

# THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE NEWSLETTER



## OUR VISION

The School of Medicine aims to be an international center of academic excellence – contributing to the development of health sciences, and distinguishing itself based on the quality of its graduates, research, and the relevance of its training programs to national and global needs.

## OUR MISSION

To provide society with qualified physicians capable of delivering quality healthcare services nationally, regionally, and internationally; and to encourage our students to pursue higher specialized studies, to engage in scientific research, and to interact with the international medical community.



**ESTABLISHED IN  
1971, IT IS THE FIRST  
MEDICAL SCHOOL IN  
JORDAN**



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### SCIENTIFIC DAY 2019



More than 130 research projects presented in one day.

### ALUMNI CORNER



Prof. Abdel-karim Al-Qudah, president of The University of Jordan.



Prof. Walid Maani, former minister of education, and minister of higher education and scientific research.



Prof. Nadera Sweiss, division chief of rheumatology at University of Illinois

### ACHIEVEMENTS



The School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCM.

# INAGURATION OF SCHOOL OF MEDICINE NEWSLETTER

## A Welcome Message

We are thrilled to announce the release of the first issue of the School of Medicine Newsletter.

This newsletter we hope will be a central platform for sharing the school's news, latest developments in addition to celebrating our students' and alumni's achievements.

A vital audience targeted by our beloved school's newsletter will be its former graduates, and alumni, who might have not had the chance to follow up on the latest developments and news and who are still very much recognized as an integral part of and a sense of pride for our school. This newsletter is one important portal for re-establishment of this communication.

We went further this year to invite our alumni to become mentors to our current students and to collaborate in research projects with the current staff and to visit as examiners assessing and celebrating the skills of our graduating class.

Another vital audience we are aiming to reach is the general public. The general public we noticed are unaware about the community outreach programs, volunteer activities and extra-curricular activities conducted by our staff and medical students. Reaching out to the general public proves that this university and medical school are above all a central part of its community, feeling its heartbeat and continuously giving and reaching out.

We, at the school of medicine, believe we share a common goal with our staff, students and alumni, which is the continuous progress of this beloved school and university. Each and every person is an integral part of this process and we hope this newsletter will lend a voice to all members to participate.

Prof Islam Massad



## ALUMNI CORNER

Professor Abdel-karim Al-Qudah, President of the University of Jordan

With more than 30 years of being an integral part of the University of Jordan School of Medicine family, both as a student and distinguished faculty, Dr. Abdul Karim Al Qudah was appointed as the President of the University of Jordan in 2018. Previously he undertook several leading positions at the University including Vice President of Research and Higher Education and Head of the Jordan University Hospital among others.



His Excellency Professor Walid Maani, former Minister of Education, and Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Professor Maani was appointed in 1977, and became a full professor in 1987. He has been working, studying and doing research since then. During this journey, he assumed the responsibility of several high ranking positions including the President of the University of Jordan, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Education and Higher Education and was Jordanian senator.



Professor Nadera Sweiss appointed Division Chief of Rheumatology at University of Illinois

Dr. Sweiss is a graduate of the School of Medicine. She pursued her post graduate education at the University of Jordan and in the United States of America. Dr. Swiss founded the Sarcoidosis Research Center at the University of Illinois and was recently promoted to Division Chief of Rhtumatology at the University of Illinois.



# RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

## SCIENTIFIC DAY 2019

On the 11th of April 2019, the University of Jordan School of Medicine celebrated the attainment of an important milestone in its road to scientific advancement and research, that of integrating medical research with education when the First School of Medicine Scientific Research Day was successfully launched.

The Scientific Day was kicked off with an elegant ceremony, after which, professor Abdul Kareem Al-Qudah, president of the University of Jordan, inaugurated the poster hall, where (123) posters were presented in this day, each assessed by a panel of faculty members. 16 groups presented their projects as oral presentations. The presentations were attended by Professor Al-Qudah, Professor Islam Massad, The Dean of School of Medicine, school's Vice Presidents, Deans of Schools, members of the University Faculty, family members, fellow colleagues, as well as representatives from Jordanian parliament and senates. The students demonstrated

not only the hard work done during the time dedicated to conduct the projects, but all the skills and knowledge they have acquired during their six years of study.



The Scientific Day culminated with honoring research projects that stood out, along with their students and mentors. In addition special awards were given to the three best poster and three best oral presentations.

As the Scientific Day becomes an annual event, along with the establishment of a dedicated office for medical research at the school of medicine, it is expected that our students will engage in numerous projects, be exposed to the beauty of scientific discovery, and become future leaders in innovation and advancement.



