

**Dubai Harvard Foundation for Medical Research**  
**15 year Celebration – POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER, DATE TBD**  
**The Academy, DIFC, Dubai**

DHFMR was founded in 2005. It supports cutting-edge collaborative research, and seeks to establish sustainable research and education programs focused on diseases relevant to the population in the broader Middle East region. Through these activities, DHFMR enables the region's best minds to focus on a new era of scientific promise, while contributing to advances that ease the suffering caused by disease.

DHFMR is designed to attract the best training, research, and health care practices to Dubai, the Gulf and Middle East Region. The scope for research is broad, and will take full advantage of the extensive global network of expert faculty, researchers and educators at Harvard Medical School, Harvard University and other counterparts in the Middle East.

The Foundation serves to:

- Build human capital by identifying, supporting and training medical and scientific leaders for Dubai, the UAE, the Gulf and Middle East Region
- Fund collaborative research initiatives and research fellowships directed at priority disease areas for the region
- Support collaborative research between Harvard Medical School research centers and labs in the region that will build sustainable research programs in the Middle East
- Develop a sustainable infrastructure in Dubai for an international exchange of scholars

**February 10, 2020**

**Program Chairs:      Professor Sehamuddin Galadari &  
   Professor Sultan Al-Sedairy**

*Session 1 Chair:*

Mr Abdulkareem Al Olama, CEO  
Al Jalila Foundation

10:00am-10:10am

Welcome Remarks  
*Mr. William Straughn, Dubai Harvard Foundation*

10:10am-10:30am

History of DHFMR  
*Mr. Robin Wheatley, Executive Director, Dubai Harvard Foundation (Retired)*

10:30am-10:50am

Medical Research in the MENA Region  
*Prof. Mohamed Sayegh, Dean and Senior Vice President American University Beirut*

10:50am-11:00am

Q&A

11:00am-11:20am	Impact of DHFMR on Research and Education in the Region <i>Dr. Ajay K. Singh</i> <i>Senior Associate Dean for Postgraduate Medical Education</i> <i>Executive Director, Dubai Harvard Foundation</i> <i>Harvard Medical School</i>
11:20am-11:30am	Q&A
11:30am-11:45am	Break
11:45am-12:05pm	TBD <i>Dr. Ali Abdul Kareem Al Obaidli</i> <i>Group Chief Academic Affairs Officer</i> <i>Abu Dhabi Health Services Company-SEHA pending confirmation</i>
12:05pm-12:15pm	Q&A
12:15pm-12:35pm	TBD <i>Dr. Amer Sharif – pending confirmation</i> <i>Vice Chancellor of the Mohammed Bin Rashid University of</i> <i>Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU)</i>
12:35pm-12:45pm	Q&A
12:45pm- 1:45pm	Lunch and Afternoon Prayer
<i>Session 2 Chair:</i>	Professor Alawi Alsheikh-Ali, Provost Dean, College of Medicine, MBRU
1:45pm-2:05pm	Research in the MENA Region – How Genetic Diseases were Unraveled <i>Prof. Sultan bin Turki Al-Sedairy, Executive Director</i> <i>King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre</i>
2:05pm-2:15pm	Q&A
2:15pm – 2:35pm	TBD <i>Senior Associate Dean for Postgraduate Medical Education</i> <i>Executive Director, Dubai Harvard Foundation</i> <i>Harvard Medical School</i>
2:35pm-2:45pm	Q&A
2:45pm – 3:05pm	TBD <i>Dima Abdelmannan, Dean of Clinical Medicine</i> <i>Dubai Medical College</i>

3:05pm-3:15pm

Q&A

3:15pm-3:45pm

Afternoon Tea

3:45pm-4:45pm

Showcase of Research Posters

4:45pm

Closing and Reception

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