It is my pleasure to welcome you in Beirut to participate in the XIth IEA/EMR regional scientific meeting on: “Contribution of Epidemiology to the Health and Well-Being of Populations in the Middle East and North Africa”.

The last time the Lebanese Epidemiological Association (LEA) hosted the IEA/EMR regional meeting in Beirut was in 2010, drawing about 200 participants from several Arab countries. We are looking forward and confident that the 2019 meeting will be equally successful. We believe that your contribution in this event as leaders in science and health, will enhance the position of the EMR countries in responding to challenges in Public Health.

Over the past 20 years, LEA annual scientific meetings have provided the opportunity for fruitful discussions within the public health community locally and in the region. These meetings have sustained networking with colleagues in the MENA region and provided the ground for collaboration, in a context of endemic uncertainty and insecurity.

The program includes contributions from worldwide leading health professionals, epidemiologists and clinicians, who will provide a cutting-edge discussion on the issue of the role of epidemiology in improving health outcomes in the MENA region. We are looking forward to your valuable participation in this regional conference that is expected to be professionally stimulating.

My special thanks and appreciation go to the organizing and scientific committee members for their great efforts and help in planning and preparing this XIth IEA/EMR regional scientific conference.

I hope you will have a pleasant and enjoyable stay in Beirut. Ahlan wa Sahlan

LEA President
Gilbert and Rose–Marie Chagoury School of Medicine
Lebanese American University

Mary E. Deeb, MPH, PhD
Recent political changes in the Middle-East and North Africa (MENA) region have affected the social and economic development of whole nations and are threatening to wipe out all the progress realized during the final quarter of the 20th century. Despite these unfavorable conditions, the time has come to meet again as epidemiology practitioners in the Eastern Mediterranean (EM). Ten regional meetings have been held so far in the EMR in the last 40 years. In association with the Lebanese Epidemiological Association (LEA), the IEA invites you to the XIth EM regional meeting to be held in Beirut in February 2019.

Public health professionals, clinicians, academicians, health care field workers with national and international NGOs are all concerned stakeholders whose support, presence and active participation will make the 2019 EMR meeting a major success. The overall theme of the meeting encourages participants to consider classical and emerging contributions of epidemiology to the health and well-being of populations in the region. We hope that this event will re-create a momentum towards regular meetings in the EMR.

We look forward to a rich scientific event and a good opportunity to re-unite with friends and colleagues from the area.

Salim M. Adib, MD, DrPH

IEA-EM Regional Councilor
Speakers Biographies

Mohannad Al-Nsour

Dr. Mohannad Al-Nsour is an internationally recognized expert in field epidemiology, research and public health systems. Dr. Al-Nsour assumed several positions as a researcher, advisor, and director in Jordan. He also served as a consultant on several assignments with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and the American University of Beirut. Dr. Al-Nsour has been leading EMPHNET since 2009, by providing strategic and operational responsibilities, and guiding the enrichment of FETPs and public health in the region. Under Dr. Al-Nsour’s leadership, EMPHNET emerged as a regional entity that leads initiatives to promote public health, advance field epidemiology and improve performance of FETPs in the region. Dr. Al-Nsour is a speaker at the national and regional level covering public health topics such as leadership, field epidemiology, and creating new opportunities. As a certified trainer, Dr. Al-Nsour has extensive experience in training both at the national and regional levels, with outstanding teaching skills. His areas of expertise are infectious diseases, non-communicable disease and cancer epidemiology.

Arnold Bosman

Arnold Bosman is a medical doctor, trained as an epidemiologist and medical consultant in public health. Until 2016 he headed the Public Health Training Section at the European Centre for Disease Prevention & Control (ECDC). During his 10-year tenure, he was leading the development of a new training program in Public Health Microbiology ‘EUPHEM’, the design and development of an online community platform for public health information sharing ‘FemWiki’ and the design and development of the ECDC Virtual Academy ‘EVA’. Prior to that he was chief scientific coordinator for the European Program for Intervention Epidemiology Training ‘EPIET’. He now heads an international public health education and consulting company “Transmissible” and provides consultations an innovative materials for public health training.
Arash Rashidian

Dr Arash Rashidian (MD, PhD) is the Director of Information, Evidence and Research in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) of the World Health Organization in Cairo, Egypt. In this position, he leads the regional agenda of the WHO as related to five areas of work: Health Information and Statistics; Research Development and Innovation; Knowledge Sharing and Production; Editorial, Publishing and Web Support; and Official Languages Support. The division is responsible for three major priority programs for the region: 1) development of valid and timely health information (“core indicators program”); 2) improving valid mortality and birth data, including causes of death (“CRVS agenda”); and 3) improving evidence-informed policy making. Arash Rashidian is the Executive Editor of the Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, the flagship WHO publication in the EMR.

