

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Limassol, Cyprus—MAY 15-17, 2009

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OBJECTIVES

- To focus attention on dementia and neurodegenerative disorders of the aged in the Middle East
- To raise scientific, medical and social awareness of these disorders
- To enhance communication amongst medical and scientific workers in the region
- To foster and enhance collaboration between health workers and researchers in the Middle East with their counterparts in the US, Europe and other parts of the world.

AUDIENCE

- Clinical physicians
- Scientists
- Representatives of government and social agencies, caregiver and patient organizations, pharmaceutical and biotechnological companies, and other health care professionals with an interest in the aging community of the Middle East are welcome.

Attendance is open to participants from all countries.

FORMAT

The conference will be conducted in English and consists of presentations, papers and poster sessions. A question and answer session is scheduled at the end of the conference.

AGENDA / TOPICS

This conference will include, but not be limited to, presentations on:

- history of Alzheimer's disease
- basic sciences of Alzheimer's disease pathophysiology
- pharmacotherapy of primary and secondary symptoms in Alzheimer's
- non-pharmacological management of dementia
- ethical and legal issues in dementia
- aging in local populations
- aging in the Koran and the Bible

OUTCOMES

After attending this conference, participants will be able to:

- discuss the history of dementia and its societal impact on the aging community in the Middle East
- identify different forms of neurodegenerative disorders, including the many causes of dementia
- describe the behavioral features of Alzheimer's
- discuss the appropriate treatment course for Alzheimer's.



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PROGRAM

Friday, May 15, 2009

18:00 **Registration and Welcome Reception**

Saturday, May 16, 2009

8:00	Changiz Geula , PhD, Professor of Neuroscience, Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, USA; Marwan Sabbagh , MD, Founding director of the Cleo Roberts Center for Clinical Research, Sun Health Institute, Arizona, USA; Robert Friedland , MD, Professor, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, USA; Chris Messis , MD, President, Cyprus Mental Health Commission, Cyprus	Welcome Notes
8:15	Christos Patsalides , PhD, Minister of Health, Cyprus	Opening Remarks
8:30	Androulla Vassiliou , EU Commissioner for Health, European Commission	TBA
8:50	Joseph El Khouri , MD, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA	Plenary Presentation

SESSION I: TREATMENT OF DEMENTIA

9:30	Marwan Sabbagh , MD, Founding director of the Cleo Roberts Center for Clinical Research, Sun Health Institute, Arizona, USA	Current and Future Treatments of Alzheimer's Disease
9:45	Edward Zamrini , MD, Associate Professor, The University of Utah School of Medicine, USA	Strategies for the Pre-Clinical Detection of Alzheimer's Disease
10:00	Break	

SESSION II: BEHAVIORAL/PSYCHIATRIC ISSUES

10:15	Magda Tsolaki , MD, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece	TBA
10:30	Rivka Inzelberg , MD, Professor, Technion Rappoport School of Medicine, Haifa, Israel	Neuropsychiatric Disturbances in Parkinson's Disease
10:45	Diana Paleacu , MD, Ness Ziona Mental Health, and Rehabilitation Center, Medical School, Tel Aviv, Israel	How Do the Leisure Activities Influence the Cognitive Function in an Elderly Nursing Home Population
11:00	Yoram Barak , MD, Director, Psychogeriatrics, Abarbanel Mental Health Center, Bat-Yam, Israel	Large Scale Study of the Association between Histopathological Changes and Suicide Amongst Dementia Patients
11:15	Abeer Mahmoud Eissa , PhD, Lecturer of Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry- Faculty of Medicine –Ain Shams, Egypt	Towards more objective Differentiation Between Pseudodementia and Dementia
11:30	Ahmed Khalifa , MD, President of Syrian Society of Neurosciences, Head, Department of Neurology, Damascus Hospital	Cognitive Disorders as a Complication of Cardiac Surgery in Syria

POSTER SESSION

12:30 Lunch

SESSION III: MOLECULAR BASIS OF DISEASE

13:30	Changiz Geula , PhD, Professor of Neuroscience, Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, USA	Inflammation in Alzheimer's Disease: Good, Bad or Indifferent?
13:15	Robert Friedland , MD, Chair and Professor, Department of Neurology, University of Louisville, Louisville KY, USA	Immunology of Alzheimer's Disease
13:30	Spiros Efthimiopoulos , PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Athens, Athens, Greece	Molecular Basis of Familial British and Danish Dementias
13:45	Elyahu Mizrahi , PhD, Department of Geriatric Rehabilitation, Sheba Medical Center, Tel-Hashomer, Israel	Diabetes Mellitus Predicts Cognitive Impairment in Elderly Ischemic Stroke Patients
14:00	S. J. Baloyannis , PhD, Professor, Department of Neurology, Aristotelian University, Thessaloniki, Greece	TBA
14:15	Break	

