

Conference Booklet



COVID-19 IN THE MENA REGION

Lessons Learned in Research, Public Health Policy and Clinical Practice

Impact of US and International Collaboration

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Welcome

This global conference has an impressive lineup of local and international scholars and practitioners who will speak on topics related to COVID-19 in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region. COVID-19 impacts our social, economic, agricultural, medical, and public health practices and behavior. Under the title of “COVID-19 in the MENA Region: Lessons Learned in Research, Policy, Public Health, and Clinical Practices”, this conference will offer a vibrant scientific program that addresses the impact of this pandemic on global health and wellbeing, particularly in the MENA region. It will highlight regional and global equity gaps, future pandemic preparedness, global health challenges, implications for research, policy, teaching, training, and regional and international collaboration opportunities. The pre- and post-conference workshops were specially designed to provide robust scientific input for the two-day scientific program.



The conference will provide a platform for health professionals and researchers affiliated with more than 125 participating organizations from 21 countries to connect. During the proceedings, there will be ample opportunity to exchange experiences and information, build research collaborations, and share best practices related to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, mental health, social determinants of health, and much more. We are also confident that this important scientific endeavor will serve as a powerful platform to share best practices and strategic solutions to improve health on a global scale and build lasting collaborative relationships in public health, research, and patient and community care. After this conference, participants will be prepared to assume leadership roles in establishing national and global health research partnerships and collaborations. The aim is to improve the management of chronic disease conditions and establish state-of-the-art public health practices that benefit Arab patient populations worldwide.



The Organizing Committee of “COVID-19 in the MENA Region: Lessons Learned” Conference gives special thanks to our sponsoring partners, scientific and planning committees, speakers, and scientific patrons that made this scientific program possible. The two-day agenda, pre- and post-conference workshops, the full lineup of speakers, social program, and more are available at www.covid19mena.com.

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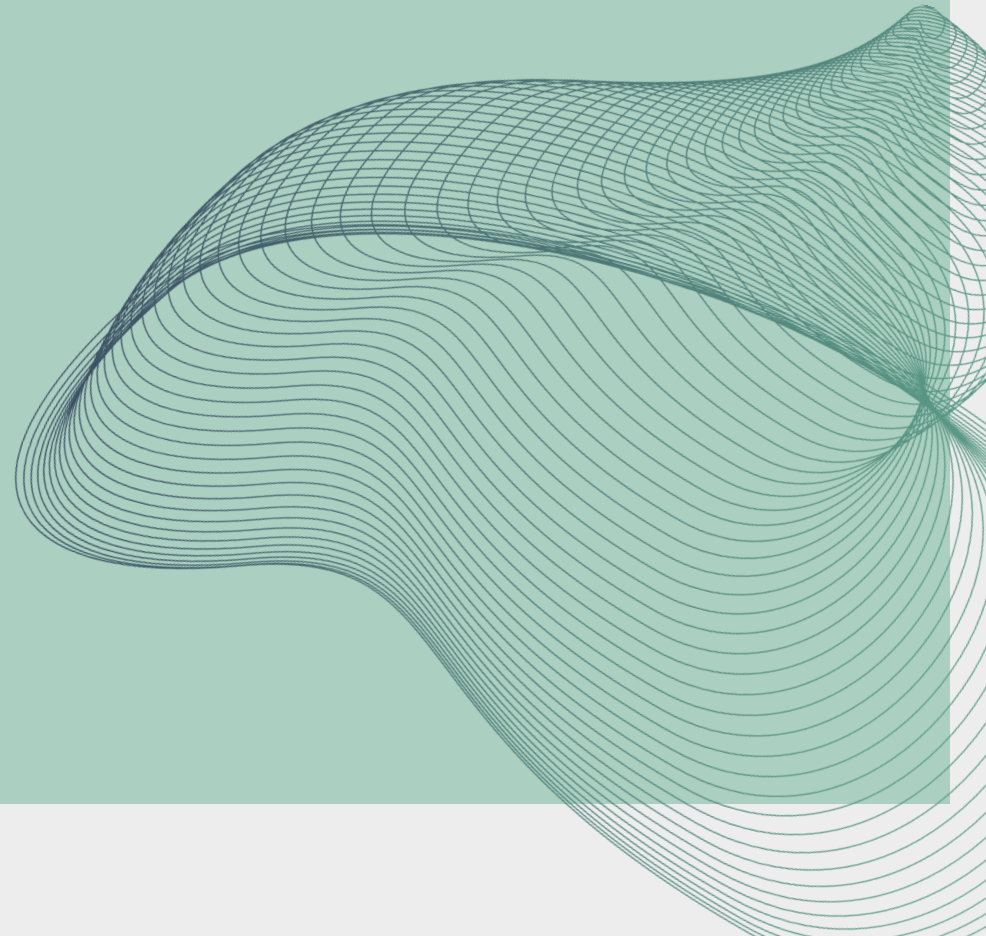
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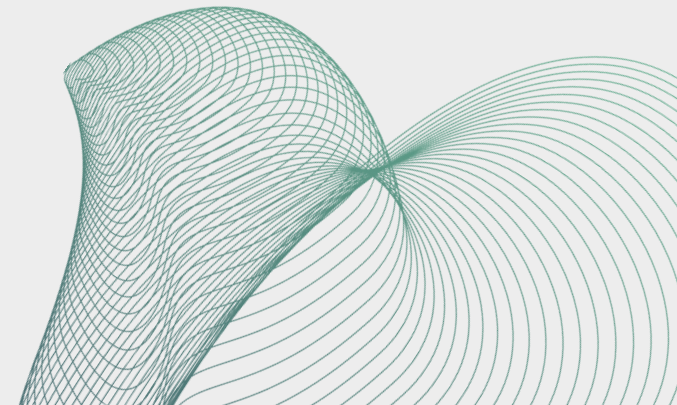
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Conference Objectives