He moved to WHO from the position of Deputy Chancellor for Public Health and Primary Care at the Tehran University of Medical Sciences, where he was also a Professor of Health Policy and Management at the School of Public Health. He has an established career in health policy and systems development in different countries. He has extensively published in areas of evidence-informed decision making, health care financing, coverage and purchasing policies, organization of primary care and hospital services, pharmaceutical policies, quality of care and health workforce.

Previously, Arash was the founding Director of National Institute of Health Research (Iran), Visiting Professor at the Imperial College London (UK), Honorary Professor at the Shiraz University of Medical Sciences (Iran), methodological advisor to the National Collaborating Centre for Acute Care (affiliated to NICE, UK), Lecturer (Assistant Professor) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK), Visiting Associate Professor at the Aga Khan University (Pakistan), and Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the Bangor University (UK). He has supervised several PhD and MSc/MPH students, has taught at post-graduate level, and has been an editor of prestigious journals.

Rachid Salmi

L. Rachid Salmi, MD, PhD, trained in medicine in Lyon (France) and in epidemiology at McGill University (Montreal, Canada) and at the Centers for Disease Control (Atlanta, USA). He is currently Professor of Public Health at Université de Bordeaux (France), at the School of Medicine and at Bordeaux School of Public Health (ISPED); he was the Director of ISPED from 2005 to 2017. His research is carried in INSERM U-1219 Bordeaux Population Health Research Center (Injury Epidemiology, Transportation, Occupation Team), and covers child abuse, outcome of mild head injury, and translation of knowledge for clinical and public health decision making; he also heads the Evaluation Methods Unit at Bordeaux University Hospital. He is also the President of ADELF, the Association of French-Speaking Epidemiologists.
Ghazi Tadmouri

Dr. Ghazi Tadmouri is the Dean of the Faculty of Public Health at Jinan University (Lebanon). He is also member of the Scientific Research Committee (Universities’ Association of Lebanon) and member of the editorial and peer-review boards of many peer-reviewed journals and research funding organizations. In years 2010–2012, he also served as member of the Higher Committee for Health Research (Ministry of Health, UAE). In 1999, Dr. Tadmouri received his Ph.D. degree in Molecular Biology and Genetics from Bogazici (Bosphorus) University (Istanbul, Turkey). In years 2000–2004, he was Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology and Genetics at Fatih University (Istanbul, Turkey). In years 2007 and 2009, he conducted graduate and professional courses and workshops on Bioinformatics at the Arabian Gulf University (Manama, Bahrain) and the World Health Organization (Cairo, Egypt). In 2011, he received the prestigious Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. In 2014, he received the title of Associate Professor in Molecular Biology and Genetics. In 2004, Dr. Tadmouri founded the CTGA Database for genetic disorders in Arab people at the Centre for Arab Genomic Studies (Dubai, UAE) and headed its development team. With a wealth of scientific publications and punctual reports, the Centre for Arab Genomic Studies created a great difference in terms of awareness towards genetic disorders at the decision-making and governmental levels. As a population geneticist, Dr. Tadmouri admires the genetic diversity in the Mediterranean region as well as its unique blend of cultures and languages. He focuses in his research on various medical, genetic, and computational aspects related to inherited genetic disorders in Arabs. On a separate track, he also conducts advanced studies on the various aspects of mapping medical research and science networks in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Dr. Tadmouri is author of more than 35 books and international scientific articles. He presented scientific papers in more than 70 international conferences and workshops. Despite this, Dr. Tadmouri believes that scientific knowledge is only effective when translated into public practice. In line with this, he organized workshops, authored series of publications, and maintained a strong media presence in major Arab newspapers, magazines, radio, and television aiming at conveying scientific findings to the public and causing a communal impact. Born in year 1969 to a family with roots from the Mameluke cities of Tripoli and Cairo, educated in Beirut and Istanbul, and acquired professional experience in Istanbul and Dubai, Dr. Ghazi Tadmouri recognizes the Eastern Mediterranean and the Arabian Peninsula to be his large homeland. This influence appears in his linguistic capabilities and his practice of spoken local dialects from the region.
Nick Townsend

Nick joined the Department for Health at the University of Bath in 2018 as an Associate Professor in Public Health Epidemiology having joined from the University of Oxford, where he was a programme leader for the Centre on Population Approaches for Non-Communicable Disease Prevention. His research focuses on the development and implementation of evidence based policy, with a particular focus on population level approaches to prevent non-communicable diseases (NCDs). This research covers the key areas of policy development and implementation, including the identification of health needs and appropriate policies or interventions, adaptation of policies or interventions to local contexts, implementation of policies or interventions and their scale-up and long-term sustainability. He is particularly interested in the wider/social determinants of health and multi-sectoral approaches to health promotion. Nick’s research has a global focus, with a focus on health in low and middle-income countries. He has worked with a number of intergovernmental organisations, national and international NGOs, academic institutions and policy makers including the WHO, the World Bank and the European Society of Cardiology.

