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**4 - 5 MAY**  
**2018**

**Medical Diagnosis &  
Auto-Immune Diseases**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress**

**THE POWER OF DIAGNOSIS**

**CME**  
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Beirut - Lebanon

## Welcome Letter

**Dear Colleagues,**

The Lebanese Association for Medical Diagnosis and Autoimmune Diseases LAMDA, has the pleasure to invite you to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress entitled **"POWER OF DIAGNOSIS"** which will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Metropolitan Hilton Habtoor Hotel in Beirut Lebanon.

This year's congress will focus on the importance of diagnosis being the essential core of our medical work. The power of a diagnosis is the most vital influential factor in the future of patients and in preventing a disease from developing. If early diagnosis is accurate, treatment can be possible in fighting the disease. However, if the diagnosis is not precise, chances for treatment and survival will be slim and the patient's life will be jeopardized.

It is critical that each doctor performs proper diagnosis using the proper tools and equipment with constant follow-up on the patient's case to ensure progressivity. A patient should be fully examined, and appropriate lab tests and screenings performed, in order to ensure that the diagnosis is accurate and to eliminate any unforeseen factors.

Since the society strongly believes in the importance of proper diagnosis and its importance in curing and saving lives, this year's theme is based on the **"Power of Diagnosis"** and the influence it poses on human life.

*I would like to thank you all individually for your participation and attribution in support of Human Care.*

Sincerely yours,

**Dr. Karim Bitar**  
**President of LAMDA**

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**Friday, 4 May, 2018**

<b>08:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>09:30 - 11:10</b>	<b>Pulmonary Session</b>	
	Moderators: Tony Abou El Hesn - Nada Ayoub - Dany Abou Abdallah	
09:30 - 09:50	Early Mobilization in ICU Patients	Dany Abou Abdallah
09:50 - 10:10	Pulmonary Hypertension: Update in Diagnosis and Treatment	Diana Sassine
10:10 - 10:30	Updates in Severe Allergic Asthma	Jocelyne Sassine
10:30 - 10:50	Evolving Treatment Strategies in COPD <i>Symposium Novartis</i>	Carole Youakim
10:50 - 11:10	Management of Malignant Pleural Effusion	Dany Gaspard
<b>11:15 - 11:45</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	
	The Address of the President of LAMDA <b>Dr. Karim Bitar</b>	
	The Address of the President of LOP <b>Prof. Raymond Sayegh</b>	
11:45 - 12:00	Coffee Break	
12:00 - 12:30	Asthma: Time for a Change of Name	Elie Farah
<b>12:30 - 13:20</b>	<b>Cardiovascular Session</b>	
	Moderators: Georges Azzi - Mona Saba - Charlotte Abou Elias	
12:30 - 12:50	Screening School Children in Lebanon for Sudden Death	Samer Nasr
12:50 - 13:20	Diabetes of the Old Age <i>Symposium Boehringer Ingelheim</i>	Charlotte Abou Elias
13:20 - 13:50	Moderator: Elie Farah The Continuum of Care in Type 2 Diabetic Patient <i>Symposium Lilly</i>	Monzer Saleh

### Friday, 4 May, 2018

13:50 - 14:50 Lunch Break

#### 14:50 - 16:30 Clinical Cases Session

Moderators: Elie Farah - Hicham Ghreizi - Nadine Bassil

14:50 - 15:10	Is it Meningitis or Not?	Tony Abou El Hesn
15:10 - 15:30	Unusual Cause of GI Bleed	Fadi Nasr
15:30 - 15:50	Case of Resistant Hypertension	Karim Bitar
15:50 - 16:10	The " No Man's Land of Gluten Sensitivity"	Carmen Kassab
16:10 - 16:30	Unusual Cause of Elevated LFT's	Georges Azzi