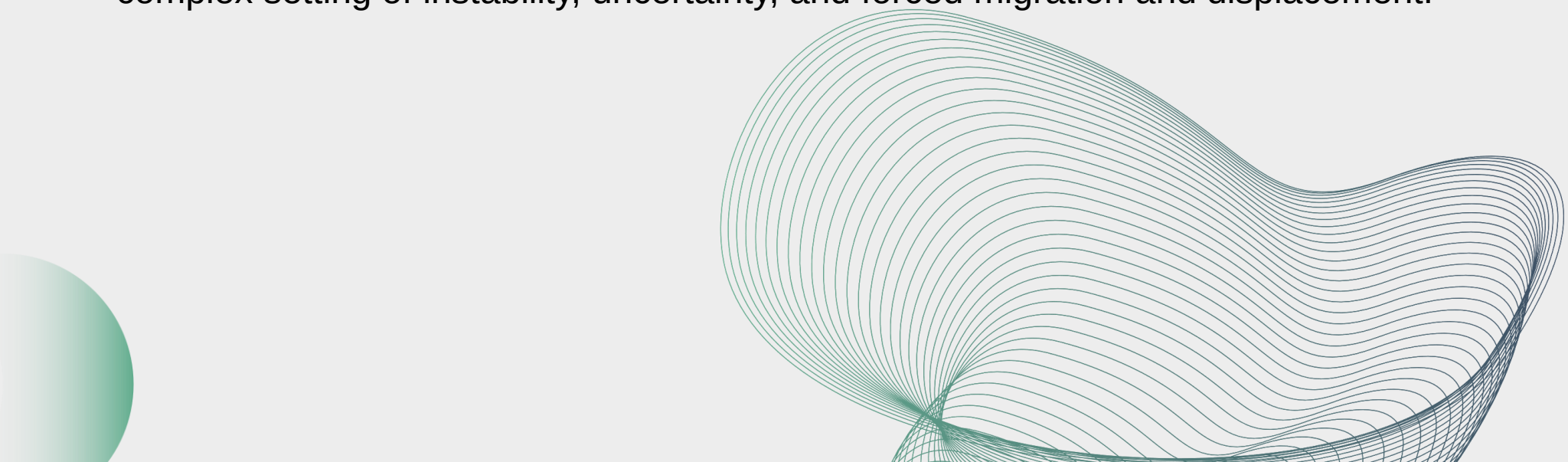


- Share experiences and increase awareness about policies, practice, research, and innovation to address health issues facing the MENA region, e.g., in mental health and non-communicable diseases
- Identify how to build bridges between US and European higher education institutions and institutions in the MENA region and Turkey to improve conducting research within the complex setting of instability, uncertainty, and forced migration and displacement.
- Establish a platform to enhance and ensure proper global health practices amidst pandemics and emergency settings



Conference Objectives

- Identify links and promote partnerships between researchers and academics, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and other MENA region stakeholders, especially in countries hosting many refugees.
- Identify and improve research capacities in the MENA Region, both in qualitative and quantitative methodologies, to examine and respond to health priorities within the complex setting of instability, uncertainty, and forced migration and displacement.



Continuing Medical Education

International Attendees – To improve patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Nebraska Medicine. The University of Nebraska Medical Center is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Turkey and MENA Region Attendees - This activity was approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. The Turkish Medical Association recognizes programs that offer AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians may submit credits earned toward TMA CME/CPD personal board certification requirements.

How to Claim your CME Credits - A post-conference evaluation survey will be emailed to all attendees. CME certificates will be emailed to attendees who complete and submit their surveys. There is no limit to the number of credits physicians may submit toward their requirements.

Sunday May 29, 2022 Pre-Conference Symposia and Workshops 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM		8:30 AM Monday May 30, 2022 Opening Ceremony					Tuesday May 31, 2022					Wednesday June 1, 2022 Post-Conference Meeting					
<div>1. Respiratory support and ECMO in Intensive Care of COVID Infections</div> <div>2. Advanced Air Management of Covid 19 Pandemic</div> <div>Location: Gaziantep University Simulation Laboratories</div> <div>Theoretical & practical applications. Noninvasive airway techniques on advanced mannequin; surgical airway opening techniques on organic material (Sheep Trachea)</div> <div>Registration: Limited number of slots available by e-mail to tipfakse@gmail.com or by calling 0342 3606060/4600</div>	<div>Introduction to Motivational Interviewing for Covid-19 Vaccine and Health Behavior Change</div> <div>Dr. Kenneth Resnicow</div> <div>Registration: Limited number of slots available by e-mail to ahammad.globalhealth@gmail.com</div>	Transition Break					9:00 AM					Poster Session					
		9:20 AM					Panel 10										
		Plenary Session 1: Dr. Fadi El-Jardali (American University of Beirut) Reimagining Public Health Systems in Eastern Mediterranean Region: Structured Reflections on COVID-19 and Directions for the Future					Workshop 11						Panel 12				
		10:00 AM					Drs. Usamah Mossallam, Hassan Fehmi and John Zervos						Drs. Ali Khan, Ted, Cieslak and Sharon Medcalf	Drs. Holly Jordan, Ahmad El Najjar, and Dima Zayat			
		10:30 AM					10:30 AM						10:45 AM				
		Networking Break					Networking Break						Networking Break				
		Panel 1					Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 13	Panel 14	Panel 15						
		Implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for the public health discipline					Are We Prepared For The Next Pandemic?	The ACCESS Integrated Care Model: How to provide quality public health services in a virtual world	Impact of COVID 19 pandemic on management of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the MENA region	Innovation and Technology in Advancing Global Public Health	Equity Matters! Lessons from COVID- 19						
		Drs. Laura Magana, Nada Melhem, Yahya Abed, Mohammad Khalis and Iman Nuwayhid					Drs. Marcus Zervos, Linda Jaber, Rouba Ali-Fehmi, Anita Shallal, and Assaad Eid	Ms. Mona Makki, Ms. Madiha Tariq, Kenneth Resnicow, and Dr. Phillip Levy	Drs. Mohammed Akhter, Henda Azhary, Lina Murad, Layth Mula-Hussein, Amulya Reddy, and Michel Daher	Drs. Pamela Boyers, Furqan B. Irfan, Asad Mian, and Hesham Ali	Drs. Mouhand Hammami, Kamel Mohanna, Madiha Tariq, Ewa K. Panetta, and Stephanie Nawyn						
		12:00 PM					12:15 PM						1:15 PM	1:55 PM			
		Lunch and Networking					Lunch and Networking						Plenary Session 3: Expert Round Table - COVID-19 in Migrants and Refugees Conference Experts from Across the MENA Region				
		1:00 PM					1:40 PM						Transition Break				
		Plenary Session 2: Dr. Nesrin Çobanoğlu (Gazi University) COVID-19 Pandemic in the light of Medical Ethics					Transition Break						Panel 16				
		1:45 PM					Panel 4	Panel 5	Panel 6	Climate Change and Impact on Pandemic Environment	Workshop 17		Panel 18				
		Meeting the Educational Challenges of the COVID Pandemic					The Need for a Public Health Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy in Yemen through Civil Society Organizations	Advancing Global Public Health Readiness and Response Through the Health Security Approach	Refugee Health and Resettlement	Applied Adaptations to Mental Health Service Delivery in Regions of Instability during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Highlights from The Gaza Strip and Lebanon							
		Drs. Omar Lattouf, Rouba Ali-Fehmi, Mouhanad Hammami, and Hassan Fehmi					Drs. Hashem Awnallah, Dahan Alnajjar, Dhekra Annuzalli, Maha Obadi, and Tareq Alkebsi	Drs. Wael ElRayes, Chris Kratochvil, Mohamed Hassani, Raji Tajudeen, Dalia Samhoury	Drs. Bengt, Arnetz, Rima R. Habib, and Ted Cieslak	Drs. Furqan Irfan, William Cunningham, Akihiro Seita, Kamel Mohanna, Farha Abbasi, and Stephanie Nawyn	Drs. Dinah Ayna, Lubna Ghanayem, Mustafa El-Masri, Khader Al-Rayyess, and Marwa Ktaiche						
3:15 PM					3:30 PM					3:30 PM							
Networking Break					Panel 7					Panel 8	Panel 9	Networking Break					
Need for Population-Based Mental Health Preparedness and Response					Challenges in Collaborative Research and Capacity Building During COVID-19 Pandemic	Turkish Response to Covid 19: Lessons learned, opportunities and challenges	Oral Presentations A	Oral Presentations B	Oral Presentations C	Oral Presentations D	Oral Presentations E	Oral Presentations F					
Dr. Eve Byrd, Benedict Dossen, and Ms. Samhita Kumar					Drs. Iman Nuwayhid, Rana Hajjeh, Abba Mehio-Siba, Phillip Levy and Roger Glass	Drs. Gülay Korukluoğlu, Aykut Özdarendil, Önder Ergönül, Mustafa Kemal Celen, Aslıhan Candevir, and Alpaz Azap											
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Key to Session Halls																	
Faculty of Medicine	Mavera Conference Center												Shimall Hotel				
Simulation Center	Main Auditorium	Turkuaz Salon	Mavi Salon	Turuncu Salon	Seminer Salonu 1	Seminer Salonu 2	Çalıştay-2	Exhibit Area	Room Kadikoy Deluxe Tower A2								

