

THE 1ST IBRO MIDDLE EAST NEUROSCIENCE CONFERENCE

NEUROSCIENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST



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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Al-Ain, United Arab Emirates. The Organizing Committee of the 1st IBRO MIDDLE EAST NEUROSCIENCE CONFERENCE, (7–9 February 2011) Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, has great pleasure in inviting you to participate in this International Conference.

The aim of the Conference is to bring together neuroscientists from the Middle East, North Africa and the rest of the world to discuss the advances in the field of basic and clinical neuroscience. At the meeting we will debate current issues and challenges in order to set better standards in research, medical service and education, and plan strategies for the future of Neuroscience in the region. The conference will present a good balance between the recent advances in basic science research and the clinical challenges that the physicians face in their clinical practice.

The conference will take place in Al Ain, the garden city of United Arab Emirates, which is situated in the Eastern region of the Abu Dhabi Emirate. It is surrounded by magnificent greenery, oasis, mountains and desert dunes. The city has all the modern amenities and a clean environment. The road transportation network to, from and within Al Ain is well developed. The Dubai International Airport and the Abu-Dhabi International Airport are around 150km from Al Ain and can be reached approximately 90 minutes by road. The weather during February is very pleasant with temperature ranging from 180 C to 250 C.

We shall strive to make your stay in Al Ain comfortable and fruitful. We look forward to meeting you in Al Ain in February, 2011 .

For the organizing committee,
*Abdu Adem - Milos Lubisavljevic
Ossama Osman - Omar Mukhtar*

Confirmed speakers:

- **Prof. Carlos Belmonte**, Instituto de Neurociencias, Universidad, Spain- | [TBA](#)
- **Prof. Pierre Magistretti**, Brain Mind Institute, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, - | [Neuron Glia Metabolic Coupling and Plasticity](#)
- **Prof. John Q. Trojanowski**, University of Pennsylvania, USA- | [Advances In Developing Biomarkers For Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Frontotemporal Lobar Degeneration and Related Disorders.](#)
- **Prof. Virginia M.-Y. Lee**, University of Pennsylvania, USA - | [TBA](#)

- **Prof. Nasser Zawia**, University of Rhode Island, USA - | [The Environment and Early Origins of Alzheimer's Disease: Genome-and-epigenome wide mapping studies](#)
- **Prof. Abdel EL Manira**, Karolinska Institute, Sweden | [Principles Governing Recruitment of Locomotor Microcircuits](#)
- **Prof. Abdul Mohammed**, Karolinska Institute, Sweden - | [The use of behavioural tests in neuroscience](#)
- **Prof. Mustafa al'Absi**, University of Minnesota Medical School, USA - | [Stress and Addiction: Neurobiological and Psychological Mechanisms](#)
- **Prof. Michael Zigmond**, University of Pittsburgh, USA - | [Life Style and Brain Health](#)
- **Prof. Mimoun Azzouz**, University of Sheffield, UK | [Current Advances in Gene Therapy for Spinal Muscular Atrophy](#)
- **Prof. Fayçal Hentati**, Institut National de neurologie, Tunis - | [Parkinson Disease in Tunisia: Clinical and Genetic Aspects](#)
- **Prof. Patrick Aebischer**, Brain Mind Institute, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland | [TBA](#)
- **Prof. Saeed Bohlega**, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, Saudi Arabia - | [Prevalent Syndrome in the Middle East](#)
- **Dr. Abdulrazak Abyad**, Abyad Medical Center and Middle-East Longevity Institute, Lebanon - | [TBA](#)
- **Prof. Abdulmonem Al-Hayani**, King Abdul Aziz University, KSA - | [TBA](#)
- **Prof. Nouria Lakhdar-Ghazal**, Université Mohammed, Morocco - | [TBA](#)
- **Dr. Marwan Sabbagh**, Sun Health Research Institute, USA - | [Recent Clinical Trial Results and Emerging Treatments for Alzheimer's Disease](#)
- **Prof. Mohammed Akaaboune**, University of Michigan, USA - | [Molecular Dynamics of Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor at the Neuromuscular Junction of Living Mice](#)
- **Prof. Noel Ghanem**, American University of Beirut, Lebanon - | [The Rb/E2F Pathway Modulates Neurogenesis through Direct Regulation of the Dlx Transcription Factors](#)

▪ **Prof. Sulayman D. Dib-Hajj**, Yale School of Medicine, USA - | *Sodium channel Nav1.7 mutations underlie a spectrum of human pain syndromes*

▪ **Prof. Hilal A. Lashuel**, Brain Mind Institute, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland- | *Protein Misfolding and Fibrillogenesis in Neurodegenerative Diseases: From Mechanistic Studies to Therapeutic Strategies*

▪ **Prof. Valsamma Eapen**, University of New South Wales, Australia- | *What Does Neuroscience Teach Us About Autism: Understanding Brain Connectivity in Autism*

▪ **Prof. Mohammed R Milad**, Harvard Medical School, USA- | *A Translational Approach to Understanding the Neuronal Circuits of Learning not to Fear*

Conference Themes:

- Neurodegenerative diseases
- Neuropsychiatry and Behavior
- Neurotransmitters and Neuropeptides in Health and Disease
- Neuroimaging in Health and Diseases
- Neuroimmunology
- Neuroendocrinology

Important Dates:

- Conference Dates - **Feb. 7-9, 2011**
- Abstract Submission Deadline- **Dec. 31, 2010**
- Early Registration Deadline- **Dec. 31, 2010**
- Late Registration Deadline- **Feb. 1, 2011**

Credit Hours

All Conference participants will get the CME credit hours, issued by Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University. The exact number of credit hours will be posted once it is approved by the CME & CPD Committee of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UAEU.

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Best regards

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