## WELCOME NOTE

On behalf of the Emirates Speech Language Pathology Society, it gives us a great pleasure to welcome you to the First Emirates Speech Language Pathology Society Conference in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Meaning 'Land of the Gazelle' in Arabic, Abu Dhabi, a simple island settlement has been transformed into the modern, cosmopolitan city of Abu Dhabi and the high-rise capital of the United Arab Emirates. The world's largest hand-loomed carpet, the fastest rollercoaster, the highest high tea, the tower with the greatest lean, the largest cluster of cultural buildings of the 21st century; UAE capital Abu Dhabi isn't afraid to challenge world records!

The First Emirates Speech Language Pathology conference will focus on the study and treatment of voice, swallowing disorders, specific language impairment and many other interesting subjects. Two panel discussions will be organized related to feeding difficulties amongst children on the ASD and Early Intervention in the Arab World.

We are pleased to announce that our lineup of speakers is filled with internationally and nationally renowned speakers. The speakers we have lined up for this conference are truly top-notch and have so much useful information for our practice. As a multidisciplinary specialty, we would like to welcome phoniatricians, pediatricians, neurologists, otorhinolaryngologists, vocologists, speech and language pathologists, and all those with interest in communication and swallowing disorders.

We look forward to welcoming you in Abu Dhabi!

On behalf of the organizing committee:

- 1- President of the Emirates SLP society Sara Bachar
- 2- Vice president of the Emirates SLP society Dr. Saleh Shaalan
- 3- Scientific Committee Chairperson Michèle Nader
- 4- Cultural Committee Chairperson Mayssoun Jaber
- 5- General Secretary Reine Bou Issa Ghafary



## FACULTY

Mireille Eid	Lebanon
Rebecca O'Mahoney	United States
Theo Marinis	UK
Shola Faniran	UAE
Jeyla Shinkliskaya	UAE
YaserAl-Sabi	Jordan
Mona Krayem	Lebanon
Deepak Paul	UAE
Hala Abu Taha	Jordan
Vridhi Samtani	United States
Amanda Prachali	Greece
Nailah Al Sulaihim	United States
Sona Narayanan	India
Mohammed Al Ameer	Kuwait
Nancy El Karaan	Lebanon
Mari Markkanen	Finland

1	8:30 - 9:00	Registration
Friday 4th May 2018	9:00 - 9:30	ROOM A: Opening Ceremony - Sara Bachar + HH
	9:30 - 10:30	ROOM A: The added value of Acoustic & Aerodynamic measurements in the assessment of the professional voice - Mireille Eid
4		ROOM B: An Overview of assessment and management of Dysphagia in children with neurological impairments
4		Rebecca O'Mahoney
	10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break
3	10:45 - 11:45	ROOM A: The added value of Acoustic & Aerodynamic measurements in the assessment of the professional voice - Mireille Eid
20		ROOM B: An Overview of assessment and management of Dysphagia in children with neurological impairments
12		Rebecca O'Mahoney
9	11:45 - 14:00	Lunch break / prayer time
00	14:00 - 15:00	ROOM A: Panel discussion - Early Intervention in the Arab World - Dr. Shola Faniran , Nancy El Karaan, Jeyla Shikhlinskaya
		moderator: Kyra Zeidan
		ROOM B: Swallowing after head and neck cancer treatment - Dr. Mari Markanen
	15:00 - 16:00	ROOM A: Report Writing - Dr. Yaser N. Al-Sa'bi
		ROOM B: Instrumental evaluation of Dysphagia - Amanda Prachali
	16:00 - 16:15	Coffee break
	16:15 - 17:00	ROOM A: Holistic approach in stuttering treatment for Adolescents and Adults - Dr. Mohammad Al Ameer
		ROOM B: Phonological Awareness and Reading in Monolingual Arabic speaking and Bilingual Arabic/English speaking Kuwaiti Children Dr. Nailah Al-Sulaihim
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200	12:15 - 13:15	Lunch
May 2018	13:15 - 14:15	ROOM A: Panel discussion - Feeding difficulties amongst Children on the ASD Deepak Paul, Hala Abu Taha, Zakiya Patel moderator: Dr. Mohamed Fteiha
2		ROOM B: SLI/ multilingualism - Prof. Theo Marinis
00	14:15 - 14:30	Coffee break
	14:30 - 15:30	ROOM A: Executive function Impairment in adults with acquired brain Injury - Mona Krayem
	15:30 - 16:00	ROOM A: Telepractice: A review of the current scenario - Sona Ayanikalath
	14:30 - 16:00	ROOM B: Specific Language Impairment - Prof. Theo Marinis
	16:00 - 16:30	ROOM A: Closing speech - Sara Bachar, Dr. Mari Markanen