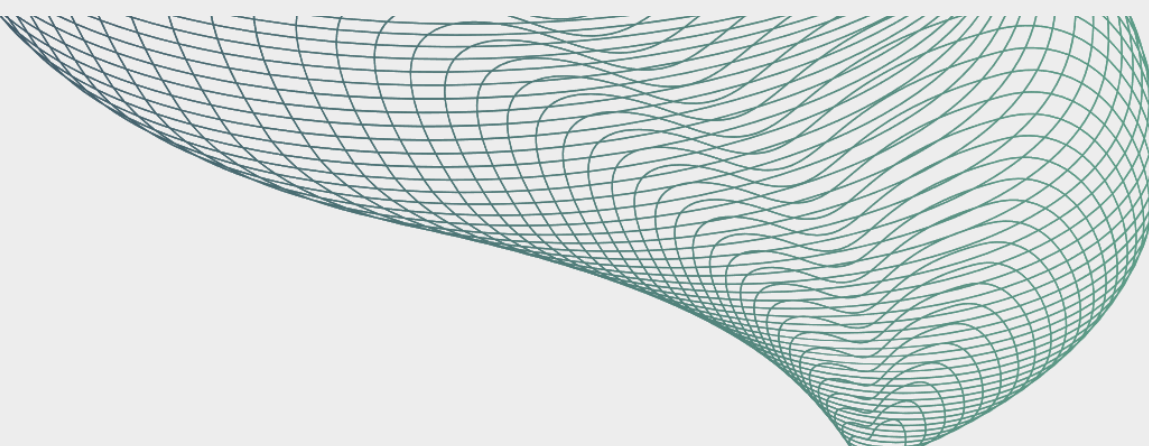


Detailed Program

This conference will provide attendees with diverse educational opportunities in different formats. In addition to Plenary sessions, there are numerous concurrent sessions and poster presentations throughout the proceedings

Transportation

	Pick-up from Shimall Hotel	Return from Maveria Center
May 30	7:30 am	5:15 pm
May 31	8:00 am	5:15 pm



Sunday May 29, 2022

Pre-Conference Activities

9:00 AM	Preconference Symposium Respiratory support and ECMO in Intensive Care at the SARS CoV-2 Infections Gaziantep University Medical Faculty	Gaziantep University Faculty of Medicine Simulation Center
9:00 AM	Preconference Workshop Advanced Air Management in the Covid 19 Pandemic Gaziantep University Medical Faculty	Gaziantep University Faculty of Medicine Simulation Center
9:00 AM	Preconference Workshop Introduction to Motivational Interviewing for Health Behavior Change: Application to Covid-19 Vaccine and Health Behavior Change Dr. Ken Resnicow , Irwin M. Rosenstock Collegiate Professor, University of Michigan School of Public Health <i>Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a patient-centered method of behavior change counseling which has been shown to be efficacious across a wide range of health behaviors. This interactive, skills-based workshop will address both the spirit of MI, e.g., autonomy support, evocation, and collaboration, as well as the specific techniques used to ensure such spirit is evoked. This will include demonstrating and practicing asking effective questions, reflective listening, and eliciting change talk. Participants do not need prior MI training to attend this workshop.</i>	Room Kadikoy Deluxe Tower A2 Shimall Hotel

Monday May 30, 2022

Conference Activities

Opening Ceremony

8.25 AM	• National Anthem
8:30 AM	• Dr. Ayşe Balat, Vice President, Gaziantep University, Conference Co-Chair
8:35 AM	• Dr. Ümit Tiriyaki, Director, Gaziantep Provincial Health Directorate
8:40 AM	• Professor Arif Ozaydin, President, Gaziantep University
8:50 AM	• Honorable Fatma Şahin, Mayor, Gaziantep
8:55 AM	• Dr. Adnan Hammad, Conference Chair
9:00 AM	• Dr. Jane Meza, Vice-Chancellor, The University of Nebraska Medical Center
9:05 AM	• Dr. Ablā Mehio-Sibai, Interim Dean, FHS, American University of Beirut
9:10 AM	• Highlights of Scientific Program - Dr. Basim Dubaybo, Chair, Scientific Committee

Main Auditorium

9:20 AM	Plenary Session 1	Reimagining Public Health Systems in Eastern Mediterranean Region: Structured Reflections on COVID-19 and Directions for the Future Dr. Fadi El-Jardali, Professor of Health Policy and Systems, American University of Beirut	Main Auditorium
10:00 AM	Networking Session		Main Exhibit Area

10:30 AM Panel Session 1

Implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for the public health discipline

Panelists will explore long-term effects of the pandemic on the discipline of public health.

