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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



FIMA held its 34th Annual Council Meeting in Istanbul on 18-19 July 2017 and elected its Executive Committee members for the next two years. As the FIMA President elected for the next two-year term, I greet all the members of FIMA family with my warmest feelings. First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, our Immediate Past President who, for the last four years, worked ardently to implement FIMA's

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PRESIDENT ERDOĞAN ATTENDS FIMA'S GALA DINNER AS THE CHIEF GUEST CONCLUDING THE HISTORIC FIMA MEETINGS IN DOLMABAHÇE PALACE, ISTANBUL

Speaking at the gala dinner of the Congress on Health in Africa, President Erdoğan said: "We personally have seen on site what a wreckage those, who try at every opportunity to give us lessons of democracy, law and human rights today, left behind in Africa. We should keep exposing the true face of their civilization, which they built on the tears and the exploited labor of innocent Africans."

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and First Lady Emine Erdoğan attended the gala dinner of the Congress on Health in Africa, held at Dolmabahçe Palace by the Hayat Foundation for Health and Social Services and Istanbul Medeniyet University with the contributions of the Ministry of Health and the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA). This concluded the week long activity of FIMA, encompassing FIMA ExCo meetings, 34th FIMA council meeting, scientific congress on "Health in Africa", symposium on women issues and FIMA youth camp arranged separately for male and



More than 800 delegates from 37 countries attended the Gala dinner.

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female medical students.

Delivering a speech at the gala, President Erdoğan said: “Although it has experienced stagnation in its relations with the continent in the last century due to various reasons, Turkey has never turned its back on Africa and its African brothers and sisters. Despite having been through so many trying periods, our country has exerted maximum effort to stand in solidarity with our African friends.”

Noting that the great transformation in Turkey's relations with Africa began when the AK Party came to power in 2002 and Africa rose high on the agenda of Turkish foreign policy after 2005, President Erdoğan said that the process that began in 2005 stably grew stronger in all areas in the last 12 years.

“Up until 10 years ago, Turkey had 12 embassies in Africa. Today the number has risen to 39. And the

number of African countries' embassies in Turkey has reached 33 in 2017. Today, the Turkish Airlines runs flights to 51 points in 32 African countries. In 2005, the trade volume between Turkey and Africa was nearly \$7 billion. By 2016, it had risen to \$17 billion,” President Erdoğan said.

“The progress, made in the relations with Africa in the last 12 years, has proven that Turkey's interest in Africa is not seasonal or temporary. The Turkey-Africa partnership summit, meeting for the first time in Istanbul in 2008, and then in Equatorial Guinea's capital Malabo in 2014, showed Turkey's seriousness and the importance Turkey places on relations with the continent,” President Erdoğan said.

“I, as the Prime Minister, along with my wife and Foreign Minister paid a visit to Somalia when no one else travelled there. And we changed world's perspective toward

Somalia. While embassies of countries such as the US and the UK serve in containers, Turkey's largest embassy compound in the world is in Somalia,” President Erdoğan said.

“We do not approach Africa as a virgin continent with resources ripe for exploitation. We see ourselves as a true friend of Africa. We want to develop long-term cooperation with a win-win approach based on mutual respect and equality,” the President said.

Noting that he visited 23 African countries during his tenure as the Prime Minister and the President, President Erdoğan said: “We personally have seen on site what a wreckage those, who try at every opportunity to give us lessons of democracy, law and human rights today, left behind in Africa. We know very well how millions of people were massacred, subjected to genocide in Namibia, Congo in



FIMA family is welcome in Istanbul and Turkey. President Erdoğan



President Erdoğan and the first lady greeted by the FIMA delegates.



A group photo of President Erdoğan and first lady with FIMA office bearers.

the beginning of the century and in Rwanda in nearer history. We all know very well to whom the Western countries owe the prosperity they enjoy today. We know quite well whose lives, blood and sweat lie beneath those luxurious buildings and elegant pavements. We should never allow this dark and blood-soaked history to be forgotten although they want to make us forget it. We should keep exposing the true face of their civilization, which they built on the tears and the exploited labor of innocent Africans.”

Drawing attention to the incidents that took place today at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, President Erdoğan said: “Today is Jumma (Friday), a sacred

day for Muslims. And the Israeli police, soldiers, all security forces attacked Muslims there. There are nearly 350 wounded and according to the last report I received, we have 3 martyrs.”

“During the phone conversation he had with President Rivlin of Israel, he told that he appraised the Israeli counterpart to lift the sanctions on peaceful people attending the Friday assembly, he said that they were not terrorists and we should not be sighted as such.

He reaffirmed his commitment against violence of any kind and anywhere in the world and termed it as a crime against humanity.