The school of medicine would like to thank Dr. Iyad Sultan from King Hussein Cancer Center for funding catering services for this day.

## THE FOUNDATION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH OFFICE

As the value of medical research has become integral to the educational process at the school of medicine, a special office dedicated to medical research was established in November of 2018. The office operates in close cooperation with the deanship of the medical school and managed and organized by distinctive alumni and staff of the school of medicine: Dr. Fidaa Thekrallah, Dr. Laila Tutunji, and Dr. Saif Aldeen AlRyalat. Despite its recent establishment, the office was able to successfully conduct assess and ensure the proper and timely completion of student research projects and to successfully organize and pull through the Scientific Research Day which is viewed as a celebration of the students hard work and effort.



# SIMULATION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION



By Prof. Islam Massad  
Consultant of anesthesia and Intensive Care

Perhaps, the most important and best known education strategy is direct teaching through lectures, discussions, and presentations. However, more practically oriented teaching methods are being introduced such as problem solving, case studies, experiments, and meaningful imaging.

Simulation is a modern teaching method that has proven to be effective and is preferred by learners, as it brings trainees closer to the real world which is difficult to emulate in the traditional classroom. Simulation is particularly helpful in medical education as it provides a chance to teach procedures and experience medical scenarios without exposing patients to any risk or harm in addition to allowing trainees to acquire a high degree of precision and accuracy in perfecting their hands on skills.

Simulation makes use of professional actors, simple and high-resolution models, computer programs, and virtual reality to take students through real life scenarios and perform certain procedures. Since the advent of the computer and spread of technology, the process of simulation of concepts, activities, and experiments has become more widespread and easier to apply.

In the 21st century, health sciences have probed into the world of simulation especially in developed countries, where simulation methods are integrated to train medical students in specially designed training centers.

The University of Jordan School of Medicine has taken upon itself to be at the fore front of the latest in medical education and has successfully integrated simulation into its medical school curriculum. Well designed simulation rooms were established and in 2016 the School of Medicine organized and hosted a conference on " Simulation in Medical Education " in joint collaboration with the Federation of Arab Medical Colleges which proved to be a great success.

# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The School of Medicine Visit to Dayr Allah town with a joint delegation from Qatar Cornell Medical School.



Virtual reality anatomy laboratory is ready to be used by our students.



The School of Medicine adopts new teaching approaches such as blended learning and integrated education.



The School of Medicine celebrated the 1994 alumni class reunion and honored the outstanding graduates of the 2019 class.

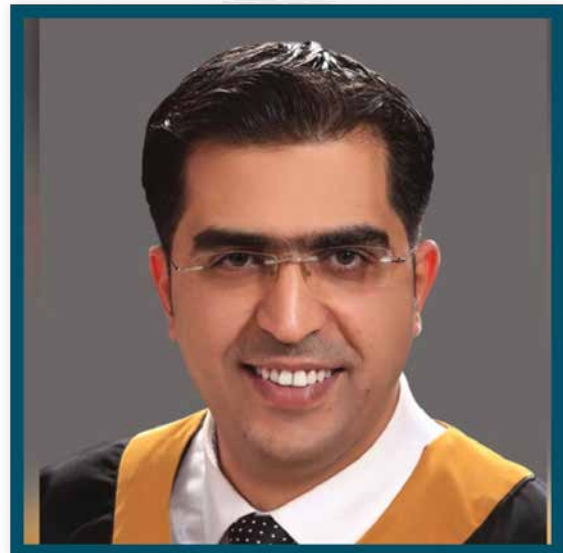


# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

With the highly appreciated support of the local community, staff and students a new student lounge was opened at the School of Medicine, and the library was successfully renovated at the University of Jordan Hospital.



Dr. Mohammad Abu Faraj was appointed as the co-editor in chief of the Arab Journal of Urology.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FACULTY MEMBERS

Professor Dr. Najwa Khuri was appointed as a member of the International Advisory Group of Experts of the Infectious Disease Society of America.



Dr. Saif Aldeen AlRyalat, registered his patent the "Healing Hand", which is the first Jordanian patent registered through the International Patent Corporation Treaty (PCT).



# ACHIEVEMENTS

For the first time, The School of Medicine was internationally accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM) and recognized by World Federation for Medical Education through 2022.



The School of Medicine ranked among the top universities worldwide for the years 2019 and 2020 by QS World University Ranking.



# FUTURE PLANS

## A New School of Medicine Building

A new building for the school of medicine will be inaugurated soon, with 4 auditoriums, 4 lecture halls, and a meeting hall accommodating more than 1,600 students at a time.



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