Specifically: Response of schools of public health in the MENA region to the pandemic

a. The case of Lebanon and the Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB, Lebanon

b. The case of Al-Quds School of Public Health in Gaza, Palestine

c. The case of the UM6SS International School of Public Health, Morocco Implications for

Master of Public Health programs in the MENA region and beyond

Keynote Lecture

How did the COVID-19 pandemic affect the image of public health?

How can we sustain the momentum?

Dr. Laura Magana, *President, and CEO, ASPPH*

Panel Discussion

Drs. Laura Magana, Nada Melhem, Yahya Abed, Mohammad Khalis and Iman Nuwayhid

Turkuaz Salon

10:30 AM Panel Session 2

Are We Prepared for The Next Pandemic?

This Panel will provide a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the pandemic on all aspects of health and social determinants of health and provides guidance on how to prepare for future pandemics.

Keynote Lecture

Are We Prepared for The Next Pandemic?

Dr. Marcus Zervos, *Associate Dean for Global Affairs, Wayne State University School of Medicine*

Panel Discussion

Drs. Marcus Zervos, Linda Jaber, Rouba Ali-Fehmi, Anita Shallal, and Assaad Eid

Mavi Salon

10:30 AM Panel Session 3

The ACCESS Integrated Care Model: How to provide quality public health services in a virtual world

This panel will take a story telling approach to share organizational and client case studies during the pandemic. The keynote will provide a specific focus on the global impact that our community-based model had during the pandemic. The panel will share best practices on how to continue public health services virtually and meet basic needs of marginalized communities. Case studies presented will include the ACCESS mental health and substance use program response for communities to begin recovery in a welcoming space.

Keynote Lecture

The ACCESS Story: Creating a Global Impact from the Neighborhood to the Nation

Ms. Mona Makki, *Director, Community Health & Research Center*

Panel Discussion

Ms. Mona Makki, Ms. Madiha Tariq and Drs. Phil Levy, and Ken Resnicow

Truncus Salon

12:00 PM

Lunch and Networking

1:00 PM

Plenary
Session 2

COVID-19 Pandemic in the light of Medical Ethics

Dr. Nesrin Çobanoğlu, Chair, Medical Ethics and History Department, Gazi University School of Medicine, Ankara, Turkey

Main Conference Hall

1:40 PM

Transition Break

1:45 PM

Panel Session 4

Meeting the Educational Challenges of the COVID Pandemic

Facilitated discussion on the impact of the pandemic on educational systems at all levels of learning with an emphasis on lessons learned and innovations developed.

Keynote Lecture

New Initiative: The Future of Medical Education

Dr. Omar Lattouf, Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery, Icahn School of Medicine, Professor Emeritus, Emory University

Panel Discussion

Drs. Omar Lattouf, Rouba Ali-Fehmi, Mouhanad Hammami, and Hassan Fehmi

Turkuaz Salon

1:45 PM

Panel Session 5

The Need for a Public Health Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy in Yemen through Civil Society Organizations

Yemen's health sector suffers from prolonged and ongoing armed conflict, economic decline and institutional collapse. Over 80% of the population faces challenges in reaching food, water and basic health care. Shortages of human resources, equipment and supplies are hindering health care. These have resulted in weak governance of the health sector. Covid 19 deaths are five times global average and one in five Yemenis suffer from mental health disorders. Given institutional collapse and absence of a functioning central government, there is an urgent need to tap into Yemen's rich Civil Society sector to lead, plan, and implement a National Public Health Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy.

Keynote Lecture

The Need for a Public Health Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy in Yemen through Civil Society Organizations

Mr. Hashem Awnallah, Pure Hands

Panel Discussion

Sirs, and Drs. Hashem Awnallah Dahan Alnajjar, Dhekra Annuzaili, Maha Obadi, and Tareq Alkebsi

Mavi Salon

Advancing Global Public Health Readiness and Response Through the Health Security Approach

The panel will focus on enhancing and expanding the governmental and institutional capacities for global public health readiness and response through the health security approach, including the legislative, structural, and financial enablers and barriers. The panel will address the different models, strategies, and approaches adopted by the US Government, The Egyptian Government, the EMRO, and the Africa CDC to advance these domains across the MENA region and how all these efforts and initiatives can better align together to advance global public health readiness and response and health security. A key component will include the governmental-non-governmental relationship and how the non-governmental sector can play a leading role in these efforts.

1:45 PM Panel Session 6

Turuncu Salon

Keynote Lecture

Advancing Global Public Health Readiness and Response Through the Health Security Approach

Dr. Chris Kratochvil, Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical Research, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Panel Discussion

Drs. Wael ElRayes, Chris Kratochvil, Mohamed Hassany, Raji Tajudeen, and Dalia Samhour

3:15 PM Networking Break

Main Exhibit Area

Need for Population-Based Mental Health Preparedness and Response

This session will provide:

- 1. Overview of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Response to COVID*
- 2. Importance of effective and accurate mental health journalism*
- 3. Tools being developed to assist low resource countries in their development of a behavioral health system of care and emergency preparedness*
- 4. Efforts and programs of partners in the region*

3:30 AM Panel Session 7

Truncus Salon

Keynote Lecture

Need for Population-Based Mental Health Preparedness and Response

Dr. Eve Byrd, Carter Center Mental Health Program

Panel Discussion

Dr. Eve Byrd, Mr. S. Benedict Dossen, and Ms. Samhita Kumar

Challenges in Collaborative Research and Capacity Building During COVID-19 Pandemic

This Panel will address all aspects of collaborative research and funding in the MENA region that have been complicated by the COVID-19 Pandemic

3:30 AM Panel Session 8

Introductory Remarks

Overview of research challenges in the MENA Region

Dr. Iman Nuwayhid, *Professor, American University of Beirut*
Visiting Professor, Yale University

Panelists:

Drs. Iman Nuwayhid, Rana Hajjeh, Abla Mehio-Sibai, Phil Levy and Roger Glass

Mavi Salon

Turkish Response to Covid 19: Lessons learned, opportunities and challenges

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Ayşe Balat, *Vice President, Gaziantep University*

Laboratory surveillance system for Covid-19 in Turkey

Professor Gülay Korukluoğlu, *Turkish Health Ministry, Ankara, Turkey*

Turkovac vaccine development studies during the Covid-19 pandemic; challenges and lessons learned

Professor Aykut Özarendeli, *Erciyes University, Kayseri, Turkey*

International guidelines for COVID-19 and their regional applications

Professor Önder Ergönül, *Koç University, İstanbul, Turkey*

Covid-19 Reinfection: Real-Life Data

Professor Mustafa Kemal Celen, *Diyarbakır, Turkey*

Healthcare workers and Covid-19

Professor Aslıhan Candevir, *Adana, Turkey*

Changing treatment modalities during the Covid-19 pandemic

Professor Alpay Azap, *Ankara, Turkey*

Panel Discussion

Turuncu Salon

5:00 PM

Adjourn

Tuesday May 31, 2022

Conference Activities

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Poster Session

Accepted posters are listed at the end of this Agenda

Main Exhibit Area

Lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic: health system perspectives on leadership, innovation, and community impact

We will describe how health care system leverage resources at multiple levels to improve community response, prepare for the future and foster innovation during a pandemic.

