



THE 9th IAMANEH WORLD CONFERENCE, EGYPT NOVEMBER 1-3, 2006

WELCOME NOTES

Association for Maternal and Neonatal Health. It is a great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the International Conference. The international office of IAMANEH World IAMANEH Neonatal Health to the 9th Society of Maternal and Neonatal Health for accepting the challenge of organising this Conference wishes to thank the Egyptian .organising this Conference challenge of

With the ever-expanding disparity in maternal and perinatal mortality rates between rich and poor communities, the need for closer co-operation has never been so great. Not only do health care providers in poor countries require financial assistance, but also help with training, appropriate technology, suitable management protocols and operational research. We know what our problems are and how to address them. What is needed is the will and capacity to implement the changes in health care practice that are urgently needed.

IAMANEH was founded in Geneva in 1977 with the aim of improving the care of pregnant women and their newborn infants in poor countries through the formation of an association which could encourage closer communication between national societies and professional groups concerned with maternal and newborn wellbeing. Eight previous IAMANEH World Conferences have been held in developing countries where colleagues were able to meet and share ideas. Once again health professionals have the opportunity of exchanging experiences and building new friendships. The theme of this Conference is very appropriately "Facing the Current Maternal and Neonatal Health Problems in the developing countries" It is within this spirit of caring and sharing that I invite you all to link those who ask for assistance with colleagues who can provide the required knowledge, wisdom and support.

Prof. Dave Woods
President, IAMANEH

Dear Friends

On behalf of The Egyptian Society of Maternal and Neonatal Health (**ESMANEH**) I welcome you to the the 9th World Congress of **IAMANEH** held in Egypt. We, in Egypt, are facing health problems similar to those present in most developing countries. However, the health institutions whether governmental or non-governmental, are taking sustained progressive steps to help upgrade these health services all over the nation. **ESMANEH** was founded back in 1978. It is the national section of **IAMANEH**. Its main goal is to identify and help manage the health problem that faces the mother and her baby and hence help lower the maternal mortality rate in Egypt. We are concentrating our efforts, education and public awareness on the preventive measures that will help upgrade the health of the mother and child. We are involved in training doctors on the early diagnosis of pregnancy diseases and fetal abnormalities to upgrade its management to the best medical evidence. **ESMANEH** has special interest as well in children with special needs, and the causes that are related to pregnancy and delivery. **ESMANEH** has participated in many national research works related to the field as well as publications on "Safe Motherhood" in collaboration with the WHO. It has held many meetings, conference and seminars throughout the past year to help educate the physician and the public on safe motherhood. This conference will be an important event for us to exchange ideas to help reach our goals and overcome our health problems. I am looking forward to welcome you all in Egypt hoping that you will carry back home some enjoyable memories about this visit.



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Prof. Hossam Badrawi

Prof. of OB. & GYN., Cairo University
President, ESMANEH

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 9th World Congress of IAMANEH in Egypt. I would like to congratulate the Egyptian Society of Maternal and Neonatal Health (ESMANEH) and Prof. Abdel-Maguid Ramzy for the excellent organization of this Conference.

IAMANEH has established close collaboration with ESMANEH since many years. This is reflected by the fact that each year Egyptian scientists, selected by ESMANEH, take part in the Research Training Course in Reproductive Health in Geneva - a course co-organized by IAMANEH, the Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research, and the World Health Organization. It is planned to disseminate this Course in Egypt, in collaboration with ESMANEH and the fellows who attended the Course in Geneva.

I am confident that this Congress will meet the expectations of the participants and will give the opportunity to reinforce the collaboration between the IAMANEH members.

Prof. Aldo Campana

Secretary General, IAMANEH

EGYPT, with all its glory and vast history, and we in **ESMANEH** (The Egyptian Society of Maternal and Neonatal Health), are honoured to host the 9th World Congress of **IAMANEH**. Apart from sharing our efforts to reduce the Maternal Mortality rate and upgrade health care practice offered for mothers and newborn, this conference will be a good chance for you to share your ideas with colleagues from different regions of the World, as well as enjoy the warmth of our hospitality and weather. We will put together a very rich scientific program as well as some memorable social activities and country tours. We will be looking forward to welcome you here in Egypt with all our hearts.

Abdel-Maguid I. Ramzy

Prof. of OB. & GYN., Cairo University
Secretary General, ESMANEH
