Dear Colleague,

It is with great pleasure that we would like to announce to those of you who didn't know, the upcoming Burning Issues in Psychiatry Congress, to be held for the first time in the Middle East and in the World on October 27-28 in Beirut, Lebanon (www.bipsych.org).

The selected topic is: Bipolar Spectrum, a concept first originated over a decade ago, that has found acceptance amongst many, whilst being considered as contentious by others. The conference will bring together the world's experts in Bipolar Spectrum and these experts will provide a series of keynote lectures - including Prof Hagop Akiskal, Prof William Corryell, Prof Zoltan Rihmer, Dr Giulio Perugi, Prof Andreas Erfurth...and many more. Chaired by Dr Elie Karam and Dr Elie Hantouche, it is certain that both sides of the Burning Issue of Bipolar Spectrum will be thoroughly examined.

The congress is in association with the Lebanese Psychiatric Society and the Arab Federation of Psychiatrists. Since the congress has essentially an international scope, the organizers are making sure that regional experts will have due time to express their opinions during 2 sessions (one for the Lebanese Psychiatric Society and one for the Arab Federation of Psychiatrists).

The setting for the conference is the beautiful Hotel Phoenicia in Beirut - Lebanon, based on the waterfront in the wonderfully reconstructed downtown area of Beirut, a fascinating city with 6000 years of culture and heritage to be explored. An exciting social program has been organized specifically for this event to uncover the many cultural, natural and historical features of the beautiful country of Lebanon (hiking, archeology...).

We look forward greatly to welcoming you to Beirut. For more information and registration, please go to the website www.bipsych.org, or contact Ms. Julie Ribeiro jr@cortexcongress.com.

If you would like to contribute to the session of Arab Federation of Psychiatrists, please let us know and send your abstracts at egkaram@idraac.org.

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