Keynote Lecture

Lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic: health system perspectives on leadership, innovation, and community impact

Dr. Usamah Mossallam, Vice President and Medical Director,
Henry Ford Health International

Panel Discussion

Drs. Usamah Mossallam, Hassan Fehmi, and John Zervos

Turkuaz Salon

9:00 AM Panel Session 10

Risk Communication Workshop (Emergency Preparedness)

In the US, quarantine is usually imposed by local public health authorities although US federal government may exercise quarantine authority when interstate or international movement is involved. University of Nebraska Medical Center houses the National Quarantine Unit (NQU), designed for individuals under federal quarantine orders. At the pandemic onset, this facility managed 15 individuals from the Diamond Princess cruise ship. We intend to discuss important lessons learned in the care of these individuals which may be applicable to risk management and communications decisions.

Keynote Lecture

Risk Communication Workshop and Emergency Preparedness

Dr. Ali Khan, Dean of College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Workshop

Drs. Sharon Medcalf and Ted Cieslak

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9:00 AM Workshop Session 11

From emergency humanitarian aid to long-term community development: A case study of ANERA's COVID-19 response in the Levant

ANERA's three-pronged approach to COVID-19 interventions serves as a model for transitioning conflict zones or areas undergoing humanitarian emergencies to self-sufficient communities through sustainable solutions and provides a roadmap for humanitarian aid organizations from short term emergency response to long term community development.

Keynote Lecture

A case study of ANERA's COVID-19 response in the Levant

Dr. Holly Jordan, American Near East Refugee Aid

Panel Discussion

Drs. Holly Jordan, Ahmad El Najjar, and Dima Zayat

Turuncu Salon

9:00 AM Panel Session 12

10:30 AM Networking Break

Main Exhibit Hall

Impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the management of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the MENA region

This panel will focus on how COVID 19 pandemic negatively affected the management of NCDs in LMICs as pertaining to the MENA region. Experts from academia, clinical medicine, and non-governmental agencies will discuss challenges to NCD care since the start of the pandemic.

10:45 AM Panel Session 13

Keynote Lecture

Impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the management of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the MENA region

Dr. Mohammed Akhter, *Duke University*

Panel Discussion

Drs. Mohammed Akhter, Hend Azhary, Lina Murad, Layth Mula-Hussein, Amulya Reddy, and Michel Daher

Turkuaz Salon

Innovation and Technology in Advancing Global Public Health

This panel will examine how IT technologies and innovations can address global public healthcare challenges and allow MENA medical professionals to identify priorities in meeting such challenges leading to a better understanding of urgent needs of healthcare providers and communities. The combination of short talks by experts in new medical technologies and a discussion is designed to meet the dual goal of the panel and produce a specific action plan on how IT infrastructure and emerging technologies can be used to address the main challenges facing global public health among communities in the MENA region and across the world.

10:45 AM Panel Session 14

Keynote Lecture

Innovation and Technology in Advancing Global Public Health

Dr. Pamela Boyers, *Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical Simulation, University of Nebraska Medical Center*

Panel Discussion

Drs. Hesham Ali, Pamela Boyers, Furqan B. Irfan, Asad Mian, and Sung-Soo, Chung

Mavi Salon

Equity Matters! Lessons from COVID - 19

This session will share lessons learned about disparities and inequities under COVID pandemic and how to shape interventions for future pandemics, healthcare situations and disaster in the most marginalized populations. Panelists will discuss their own experience with disparities and what worked in responding to the pandemic. Speakers will focus on four key areas:

- *Overall preparedness to address health disparities through data aggregation*
- *Use of demographic data to identify disparities within communities and specific populations*
- *Examples of interventions to address disparities.*
- *Deployment of organizational and cultural structures to sustain delivery of equitable care.*

10:45 AM Panel Session 15

Keynote Lecture

Equity through the Ages, where did we go Wrong?

Dr. Mouhand Hammami, *Global Health Consultant*

Panel Discussion

Drs. Mouhand Hammami, Kamel Mohanna, Madiha Tariq, Ewa K. Panetta, and Stephanie Nawvn.

Turuncu Salon

12:15 PM	Lunch and Networking		Main Exhibit Hall
1:15 PM	Plenary Session 3	Expert Round Table - COVID-19 in Migrants and Refugees Conference Experts from Across the MENA Region	Main Conference Hall
1:55 PM	Transition Break		
2:00 PM	Panel Session 16	Climate Change and Impact on the Pandemic Environment The objective of this panel is to increase awareness of the inter-dependency between climate change, ecological and human behavioral adaptations and susceptibility to emerging infectious diseases. Keynote Lecture: Climate Change and Impact on the Pandemic Environment Dr. Bengt, Arnetz, Michigan State University Panel Discussion Drs. Bengt, Arnetz, Rima R. Habib, and Ted Cieslak	Turkuaz Salon
2:00 PM	Workshop Session 17	Refugee Health and Resettlement <i>The panel will discuss refugee health and resettlement. Dr Cunningham will give the keynote talk on Michigan State University's IGH work and on refugees. This will be followed by the panelists giving talks on their work with refugees and experience during COVID-19.</i> Keynote Lecture Refugee Health and Resettlement Dr. William Cunningham, Director of the Institute for Global Health, Michigan State University Workshop Drs. Furqan B. Irfan, William Cunningham, Akihiro Seita, Kamel Mohanna, Farha Abbasi, and Stephanie Nawyn	Mavi Salon
2:00 AM	Panel Session 18	Applied Adaptations to Mental Health Service Delivery in Regions of Instability during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Highlights from The Gaza Strip and Lebanon <i>This panel will discuss adaptation of mental health services in four organizations in The Gaza Strip and Lebanon, 2 regions suffering from instability and trauma, during the first 2 years of COVID-19 pandemic, exacerbated by the pandemic. The presentation will include:</i> 1) <i>The assessment of accessibility and feasibility of remote interventions.</i> 2) <i>Community awareness and education; and</i> 3) <i>Implementing Tele-practice in therapeutic services.</i> <i>This joint effort by multiple departments to secure efficiency, timeliness, and good quality of mental health support through program planning, advocacy, and direct clinical service.</i>	Turuncu Salon
		Keynote Lecture Applied Adaptations to Mental Health Service Delivery in Regions of Instability Ms. Lubna Ghanayem, United Palestinian Appeal Panel Discussion Drs. Dinah Ayna, Mustafa El-Masri, Khader Al-Rayyess, and Marwa Ktaiche and Ms. Lubna Ghanayem	