SESSION IV: GENETICS

14:30	Aida Al-Aqeel , MD, DCH, FRCP, Consultant Paediatric Metabolist, Geneticist and Endocrinologist, Department of Paediatrics, Riyadh Armed Forces Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Care and Genomic Research of Childhood Dementia: an Islamic Perspective
14:45	Doaa Hamed Moustafa Hewedi , PhD, Ain-Shams University - Institute of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt	Profile of Dementia in an Egyptian Sample: Person, Family and Environment
15:00	Hakan Gurvit , PhD, Professor, University of Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey	TBA
19:30	GALA DINNER	

Sunday, May 17, 2009

8:30 **Claudia Kawas**, MD, Professor, University of California Irvine, USA

Plenary Presentation

SESSION V: DIAGNOSIS AND CLINICAL FEATURES

9:00	Marwan Ramadan , MD, Chief of Geriatrics, Hamad Medical Center, Doha, Qatar	Home Caregivers for Alzheimer's Patients in Qatar
9:15	Elisabeth Kapaki , MD, Professor, Department of Neurology, 'Aeginition' Hospital, Athens, Greece	CSF Biomarkers for Dementia Diagnosis
9:30	Nasser Zawia , MD, Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology & Principal Investigator, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, USA	Alzheimer's Disease: Environmental Triggers and Novel Therapeutic Approaches
9:45	Break	
10:00	Eman Al-Khateeb , MD, Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan	A Study of Dementia in Jordan
10:15	M. Anwar Etribi , MD, Professor, Departments of Neurology, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt	Alzheimer's Disease and other Types of Dementia in Egypt

SESSION VI: CAREGIVING AND PUBLIC POLICY

10:30	Lyda Koursoumba , Law Commissioner, Nicosia, Cyprus	The Safeguarding and Protection of the Patients' Rights Law - 2004
10:45	Chris Messis , MD, President, Cyprus Mental Health Commission, Cyprus	The Mental Health Commission and the Patients' Rights
11:00	Ioannis Kalakoutas , MD, Chairman, Cyprus Alzheimer National Committee, Cyprus	The National Committee for Alzheimer's Disease and its Role in Cyprus
11:15	Antigoni Diakou , Chairwoman, Alzheimer's Association Cyprus	The Cyprus Alzheimer's Association: Present Initiatives and Future Prospects
11:30	Evriliki Papastavrou , Lecturer, Cyprus University of Technology, School of Health Studies, Limassol, Cyprus	Family Caregivers of Patients with Alzheimer's and Related Dementias: the Cyprus Experience
11:45	Riadh Gouider , MD, President of Pan Arab Union of Neurological Societies, Chair, Department of Neurology, Razi Hospital La Manouba Tunis, Tunisia	An Alzheimer Center in an Emerging Country: Concept and Usefulness
12:00	Lunch	
13:00	Ruth Goldberg , Chairwoman, Alzheimer's Association of Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel	How to Raise Awareness and Make Dementia a National Health Care Priority
13:15	Paraskevi Sakka , MD, President, Athens Alzheimer's Association Athens, Greece	Dementia Survey in Greece
13:30	Diane Mansour , Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association Lebanon, Beirut, Lebanon	Establishing Alzheimer's Associations in the Arab Countries
13:15	Nicos Michailides , MD, Cyprus	First Pan-Cyprian's Alzheimer's Study

POSTER SESSION

SESSION VI: CAREGIVING AND PUBLIC POLICY (cont.)

14:30	Nasser Loza , MD, Medical Director, Behman Hospital, Cairo, Egypt	The Burden of Dementia in an Extended Family Social Network - a Historical Perspective
14:45	Waleed Fawzi , MD, King's College Londo, London, UK	TBA
15:00	A. Mark Clarfield , MD, Professor, Ben Gurion University, Ctr for Multidisciplinary Research In Aging, Israel	Ethical Issues in End of Life Care in Geriatric Care: the Approach of the Three Monotheistic Religions: Judaism, Catholicism and Islam
15:15	Closing Notes	