advocating for the importance of strengthening health regulatory systems in OIC countries.
 - NGOs strength in provision of services to vulnerable and deprived communities, through changing cultural perceptions and social dynamics should be capitalised.
 - National Primary Health Councils (PRH) that facilitates inter-sectoral collaboration among NGOs and relevant ministries is crucial for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating health policies and strategies.
 - Domestic and international regulation facilitating NGO operation in capacity building care in order to facilitate access to health services.
 - A mechanism for clear cut decision making process based on trust, transparency and solidarity should be developed in order for NGOs to play their roles in global health services within the framework of the SHPA.
- These recommendations were finalized and presented before the open house of Islamic Conference in its concluding session.

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