3:30 PM	Networking Break	Main Exhibit Hall
3:45 PM	Oral Presentations Group A – Moderator – Can Demirel	Turkuaz Salon
3:45 PM	Can Demirel <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Distance Medical Education in the COVID-19 Pandemic Period Gaziantep University Faculty of Medicine Case
3:55 PM	Joud Jarrah <i>Henry Ford Hospital</i>	Collaborative model of infectious diseases fellowship training in Jordan: Advancing training in the Middle East North Africa MENA region
4:05 PM	Reem Rabah/Bassima Hazime <i>USJ - Lebanon</i>	Technology tools used as a response to COVID19
4:15 PM	Adel Mohamed <i>The Libyan Universities Biosafety Network</i>	The contribution of The Libyan Universities Biosafety Network LUBN in the Biorisk management of COVID-19 in Libya
4:25 PM	Bahri Bozgeyik <i>Kadrili State Hospital</i>	The Effect of Covid-19 Pandemic on Orthopedics and Traumatology Education
4:35 PM	Fadhl Alkawaa <i>ICRD</i>	How does data science help us in identifying therapeutic targets for SARS-CoV-2?
3:45 PM	Oral Presentations Group B – Moderator - Linda Jaber	Seminer Salonu 1
3:45 PM	Yousef Shahin <i>UNRWA</i>	COVID-19 vaccine attitudes among Palestine refugees and UNRWA staff in Syria
3:55 PM	Engy El-Ghitany <i>Alexandria University High Institute of Public Health</i>	COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance among General population in Egypt; A Cross-sectional Survey
4:05 PM	Hadiye Demirbakan <i>Sanko University</i>	The effect of physical activity on antibody levels in healthcare workers vaccinated with CoronaVac
4:35 PM	Ayşenur Sevinç <i>Gaziantep University</i>	VALUE OF MODIFIED NUTRITION RISK IN CRITICALLY ILL mNUTRIC SCORE TO PREDICT PROGNOSIS IN SEVERE COVID-19 PATIENTS
4:45 PM	Nazim Sekeroglu <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Herbal Mix Mouth Spray: A Promising Natural Product for Prevention of COVID-19 Contagion
3:45 PM	Oral Presentations Group C – Moderator - Ali Ghassani	Mavi Salon
3:45 PM	Ali Ghassani <i>Amel Association</i>	Protecting refugees from covid-19. Identifying Barriers to Safer Practices During Humanitarian Assistance in Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon
3:55 PM	Lama Shakhshir <i>Birzeit University</i>	Health Systems Strengthening Through Preparedness in COVID-19 Health Emergency for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons IDPs in the West Bank.
4:05 PM	Joseph G. Mallia <i>Institute for Tourism Studies, Luqa, Malta</i>	COVID-19 and tourism: Facilitating Inclusion and Equity of Immigrants via Multi-Strategy Educational Approaches in Niche and Language Tourism Vocational Education
4:15 PM	Mohammed Alam <i>Qatar University</i>	Is the Income inequality associated with Covid19 cases and deaths in the MENA region countries?
4:25 PM	Hend Azhary <i>Michigan State University</i>	Covid-19 Outbreak in Palestine COVID-19 pandemic and the well-being of Michigan immigrant population
4:35 PM	Berthe Abi Zeid <i>American University of Beirut</i>	Determinants of adherence to COVID-19 preventive behaviors among older Syrian refugees in Lebanon

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3:45 PM	Derya Korkmaz <i>Ondokuz Mayıs University</i>	The Effect of Drug Adherence and loneliness levels on Quality of Life of Elderly Living in Rural Area During COVID-19 Process	
3:55 PM	Bassam Abu Hamad <i>Al Quds University</i>	Adolescent physical and psychosocial Wellbeing and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Experiences from Jordan and Palestine	
4:05 PM	Muna Ahmead <i>Al Quds University</i>	Healthcare Workers' Emotions, Perceived Stressors, and Coping Strategies During	
4:15 PM	Yehia Abed <i>Al Quds University</i>	Palestinian Health Care System Response for COVID-19 Pandemic	
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3:55 PM	Begüm Şahin/Ayşe Özlem Mete <i>Karabük Training and Research Hospital</i>	Evaluation of the effects of obstructive sleep apnea, sleep quality and depression on COVID-19 clinic in patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection	
4:05 PM	Pinar Özaydın <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Evaluation of the relationship between SARS-CoV-2 IgM and IgG antibody levels and SARS-CoV-2 reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction cyclethreshold values in COVID-19	
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4:25 PM	Najla Butros Abusahlia <i>An-Najah University</i>	Early prone position for non-intubated COVID-19 patients with severe hypoxia.	
4:35 PM	Kübra Koçak <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Covid-19 Positive Pregnant Patients Followed Up at Gaziantep University Faculty of Medicine Şahinbey Training and Research Hospital	
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3:45 PM	Anita Shallal <i>Henry Ford Hospital</i>	Physician Attitudes Toward an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program in Lebanon	
3:55 PM	Belgasim Sabri <i>Tunisian Association for Defending the Right to Health</i>	Management of Covid 19 pandemic: Lessons learned from Tunisia	
4:05 PM	Cuma Yıldırım <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Demographic Analysis of Patients Who Presented to Gaziantep University Şahinbey Hospital Covid-19 Assessment Center during Covid 19 Pandemic in 2021	
4:15 PM	Mohammed Manaa <i>UNRWA</i>	Evaluation of Emergency Health Response to Covid-19 in the Gaza Strip: Mixed Methods	
4:25 PM	Maisa Elfadul <i>University of Medical Sciences and Technology</i>	Evaluation of Multisectoral Approach for COVID 19 Pandemic in Sudan: Structure, Management Processes, Outcomes, and Lessons Learnt	

