

# IMET2000-PAL NEWSLETTER

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## IMET2000 Awards Dr Amal's Abu Mowis Memorial Scholarship in Oncology and Palliative Care

In a ceremony at the Carmel Hotel in Ramallah, we have awarded Dr Amal's Abu Mowis Memorial Scholarship in Oncology and Palliative Care to Miss Abla Abu Ayash. Abla is a nurse at the oncology department at Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem. This Scholarship will enable her to complete an MSc in Oncology & Palliative Care at Bethlehem University. Upon completion of her studies, she will be among the very first nurses who have sub-specialised in this much needed area of healthcare in Palestine.

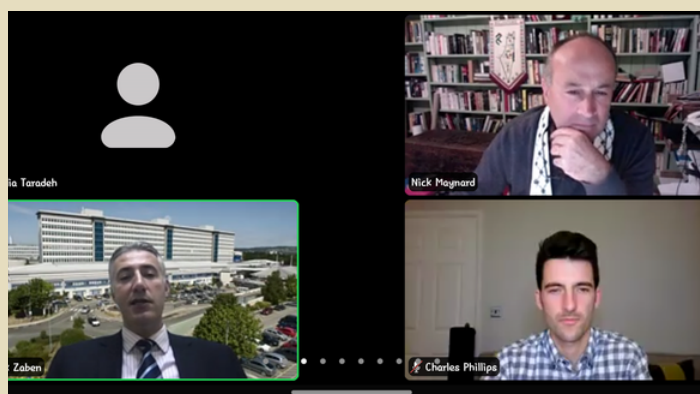
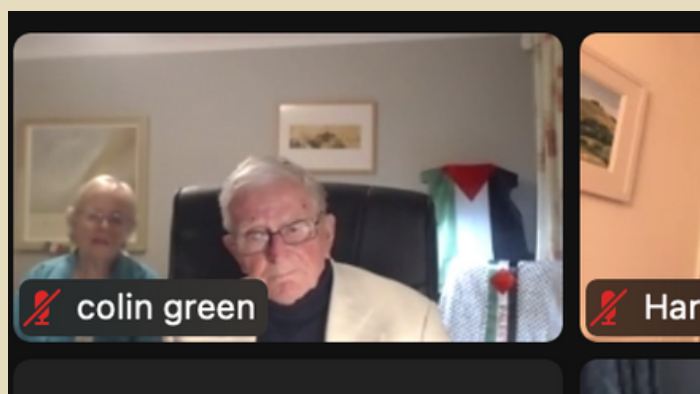
The ceremony was opened by our CEO Dr Malik Zaben in the presence of a number of distinguished guests including H.E Prof Abu Mowis and his family, the CEO of Augusta Victoria Hospital, Dr Fadi Atrash, and the Dean of School of Nursing at Bethlehem University, Mrs Mariam Abu Awad. Dr Zaben has pointed out that this memorial scholarship is a gesture from IMET2000 to our distinguished Patron Prof Abu Mowis and his family.





## Another Successful Autumn Gala October 21,2022 on Zoom

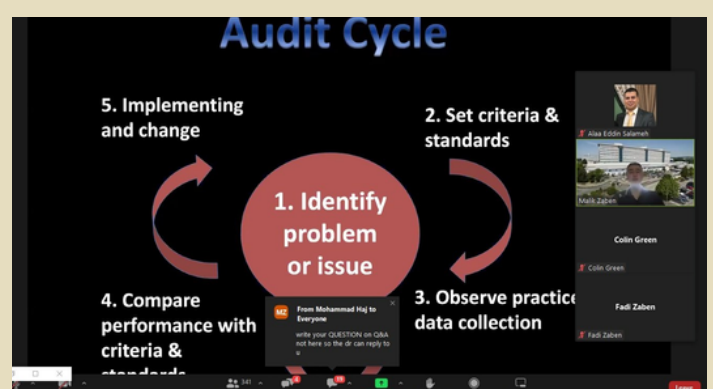
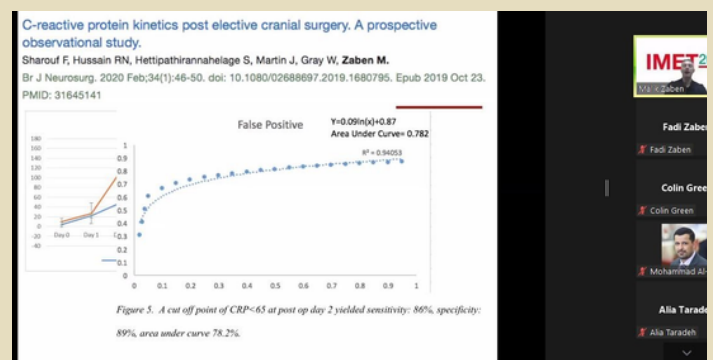
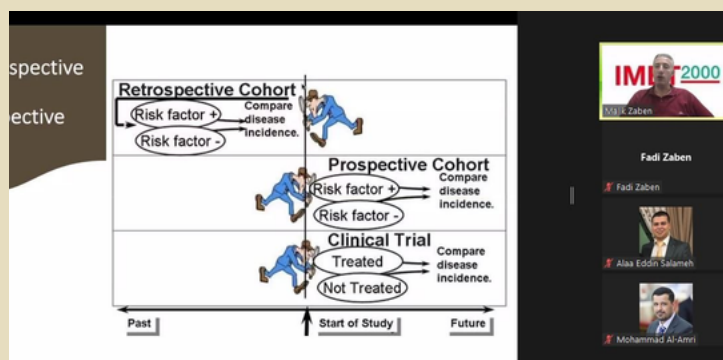
The Autumn Gala held on the 21 of October night on zoom has proven a great success as publicity to many newcomers in the audience of our charity work in Palestine and Uganda, as entertainment of a high order, as reporting of many projects in Gaza, West Bank and Uganda and, thanks to a generous audience, financially too. The wide-ranging programme opened with an exceptional talk by the Palestinian Ambassador to the UK, H.E. Husam Zumlot. This was followed by a video of the presentation of the Palestinian Minister of Higher Education and Research, Professor Mahmoud Abu Mowais, of a special memorial scholarship to his late wife Dr Amal in oncology and palliative care to a nurse studying at Bethlem University. Our CEO Dr Malik Zaben outlined his plans for upgrading healthcare at the Arab-American University of Palestine (AAUP) through research as well as a modernised teaching curriculum in the AAUP Faculty of Medicine. Famous filmmaker Ken Loach was interviewed by humanitarian activist Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi about his style of direction and that was a fascinating conversation. The fun was provided by our two great stand-up comedians Mark Thomas and Imran Yusuf. Further entertainment included beautiful Arabic music sung by Wafaa ElNajili and played on Arabic instruments by young students of the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music Gaza Branch. Finally, Malik and Colin appealed to the audience to help fund three projects: one for child mental health in Palestine; another in supporting medical students from really poor families in the Jenin region, particularly from the Bedouin community; and finally for the IMET2000 programme of eye surgery particularly cataracts in Uganda. We thank Harriet Paul for superb organisation, Charles Phillips for well-rehearsed compering of the programme and Jojo Zaben for ensuring the event ran without a single glitch technically. And thanks to all our supporters.