Thanking all who have contributed to organizing the congress, President Erdoğan ended his speech as follows: “I once again welcome to Istanbul our distinguished guests who came from across the world. I offer my love and respect to all.

The Gala dinner was attended by more than 800 delegates from 45 countries and included 7 ministers of health, distinguished speakers, FIMA council members, participants of FIMA scientific congress on Health in Africa and FIMA youth camp participants. Dr Musa Nordin, a former President of FIMA was awarded FIMA lifetime achievement award for his distinguished services.



FIMA youth female participants of Gala dinner.



President Erdoğan with FIMA office bearers and their families.



FIMA youth delegates from Jordan and Saudi Arabia in their traditional attire.



*World is bigger than five.
President Erdoğan*



*We have never left Africa alone.
President Erdoğan*



*Dr. Musa Nordin receiving the
FIMA lifetime achievement award.*



*Turkey will continue to support
developing health infrastructure in Africa.
President Erdoğan*



Dr. Asim Padela in a cheerful mood.



FIMA youth in a selfie mode.

DR. IHSAN KARAMAN FROM HAYAT FOUNDATION ELECTED AS THE FIMA PRESIDENT (2017-2019)

Born in 1962, Dr. Ihsan Karaman graduated from Istanbul Medical Faculty in 1986. He specialized in urology with special interest in pediatric urology. He received fellowship training from abroad as well and became a professor of urology in 2008. He has co-authored around 30 books and more than 300 research articles to his credit. He is presently the Rector of Istanbul Medeniyet University. He remained Vice President of FIMA (Federation of Islamic Medical Associations) and Chairman of DWW (Doctors Worldwide) Turkey for ten years. Under his leadership the Doctors Worldwide TR

provided humanitarian and medical relief services in natural disasters and war hit areas especially in Somali and Syria. He is presently the President of International Federation of Green Crescents, a global initiative for eradication of addiction and drug abuse. He speaks Turkish, English and Arabic languages and is married with two children.

In the 34th FIMA council meeting held in Istanbul, Dr. M. Ihsan Karaman representing Hayat Foundation was elected as the President of Federation of Islamic Medical Associations. Dr. Tanveer



Zubairi from Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) handed him over the charge of President of FIMA in the concluding session of the council.

DR MUSA MOHD NORDIN RECEIVES THE FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS (FIMA) LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTED BY TURKISH PRESIDENT RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN

Datuk Dr Musa Mohd Nordin, former FIMA President, a renowned Malaysian paediatrician who set up a shelter for women and children with HIV/AIDS, received the Lifetime Achievement award from the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA). Turkish president Tayyip Erdogan had presented to Dr Musa the award by the parent body of Islamic medical associations in 41 countries on Friday. The prestigious award was conferred upon Dr Musa in an impressive gathering of luminaries including ministers of health from African countries, more than 1000 FIMA delegates and participants of FIMA meetings.

“On receiving the award, Datuk Dr Musa says, 'I'm honoured and humbled to receive this award but I believe the real credit goes to the 'invisible hands' who work tirelessly with every project I'm involved in. These are the real heroes who deserve the recognition for their

time, effort and sacrifice',” said IMAM president Dr Jeffrey Abu Hassan in a statement.

Dr Musa, who is a consultant paediatrician and neonatologist at KPJ Damansara Specialist Hospital, is also the default paediatrician on call for Orphan Care, a non-profit NGO that places abandoned babies with adoptive families.

According to IMAM, Dr Musa is also a key driver behind a national initiative to increase immunisation coverage of children.

“His book, Immunisation Controversies, co-authored with

leading healthcare child health professionals and advocates in 2015 to debunk myths and misconceptions on vaccination, sold out 2,000 copies within three months of its first print,” said Dr Jeffrey.

He added that IMAM has been active in serving marginalised communities in Malaysia, namely the Orang Asli, refugees and immigrants.

“Success stories include IMAM's cost-effective, efficient and solar-powered water treatment plants that are currently operating in the Orang Asli settlements in Ulu Tiram, Johor and Dabong, Kelantan, in collaboration with the Malaysian Armed Forces and Ministry of Health. These initiatives were part of FIMA's Save Water programme that aims to provide safe and clean water to other parts of the world,” said Dr. Jeffrey.



34TH FIMA COUNCIL MEETING 2017 - ISTANBUL

The largest ever 34th FIMA council meeting was held in the convention centre of Wow hotel Istanbul, Turkey on 18th-19th July 2017. Recitation of the Holy Quran was done by Dr. Mwimbe Juma from Tanzania followed by Introduction of delegates from 39 IMA's. The vice president of

FIMA Dr. Ahmet Ozdemir from the host HAYAT FOUNDATION welcomed the delegates and thanked them for attending the FIMA meetings. The President of FIMA, Dr Tanveer Zubairi in his farewell address thanked the ExCo and council members for extending him a helping hand in

leading FIMA to this stage and high level of recognition globally. He elaborated the FIMA achievements during the last tenure. Around 200 delegates from 39 IMAs attended this historic meeting.

