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# NAAMA Newsletter



## Message from the President

We are proud to celebrate with you our growing membership that has increased 3 folds this year and our successful medical conventions: Cairo and Detroit in 2018; Beirut and Atlanta in 2019. All 4 conventions were very well attended, financially successful with robust scientific programs.

Please visit the [Events page](#) on NAAMA website for details and photos of past conventions.



## Welcome our new CME Director

Nidal Moukaddam, MD, PhD

Dr Nidal Moukaddam is a graduate of the American University of Beirut, and obtained her PhD in Clinical Sciences from University of Texas Medical Branch.

She is an associate professor at Baylor College of Medicine, and director for the Adult Psychiatry Clinics for Ben Taub Hospital, a level I trauma center in Houston, serving the fourth largest city in the US. We would like to welcome Dr. Moukaddam and thank her for her time and service to NAAMA.



## NAAMA NextGen

We are delighted that we have National NAAMA NextGen Chapters in 7 states and more than 11 colleges with 110 students. They have been involved in various fundraising activities, numerous leadership and mentoring workshops. NAAMA NextGen members are participating in scientific and clinical research projects.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NextGen Summit will be held on February 8, 2020. More details to follow. Click [here](#) to read more about NextGen's past 2 summits.



## NAAMA's 41<sup>st</sup> National Convention Aug 31-Sep 1, 2019, Atlanta

Dr. Imad Sabbagh and the NAAMA Atlanta chapter team organized a very successful conference. The convention started with a Welcome Reception on August 30, followed by a 2-Day Scientific Program where 24 speakers gave outstanding lectures. The lectures covered wide-ranging topics related to the medical field, from the latest in spinal surgery to the role of technology in health care. One of the highlights of the past year has been the growth of NAAMA NextGen and it was celebrated at the convention. The generosity of the members was exemplified by the donations reaching \$60,000 at the convention gala. Dr. Rouba Ali-Fehmi was awarded the NAAMA National Leadership Award for her dedication and outstanding leadership for the past 2 years. Dr. Imad Sabbagh, Georgia Chapter President and Convention Chair, and Dr. Omar Lattouf, NAAMA Vice President, were recognized for their outstanding service to NAAMA. Last but not the least, Ms. Suma Alzouhayli received an award in absentee for her key role in building NAAMA NextGen.



### Upcoming Election 2020

Election Ballot for NAAMA Executive Committee and NAAMA Foundation Board of Trustees for the January 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Term will be emailed soon.

### Upcoming Conventions

**NAAMA International Medical Convention**, Morocco, Summer 2020.

**NAAMA National Medical Convention**, California, Labor Day Weekend 2020.

Exact location and date to be determined for both.

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