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NAAMA Newsletter



A message from the President

Dear NAAMA Colleagues,
It was an honor to serve as the president of this great organization for the past two years. Many thanks for your trust and support. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

*Imad Shbeeb, MD, FASCRS
NAAMA President*



Photo from NAAMA's 43rd National Convention, Sep 2021, Irvine, CA.

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NAAMA's scientific work in 2020-2021

- **Surviving the Global Pandemic**
Oct 24-25, 2020, a virtual convention

Attended by 256 medical professionals and students. 50 speakers, 10 topics covering the convention theme "Surviving the Global Pandemic". 10 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit.

- **43rd National Medical Convention**
Sep 3-5, 2021, Irvine, CA

Attended by 104 medical professionals and Nextgen participants. 27 speakers representing variable medical disciplines presented 22 lectures covering the convention theme "Life After COVID" in addition to 13 posters by NextGen. Three social events. 10 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit.

For the conventions scientific presentations and social event photos visit our website, www.naama.com.

NAAMA Foundation work in 2020-2021

- 12 grants totaling \$136,500 to multiple projects in Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon.
- 4 US student grants.
- Grants to support communities affected by the COVID-19 in the US.
- 81 hemodialysis machines to Lebanon hospitals, valued at \$243,000.
- \$120,000 raised to support the victims of Beirut port explosion via the Red Cross.
- \$60,000 in support of Al Aqsa Emergency Appeal sent to Al Makassed Hospital.

New Membership Auto-Renewal:

A new auto-renewal method will be implemented where the membership renewal will be each year in January. There will be a one-time form to fill and a consent to reuse a credit card/other financial method of your choosing to recharge every year. After that, the membership will be auto renewed unless the member sends a written or an electronic decline notice to the national office before January 1st of each year. Please be on the lookout for an email in this regard in the coming weeks.

Introducing

NAAMA Executive Committee Officers:

President: Imad Sabbagh, DDS; Vice President: Nahidh Hasaniya, MD, PHD; Secretary: Raed Al-Naser, MD; Treasurer: Tawfik Hadaya, MD. In addition to Past President, Dr Imad Shbeeb; Foundation Chair, to be elected; Community Member to be appointed; CME Chair, Dr Nidal Moukaddam; Parliamentarian, to be appointed; NextGen Chair: to be appointed; Auxiliary Chair, Mrs. Dania Sabbagh.

NAAMA Foundation Board of Trustees

Newly elected: Mahmoud Aqel, MD; Mouhanad Hammami, MD; Khawla Suleiman Qafiti, MD. 2nd term: Omar Lattouf, MD PhD; Nabil Khoury, MD; Hassan Fehmi, MD. In addition to Past President Dr Imad Shbeeb, Current President Dr Imad Sabbagh, and current Vice President, Dr. Nahidh Hasaniya. The trustees will meet in 2022 and elect their chair.

2022 Scientific Events:

Save the date, details to follow.

- **NAAMA International Symposium, Turkey, Fourth of July Weekend, 2022.**
- **NAAMA 44th National Medical Convention, New Jersey, Labor Day weekend, Sep 2022.**
- **NAAMA 32nd International Medical Convention, Morocco, end of December 2022.**

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