The proposed agenda and



Two Presidents. Dr. Ihsan Karaman, newly elected, Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, immediate past President.



Dr Misbah ul Aziz chair of FIMA save vision presenting the FIMA save vision report.



Dr. Parvaiz Malik presenting the report of FIMA save-smile.



Bosnian IMA delegates led by Dr Faris Foco with Dr Tanveer, Ismal and Fuad.



A view of delegates from IMAs.



Dr. Musa Mohd Nordin, Dr. Iwang Yusup and Dr. Ishak Masud



Delegates during the coffee break.



Dr. Khalid Rasheed of IMA Afghanistan with Dr. Ihsan and Dr. Parvaiz.



Dr. Mohamed Khan with Dr. Hammad Lodhi (British IMA)



Dr Ihsan Karaman addressing the FIMA council meeting.

additional agenda was adopted. The Secretary of FIMA, Dr Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman presented the minutes of the 33rd FIMA council meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria and matters arising from minutes of the 33rd council meeting. Report of FIMA ExCo 2016-2017 was presented by Dr Tanveer Zubairi, President FIMA. He highlighted the salient features of activities of FIMA conducted

during the previous year. He was overwhelmed with the achievement of reaching the target of 50 members of IMA's, which was his dream and he was grateful to Allah Almighty for the accomplishment.

Report of executive director was presented by Dr. Aly Mishal, who highlighted the important FIMA projects including FIMA year-

book, Islamic encyclopedia of Medical jurisprudence, interaction with Arabic speaking IMA's and global Muslim medical bodies. Financial report 2016-2017 was presented by Dr Ashraf Jedaar. British IMA and Sunshine Medical Volunteers from Tanzania were accepted as full members. Whereas MRA (Malaysian Relief Agency) and IMA of Ghana were admitted as associate members of



Reporting session (34 reports presented in full)



Dr. Atallah Ruhaily in a cheerful mood.



Dr. Amin Sinnokrot and Dr. Musa Nordin



Arrangements of the meeting discussed with convention center organizers



Dr. Ahmet Ozdemir, the man behind this remarkable activity.



Dr. Eka, Dr. Ihsan and Dr. Tanveer



Registration counter busy with office work on day 1.



Dr. Ishak Masud, Chairman IHC



More than 200 delegates from 39 countries attended the Council Meeting.

FIMA.

Individual reports from IMA's were presented and 35 reports were presented by official delegates (mainly the office bearers of IMA's and bodies). Reports from FIMA projects including FIMA Save vision (Dr. Misbah ul Aziz), FIMA relief (Dr Ismail Mehr), FIMA-youth / Students activities (Dr Atallah Ruhaily), FIMA Save smile (Dr. Parviaz Malik), FIMA Save dignity (Dr. Ibrahim Sule) FIMA addiction project (Dr. Ihsan Karaman), FIMA HIV-AIDS project (Dr. Majid Kagimu),

Islamic Hospital Consortium (Dr. Ishak Masud), Consortium of Islamic Medical Colleges (Dr Iwang Yusup), FIMA website and FIMA Advisory Council (Dr Musa Mohd Nordin) were presented to the Council.

A new project, FIMA Safe Water was approved and IMA Malaysia was nominated as facilitator of this new project.

A new proposal of FIMA online journal was discussed and a committee was formed to further deliberate on this new initiative. Feedback on 2017 council

meeting and scientific convention was also discussed in the council meeting.

The matter of preparation for the 2018 FIMA council meeting and scientific congress was also discussed and bidding was opened to the participating IMA's. It was decided to hold the 35th FIMA council meeting 2018 in Jordan. The offer to host the 36th council meeting by IMA of Uganda in 2019 was accepted and the 37th FIMA council meeting will be held in Sarajevo in 2020 to be hosted by Bosnian IMA.



Participants of 34th FIMA council meeting Istanbul-Turkey



Delegates from NDF - Bangladesh



*Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman
past General Secretary FIMA*



*Dr. Ibrahim Sule presenting the
report of FIMA Save-dignity.*



Delegates from IMA of Uganda



Day 2 of the 34th FIMA council meeting.



Dr Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman, FIMA secretary presenting the minutes of the last council meeting held in Abuja.

President of FIMA Dr. Tanveer Zubairi nominated Dr. Musa Mohd Nordin (Ex-President FIMA- 2005-2009) for the FIMA Lifetime Achievement Award 2017, he lauded the meritorious services extended by Dr. Musa for the cause and objectives of FIMA. The proposal was unanimously seconded by the house.