16:30 - 16:45 Coffee Break

#### 16:45 - 18:45 Immunology Session

Moderators: Randa Choueiry - Souheil Karaa - Karim Bitar

16:45 - 17:15	Infections in Autoimmune Diseases	Loic Guillevin
17:15 - 17:45	Review of Autoimmune Myopathies	Loic Guillevin
17:45 - 18:05	Physiopathology of Horton Disease	Maxime Samson
18:05 - 18:25	Biotherapies in Large Vessel Vasculitis	Maxime Samson
18:25 - 18:45	Autoimmune Diseases Induced by the Oncologist	Georges Saliba

## Saturday, 5 May, 2018

### 08:30 Registration

### 09:30 - 11:30 Imaging Session

Moderators: Marwan Haddad - Mabel Aoun - Tony Abou El Hesn

09:30 - 09:50	MRI and Spine Cord Diseases Update	Marwan Haddad
09:50 - 10:10	New Era of Nuclear Medicine in Prostate Cancer: Diagnostic and Therapeutic	Mohamad Haidar
10:10 - 10:30	The Use of Imaging in New Radiation Therapy Technique	Georges Farha
10:30 - 10:50	Invasive Procedure in Brain Hemorrhage	Georges Nawfal
10:50 - 11:10	Body CT Scan for the General Practitioner	Sami Faddoul
11:10 - 11:30	Review of Uterine Malformations by 3D Ultrasound	Nabil Helou

### 11:30 - 11:50 Coffee Break

### 11:50 - 13:30 Infectious Session

Moderators: Mabel Aoun - Salma Sfeir - Mona Saba

11:50 - 12:20	A New Weapon for Defeating Bacterial Infections for Critical Patients <i>Symposium MSD</i>	Elie Farah
12:20 - 12:40	Non Tropical Parasitology at a Glance	Georges Khalil
12:40 - 13:00	Update in the Management of HIV Patients	Pierre Abi Hanna
13:00 - 13:20	Update in the Management of Invasive Fungal Diseases in Oncology	Gilbert Helou

### 13:20 - 14:30 Lunch Break

### Saturday, 5 May, 2018

#### 14:30 - 16:10 Vasculitis Session

Moderators: Karim Bitar - Elie Farah - Georges Khalil

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| 14:30 - 15:00 | Shall We Continue to Give Azathioprine or Methotrexate as Maintenance Treatment in ANCA Associated Vasculitis? | Loic Guillevin |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Review of Paraneoplastic Vasculitis  | Loic Guillevin |
| 15:30 - 15:50 | Prognostic Scores in Vasculitis  | Maxime Samson  |
| 15:50 - 16:10 | Horton Disease Update: Diagnosis and Treatment   | Maxime Samson  |

16:10 - 16:30 Coffee Break

#### 16:30 - 17:10 Laboratory Session *Syndicat des Biologistes du Liban*

Moderators: Christian Haddad - Salma Sfeir

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| 16:30 - 16:50 | Review of Inflammatory Biological Markers     | Mirna Germanos  |
| 16:50 - 17:10 | Update for New Biological Markers in Oncology | Mireille Zouein |

#### 16:30 - 17:10 Multidisciplinary Session

Moderators: Georges Azzi - Hala Awar

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| 17:10 - 17:30 | Thrombophilia and Pregnancy                        | Hala Awar         |
| 17:30 - 17:50 | Interesting Studies that Make you Smile Than Think | Tony Abou El Hesn |
| 17:50 - 18:10 | Physician - Patient Ethics and Rights: PER         | Antoine Saad      |

#### 18:10 - 19:00 Diabetes Session

Moderators: Mona Saba - Charlotte Abou Elias

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| 18:10 - 18:40 | SU in 2018: Should I Go or Should I Stay?<br><i>Symposium Sanofi</i>   | Rita Nemer  |
| 18:40 - 19:00 | 20 Years after UKPDS, Which Anti-Diabetic Agent is Best for My Patient | Salma Sfeir |

#### 19:00 Closing Ceremony

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