



The International Musculoskeletal Society
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Learn Without Limits, Teach Without Bias

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On behalf of the entire International Musculoskeletal Society (IMS), formerly known as Society for Progress and Innovation for the Near East (S.P.I.N.E) committee, it is our utmost pleasure and honor to have your presence during our 14th Annual Meeting that will take place at the Radisson Blue Verdum, Beirut Hotel from July 13th until July 15th.

We are honored to have the patronage of his Excellency Ministry of Health Dr Firas Abiad the partnership of major local, regional and International professional societies who are joining us in this memorable event. To list few:

- North American Spine Society
- The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
- Lebanese Orthopedic Society
- The International Trauma Conference
- The Pan Arab Spine Society
- The Iraqi IMS Chapter
- The Syrian Order of Syrian Physicians (With your support and leadership)
- The Syrian Orthopedic Society (With the support of Dr Jihad Ibrahim and leadership)

IMS meeting highlights:

- The IMS has been featuring one of the most successful scientific meetings in the entire Middle East due to high level faculty, the provocative format and cutting edge topics
- Unique cadaveric workshops and Live surgery program in the Middle East
- The Only Board Review Course that is approved by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the North American Spine Society.



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Calendar of Events: while the meeting starts with the collaborative effort of American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons' Board Review course on July the 10th and adjourns on July 15th, below are the official events:

- Leadership Annual meeting: Thursday, July 14th, 4:00 PM-6 PM
- Opening Ceremony: July 13th at 6:30 PM. Location: Radisson Blue Verdum
- Gala and Award Ceremony: July 14th, at 7 PM, Location TBD

Who we are:

IMS, www.IMSsociety.org, is a US based international, Non-Profit Society, 501 (c) (3), that offers a great platform for gathering experts from all around the world in the areas of spinal disorders (orthopedic and neurosurgery), pain management, general orthopedic and rehabilitation medicine. Our mission is to improve patient care for people with musculoskeletal pain and disability caused by orthopedic, spinal and neurological disorders by promoting the most advanced medical techniques and technologies.

Unlike most professional societies in the region, the IMS focuses its efforts on all countries in the MENA region to include countries who struggles to afford adequate abroad continuous medical education. To name few but not limited to Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Sudan in addition to the entire Gulf, Iran, etc....

At our annual conference, we assemble the brightest minds in the field of spine surgery (orthopedic and neurosurgery), orthopedic surgery and pain management

This annual event is planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the sponsorship of **NASS**.

Thank you in advance for your personal involvement in this great cause as, undoubtedly, this will be the highlight of our 14th anniversary.



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I will be thrilled to discuss this event further.

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Respectfully,

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