The FIMA president clearly identified the relationship of FIMA with WHMU in future and quoted the Quranic injunction of cooperating in the areas of Kher, but to avoid any parallelism.

The election of Ex Co members for session 2017-2019 were conducted under the supervision of a standing election committee comprising of Dr. Mohammed Khan (Chairman), Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman and Dr Musa Mohd Nordin as its members.

The following were elected as the office bearers of FIMA executive committee for 2017-19).

President:

Dr. Ihsan Karaman
(Hayat Foundation)

Vice President:

Dr. Ammar Abu Supoh
(IH Jordan)

Secretary:

Dr. Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman
(IMA Malaysia)

Treasurer:

Dr. Ashraf Jedaar
(IMA South Africa)

Executive Committee:

Dr. Ibrahim Sule

(IMA Nigeria)

Dr. Atallah Ruhaily
(IMA of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Dr. Eka Ginanger
(IMANI-Indonesia)

The meeting concluded with the acceptance speech by the newly elected president of FIMA, Dr. Ihsan Karaman, where he thanked the participants for their trust bestowed in the Hayat Foundation and pledged to uphold the high standards of FIMA working and furthering the cause of FIMA in future. The meeting ended with dua offered by Dr. Aly Mishal.



Dr. Jaffer Qureshi a veteran from UK raising a point of order.



Dr Parvaiz Malik and Dr. Omar Abdiqani



Dr. Iwang Yusup, Chairman CIMCO



Ex. President FIMA Dr. Tanveer Zubairi



Dr. Aly Mishal & Dr Omar during a break



Afghanistan IMA representatives.



Dr. Abdul Malik presenting the report of PIMA.

FIMA & IMAM EYE CAMP FOR REFUGEES, 30TH JULY 2017



The team of eye surgeons and volunteers from IMAM & IMARET



Elderly with cataract were also examined & referred for surgical care.



Diagnostics equipment and refraction services were also provided.



Refractive errors were the most common finding besides infection and cataract.



IMARET charity clinic

REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

ideals and contributed a great deal to the Federation's development.

Recently, we have successfully completed FIMA's one-week activities in Istanbul. We welcomed about 400 medical students from 30 countries for a week in our female and male youth camps. Students not only got the chance to know each other and spend good time with sports and games, but they also exchanged information and experience through seminars, conferences and meetings, and they have been taught as good role models. The best attended FIMA Youth Camp was thus concluded. Our youth is the future of FIMA. And we will continue focusing on youth events in the near future.

The two-day FIMA Council Meeting was another historical record this year with 198 delegates and observers participating from 39 countries. During the meeting, we discussed the current state of FIMA projects and all member IMA's shared information about their annual activities. As a result of the elections held at the end of the second day, Turkey was elected as the President, Jordan as the Vice President, Malaysia as the Secretary General, South Africa as the Treasurer, and Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Indonesia as the members.

On the 20th and 21st of July, we held the scientific congress on "Health in Africa" jointly organized by FIMA, Hayat Foundation, Istanbul Medeniyet University, and the Ministry of Health of Turkish Republic. With 90 speakers and an audience of about 600 people from 53 countries, the congress took place in 22 sessions in three different halls. In addition to the ministers of health from 5 African countries and 3 deputy ministers of health, academics, NGO representatives, diplomats, bureaucrats, healthcare professionals and representatives of international

organizations working in Africa delivered presentations during the congress. On the same days, FIMA's important projects, IHC and CIMCO meetings, were also held concurrently.

The gala dinner of the congress was organised on Friday evening in the Royal Garden of the historical Dolmabahce Palace from the Ottoman era and was honored by the participation of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the President of Turkey. During the dinner he joined with his honorable wife, President Erdoğan delivered a speech, in which he spoke highly of FIMA's activities and sent his regards to all members of the FIMA family. Participated by approximately 800 guests including 400 students, the gala dinner ended with the taking of souvenir photos.

Finally, on Saturday, July the 22nd, we held the Istanbul Meeting which brought guest students together for general discussions and consultations, and also a symposium called "Muslim Women in the Changing World" organized by Hayat Foundation. Thus, the one-week series of FIMA events held in Istanbul were successfully completed. I sincerely thank all participating guests and hope to meet all once again at the earliest opportunity.

At the beginning of a new term, I extend my warmest regards to all members of the FIMA family and would like to express my belief that as the largest umbrella organization of the Islamic world in the medical field, FIMA will become much stronger and see new horizons thanks to your support and efforts.

We seek forgiveness from Allah the Almighty and guidance for our future endeavors.

Dr. Ihsan Karaman
President, FIMA

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