5:00 PM

Adjourn

Wednesday June 1, 2022

Post-Conference Activities

9:00 AM

**MENA Region Coalition Meeting
(Invited Scholars only)**

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Poster Session

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Armando De Alba

University of Nebraska Medical Center

The crossroads of social equity, public health, and public administration in a post-pandemic era: lessons from H. George Frederickson work

2

Arwa Nasir

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Significant increase in childhood obesity in the year following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

3

Beltinge Demircioğlu Kılıç

Gaziantep University

SARS-Cov-2 infection in pediatric kidney transplant patients: Experience of a center from southeastern Turkey

4

Beltinge Demircioğlu Kılıç

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Hematological activation triggered by COVID-19 infection in childhood systemic lupus erythematosus

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Beltinge Demircioğlu Kılıç

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A rare cause of acute kidney injury in COVID-19 infection in a pediatric patient: Thrombotic microangiopathy

6

Dana A. Halwani

American University of Beirut

Impacts of COVID-19 related measures in the workplace on employees' mental health and wellbeing:: A scoping review

7

Ehab Al-Sakkaf

Yemen FETP

First COVID-19 cases with high secondary infection among health workers, Sana'a capital, April 2020: Lessons learned and future opportunities

8

Elik Arik

Gaziantep University Faculty of Medicine

MIS-C CASE SERIES WITHOUT CARDIAC INVOLVEMENT

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Füsün Fakılı

Gaziantep University

Cavitary Lung Disease After COVID-19 Pneumonia

10	Gary Cochran <i>University of Nebraska at Medical Center</i>	Changes to Hospital Medication Use Workflows During the Covid-19 Pandemic to Ensure Patient and Healthcare Provider Safety
11	Hafi Khouloud <i>Fattouma Bourguiba Hospital</i>	Covid 19 vaccination: too much concern on safety
12	Hafi Khouloud <i>Fattouma Bourguiba Hospital</i>	Chronic kidney disease patients affected by covid 19:a single center experience from Tunisia
13	Hend Azhary <i>Syrian American Medical Society</i>	Challenges to Covid response in war zone area.
14	Ipek Koçer <i>Sanko University School of Medicine</i>	Reminder dose after two doses of inactivated vaccine: Biontech or CoronaVac?
15	Jana Ponce <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center</i>	The Impact of Malnutrition on Mortality and Adverse Hospital Events in Patients Hospitalized with COVID-19
16	Jocelyn Herstein <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center</i>	High-Level Isolation Units: A Global Landscape Analysis and Role in COVID-19 Response
17	Kaveh Khoshnood <i>Yale School of Public Health</i>	Verbal Autopsy to Estimate Number and Causes of Death in Northwest Syria
18	Khalid Alshehri <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center</i>	Country's Vulnerability and COVID-19 Vaccination within the MENA Region
19	Khandakar Saadat <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Potential siRNA therapeutics to combat the COVID-19 pandemic with the inhibition of SARS-CoV2
20	Mahmut Cesur <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Differential diagnosis of foreign body aspiration in a child with pneumomediastinum and covid-19 infection
21	Mehmet Karaçalı <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Acalculosis cholecystitis in severe Covid-19 case with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation support
22	Mehtap Akbalık Kara <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Cerebral stroke associated with COVID-19 infection in a kidney transplant recipient patient
23	Meral Uyar <i>Gaziantep University</i>	FACTORS AFFECTING MORTALITY IN COVID-19 INFECTION
24	Mohammed Akhter <i>Syrian American Medical Society</i>	Healthcare utilization for management of respiratory illnesses in Northwest Syria at the beginning of the COVID 19 epidemic - Analysis of consultations data from SAMS facilities
25	Mousa Atary <i>Birzeit University</i>	COVID-19 pandemic impact on Palestinian patients attending the governmental health system::hospital records review
26	Murat Karaoglan <i>Gaziantep University</i>	The relationship between poverty and salt consumption: Investigation of dietary habits and daily salt consumption in young adults during the Covid-19 pandemic period.
27	Nazife Yasemin Akışın Ardiçoğlu <i>TOBB Economy and Technology University</i>	Investigation of Humoral and Cellular Immunity in TOBB ETU Hospital Workers after Three Doses of CoronaVac Vaccination and after One Dose of Comirnaty Vaccination following Two Doses of CoronaVac
28	Olfa Mahfoudh <i>Sahloul Hospital</i>	Acute Kidney Injury in COVID-19

29	Rania Aburamadan <i>Applied Science Private University</i>	User friendly portable latrines for Syrian refugees living in informal tented settlements in Jordan
30	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	Prognosis interest of chest imaging in COVID-19 pneumopathy: observational study
31	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	Obesity: A risk factor on its own right for severe COVID-19
32	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	The benefit of optiflow in treating COVID-19 pneumonia
33	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	Complications and risk factors in patients diagnosed with SARS COVID 19
34	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	Evaluation of the effectiveness of different doses of corticosteroid therapy in the management of COVID-19 in emergency department
35	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	Management of abdominal pain in COVID-positive ED patients
36	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	Clinical and biological markers of severity related to covid-19
37	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	Efficacy of a herbal treatment in Headaches Caused by COVID 19
38	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	Age: A major poor prognosis factor in patients with Covid-19 infection
39	Rym Youssef <i>Faculty of Medecine Sousse</i>	Efficacy of a herbal treatment in chest pain associated with Covid 19
40	Salim Adib <i>American University of Beirut</i>	The contribution of municipalities to the control of the COVID-19 pandemic in Lebanon
41	Serpil Albayrak <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Clinical and Laboratory Characteristics of Children Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes with COVID-19 Infection in Southeastern Anatolia
42	Sevgi Gezici <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Anti-Coronavirus Activities of Natural Products Derived from Medicinal Plants and Their Roles in Immune Mediated Approaches Against COVID-19
43	Sher Jan Ahamdzai <i>University of Nebraska at Omaha</i>	Healthcare and Afghan refugees in the U.S.: Their mental health affecting their family lives.
44	Sibel Dođru <i>Gaziantep University</i>	Scientific studies in refugees during the pandemic
45	Thang Nguyen <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center</i>	Open-MedicINE: The Case for An Open-source Hardware Platform to Fulfill Pandemic Needs
46	Victoria Wadman <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center</i>	ISTARI: Isolation System for Treatment and Agile Response for High-Risk Infections
47	Wissal Sahtout <i>Sahloul Universitary Hospital</i>	COVID 19 IN KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PATIENTS IN A TUNISIAN CENTER
48	Wissal Sahtout <i>Sahloul Universitary Hospital</i>	COVID 19 IN PERITONEAL DIALYSIS PATIENTS IN A TUNISIAN CENTER