Wilma van den Boogaard

Started working with MSF since 25 years, first in several emergencies (Liberia and South Sudan), but from 1998 onwards as a health promoter, field coordinator followed by medical coordination mainly in longer term projects where scanning for public health needs, deciding on change of strategies and national health policies were of high importance. In 2010, after finishing her MPH, she started to work as an operational research fellow in MSF headquarters in Luxembourg. This meant supporting various different people in the field in how: to conduct research, write scientific manuscripts and to prepare presentations for dissemination. Since October 2017, she is the medical coordinator and operational research fellow for the MSF Lebanon mission where it is a combination of all those activities.
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PROGRAM

Thursday February 21, 2019

16:30 - 18:00  Session I (A1): Disease Prevention and Management: Maternal and Child Adolescent Health  

Salon Bleu

Chairs: Loubna Tayyara & Randah Hamadeh

   Salah Ghandour  Jinan University, Tripoli, Lebanon

2. “She needs her husband” - A qualitative study exploring factors influencing male involvement in family planning uptake among Syrian refugees, Shatila, Lebanon. 
   Wilma Van Den Bogaard  Médecins Sans Frontières

3. Child deprivation in local and refugee subpopulations in Lebanon: A national multiple overlapping deprivation analysis. 
   Zeina Jamaluddine  Center for Research on Population and Health, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

4. Population attributable fraction of caffeine and water pipe on low birth weight in deprived communities in south of Iran. 
   Shahrzad Nematollahi  Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran

5. Relationships and mediators between food insecurity and nutritional status in 2- to 5-year-old children in rural areas. 
   Abolghassem Djazayery  Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran

   Shahrzad Nematollahi  Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran

7. Epidemiology approach of school accidents in the center of Tunisia: A five-year study. 
   Lamia Bouzgarrou  Occupational Medicine and Ergonomics Department, Faculty of Medicine, University of Monastir, Tunisia
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16:30 - 18:00  Session I (A2): Emergencies and Outbreaks

_Co-chairs: Rana Hajjeh & Ehsan Mostafavi_

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   | **Eman Lardi** [Yemen Field Epidemiology Training Program, Sanaa, Yemen](#) |   |
   | **Lina Cheaito** [Epidemiological Surveillance Unit, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon](#) |   |
   | **Rihab Yazidi** [Medical Epidemiology Department, Institut Pasteur de Tunis, Tunisia](#) |   |
   | **Nadine Haddad** [National Influenza Center, Ministry of Public Health, Beirut, Lebanon](#) |   |
| 5. | New challenges of HIV risk behaviors among young people in Morocco.  
   | **Hanane Rassimi** [National School of Public Health, Rabat, Morocco](#) |   |
   | **Ibrahim Kabbash** [Faculty of Medicine, University of Tanta, Egypt](#) |   |
   | **Syed Wasif Javed** [Disease Surveillance and Response Unit, Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program, Pakistan](#) |   |
| 8. | Are we prepared for the next cholera outbreak?  
   | **Huda Basaleem** [Department of Community Medicine & Public Health, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, University of Aden, Yemen](#) |   |
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in collaboration with the Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB, Lebanon

Ballroom

Chair: Iman Nuwayhid

1. A Global South-based institutional approach for public health engagement with challenges of conflict and displacement.
   **Iman Nuwayhid** Faculty of Health Sciences,
   *American University of Beirut and the Lancet-AUB Commission on Syria, Beirut, Lebanon*

2. Health and armed conflict in Syria:
   Research, advocacy and implications for local, regional and global health.
   **Samer Jabbour** Faculty of Health Sciences,
   *American University of Beirut and The Lancet-AUB Commission on Syria; Fatima Ghaddar The Lancet-AUB Commission on Syria, Beirut, Lebanon*

3. The global, institutional, and particular in refugee research:
   Lessons from the Amenah Project.
   **Sawsan Abdulrahim** Department of Health Promotion Community Health,
   *Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon*

4. Towards a strong regional engagement in a forthcoming global society on health and armed conflict.
   **Marian Abouzeid** Centre for Humanitarian Leadership,
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  Rachid Salmi *Bordeaux University, France* |
| • Evidence for Policy: EMR Perspectives  
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  Chairs: Rafic Baddoura & Rachid Salmi |
| 1. Etude de survie chez des patients cancéreux dans la Wilaya de Tizi-Ouzou, Algérie.  
  Abdelkader Toutaoui *Hôpital Chahid Mahmoudi, Tizi-Ouzou, Algérie* |
| 2. Facteurs de risque socio-démographique et reproductif pour le cancer du sein: une étude cas-témoin dans la Province Sétif, Algérie du Nord.  
  Ettore Bidoli *Unité d’Épidémiologie du Cancer, IRCCS Centro di Riferimento Oncologico, Aviano, Italie* |
  Messaouda Oudjehih *Service d’Épidémiologie et de Médecine Préventive, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Batna, Algérie* |
  Ronaldo El Kaddoum *Faculté de Médecine, Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, Liban* |
  Mohamed-Lamine Atif *Département de Medicine, Université de Blida, Algérie* |
| 6. Changement climatique et urgences sanitaires sur le pourtour méditerranéen.  
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Salon Bleu