Social Program

Conference participants, especially international speakers and guests, will enjoy a social program during and after conference days. The Social program includes cultural and culinary activities and immersion in local heritage



Saturday May 28, 2022

7:00 pm - Meet at lobby to depart from Shimall Hotel for the dinner

7:30 pm - Arrival at the “TOPKAPI SARAYI” Restaurant (sponsored by SRD)

Sunday May 29, 2022

9:00 am - Meet at the Shimall lobby to depart to Gaziantep University tour

9:30 am - Arrival at Gaziantep University Presidency Headquarter

12:00 pm - Light lunch at the Seyirtepe University Restaurant

7:00 pm - Meet at the Shimall lobby to depart for the VIP Reception (sponsored by Sanko University)

7:30 pm - Arrival at the Sirehan Hotel for the VIP Reception

Monday May 30, 2022

7:30 am - Meet at Shimall lobby to depart to Gaziantep University Maveria Congress Hall

5:15 pm - Depart from Maveria Congress Center to Shimall hotel for 45 Minutes break.

6:15 pm - Meet at Shimall lobby for the dinner (sponsored by Gaziantep Municipality)

7:00 pm - Arrival at the “MSM Gastronomy Academy ” Restaurant

8:00 pm - Departure from “MSM” Restaurant to the Gaziantep University Maveria Congress Hall for the cultural night (with traditional folkloric music depicting Gaziantep and the MENA region)

10:00 pm - Departure from Gaziantep University Maveria Congress Hall to the Shimall Hotel



Tuesday May 31, 2022

8:00: am - Meet at Shimall lobby for the Scientific program at Gaziantep University Maveria Congress Hall

5:15 pm - Meet at Maveria Congress Center to depart to Shimall hotel for 45 minutes break.

6:45 pm - Meet at Shimall lobby and depart to Gala dinner (sponsored by Gaziantep Municipality)

7:30 pm - Arrival at the “Erikçe MSM” Restorant for the Gala Dinner

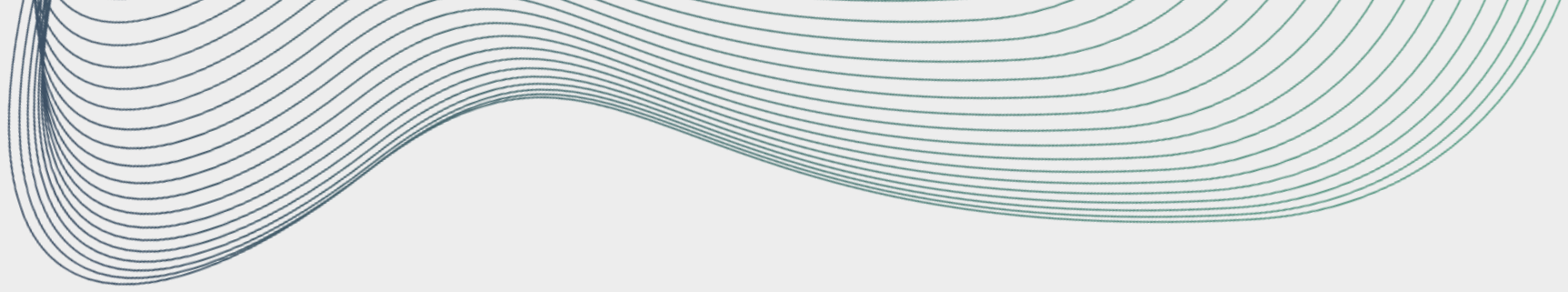
9:30 pm - Departure from “Erikçe MSM” restorant to the Shimall Hotel.

Wednesday June 1, 2022

9:30 am - Meet at the lobby to go to MENA Region Coalition Meeting (Invited guests only)

2:00 pm - Free afternoon

- A visit to Zeugma Museum, the largest ancient mosaics indoor museum in the world - Time to be announced
- A visit to the Archaeological Ruins - Time to be announced



Gaziantep kitchen has a remarkable influence on Turkish cuisine with its immensely rich flavor. In addition to dishes that date back to the Oguz Turks, there is the influence of Aleppo. Its rich kind of soups, rice meals, kebabs, and meatballs, are among the most favorite. Local desserts, kunefe, burmali kadayif, sari burma, mashed pistachio, and milk fat are considered the best in the world. Gaziantep is famous for its sweet pastry baklava.





Two bazaars have survived today and are still used. The Zincirli Bazaar, built in the 18th century, is locally known as the “black steps bazaar” and has 80 shops and five gates. The other bazaar, Kemikli, dates back to the 19th century with cut stone and a rectangular structure with two gates. Gaziantep bore the influence of many civilizations for its location as a crossroad between the east and the west or between the Eastern Mediterranean and the plains of Mesopotamia. Coppersmith works, mother of pearl working, traditional shoemaking, cloth making, stone working, antique weapons, and gold and silverworks are the leading traditional handicrafts in Gaziantep. Gaziantep has a territory of 7,642 square kilometers and a little over 2 million population. It is the leading province of the GAP region in terms of population density.

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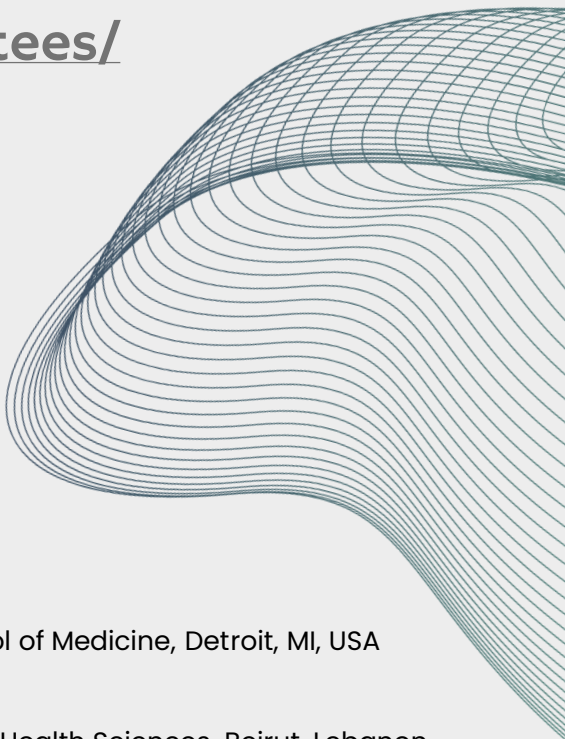
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