Chairs: Mohannad Al-Nsour & Randa Nooh

1. National survey of transfusion centers to guide hemovigilance policies according to international recommendation.  
   Berthe Chalhoub Hachem Lebanese National Committee of Blood Transfusion, Lebanon

   Zeina Farah Epidemiological Surveillance Unit, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon

   Karima Chaabna Institute for Population Health, Weill-Cornell Medicine, Doha, Qatar

4. Use of Event-Based Surveillance for infectious disease surveillance.  
   Dalal Youssef Epidemiological Surveillance Unit, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon

   Ilham Dahbi Directorate of Epidemiology and Disease Control, Ministry of Health, Rabat, Morocco

   Mai Alhazzaa Department of Health and Nutrition, Ministry of Health, Kuwait

7. Essential interventions for reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health (RMNCH): Equity outlook for Middle East and North Africa countries using national health surveys.  
   Aluisio Barros International Center for Equity in Health, Federal University of Pelotas, Brazil
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Session II (B3): Disease Prevention and Management: Cancer

**Golden**

*Chairs: Rasha Hamra & Alireza Mosavi-Jarrahi*

   **Sana Mhamdi** Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Monastir, Tunisia

2. Knowledge, attitudes and proactive behaviours toward cancers among high school students in Ben Guerir, Morocco.  
   **Karim Anzid** Department of Biology, Laboratory of Human Ecology, Cadi Ayyad University, Marrakesh, Morocco

3. Dietary components modulate the risk of hepatocellular carcinoma in cirrhotic patients.  
   **Maud Rizk El Zraiby** INSERM UMR 1231, University of Burgundy Franche-Comté, Dijon, France

4. Use of mobile phones and risk of brain tumors: a case-control study.  
   **Safwan Al-Omari** Neurosurgery Department, Faculty of Medicine, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Amman, Jordan

5. Survival after the diagnosis of breast or colorectal cancer in the Gaza strip from 2005 to 2014.  
   **Diego Serraino** Cancer Epidemiology Unit, Centro di Riferimento Oncologico, IRCCS, Aviano, Italy

   **Fatima Zahra Ben Fouila** Ministry of Health, Rabat, Morocco

   **Zeina Nasser** Epidemiological Surveillance Program, National Cancer Registry, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch & Poster Session
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14:30 - 16:00  Session III (C1): Epidemiology in Health Systems  Ballroom

Chairs: Walid Ammar & Arash Rashidian

1. The community pharmacist’s role in reducing cardiovascular risk factors in Lebanon: a longitudinal study.
   Iqbal Fahs Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Lebanese International University, Lebanon

2. Professional practice evaluation of emergency department prescriptions for community-acquired infections in Lebanon.
   Diana Malaeb School of Pharmacy, Lebanese International University, Lebanon

3. Tackling antibiotic resistance in Iran: An epidemiologic overview of current situation and actions.
   Leila Mounesan Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Research Centre for Emerging and Reemerging Infectious Diseases, Pasteur Institute of Iran, Tehran, Iran

4. Palestinian Health Research System: from system analysis to system strengthening.
   Mohammed AlKhaldi Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel, Switzerland

5. Future directions for strengthening the Islamic Republic of Iran’s health system: A content analysis of General Health Policies (GHPs).
   Haniye Sadat Sajadi Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran

   Mariem Ghardallou Department of Community and Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Sousse University, Tunisia

   Rachel Btaiche National Observatory on Drugs and Drug Addiction, Ministry of Public Health, Beirut, Lebanon.
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   **Doja Sarieddine** *American University of Beirut Medical Center, Lebanon*

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5. Normative data of an Arabic version of the Mini Mental State Examination in the Lebanese population.  
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   **Sarra Melki** *Direction of Information Systems, Sahloul University Hospital, Sousse, Tunisia*

   **Mohamed M. Ali** *World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland*

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   **Sondes Derouiche** *Primary Health Care Directorate, Ministry of Health, Tunisia*

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*Omar Nimri* Jordan Cancer Registry, Ministry of Health, Amman, Jordan

*Sa’ed Zyoud* Poison Control and Drug Information Center, College of Medicine and Health Sciences, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine

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   **Lamia Bouzgarrou** Occupational Medicine and Ergonomics Department,  
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