# IMET2000 Completed Its Second Research Club Programme this October: Attended by more than 200 Participants

Our branch in Palestine (IMET2000-Pal) has completed seven webinars on: "clinical audit, how to formulate your research question, research methodology, systematic review, data collection and analysis, academic writing and result dissemination and how to read a paper and to avoid plagiarism under the umbrella of our launched Research Club. These webinars were attended by more than 200 participants in each session of healthcare professionals and students from Palestine. It was delivered by our CEO, Dr Malik Zaben and other researchers from the UK and coordinated by Dr Alaa Salameh- the medical education officer at IMET2000-Pal.

The participants were taken through the importance of research in health before Dr Zaben pointed out the key benefits of healthcare professionals involved in research. The webinars were closed by taking many questions from the participants. These webinars will be followed by hands-on sessions wherein participants will be closely supervised to develop their own research projects. Dr Zaben pointed out that "IMET2000 has allocated the needed funds to develop its Research Club to international standards. This Club will be a hub to deliver much-needed relevant and interesting research projects for Palestine and the area.





## IMET2000 Sponsored Areej Yasin with a Travel Bursary to Attend 2022 International Cancer Education Conference

IMET2000 Sponsored Areej Yasin with a Travel Bursary to attend the 2022 International Cancer Education Conference in the US to present her abstract about: **"Knowledge of ovarian cancer symptoms among women in Palestine: a national cross-sectional study"**



**This is what Areej had to say:**

Dear IMET2000-Pal,

First of all, I am extremely pleased to write this letter to thank you for the financial support you extended to me to attend the 2022 International Cancer Education Conference.

### **THE 2022 ICEC**

explores new and creative education models that support the development of best practices and facilitate interdisciplinary research across the cancer care continuum. The conference will improve understanding of how robust community engagement and effective patient navigation impact cancer and cancer education outcomes, alleviate health inequities and increase health literacy. It was an honour for me as a medical student to present my abstract that was titled "Knowledge of ovarian cancer symptoms among women in Palestine: a national cross-sectional study" at this conference. In addition, my abstract has been published in the journal of cancer education. I presented my abstract for one hour and a half on Friday, 14 October. Also, I attended other conference programs on Wednesday, 12 October and Thursday, 13 October. During this period, I had several inspirational discussions on promoting community engagement, building successful patient navigation systems to meet patient, family, and community needs and advocating to reduce the burden of cancer with several physicians and researchers. The ICEC provided me with a beneficial learning experience. For example, it was a great opportunity to participate fully in many workshops and plenary sessions that address cancer education as:

- Advancing Social & Community Participation in Cancer Education
- Our Cancer Patients Can Inform and Inspire Our Journey
- Cancer Patient Challenges, Needs, Survivorship
- Advancing Health Equity by Enhancing the Uptake of Genetic Counseling and Testing
- Building Better Learning Experiences in Cancer Education with Advanced Serious Play

As a result, I have known many academics and professionals from different countries who have similar research interests. Once again, I would like to thank IMET for its support and efforts in scientific research development among doctors and students.

## IMET2000 Sponsored Dr Alaa Salameh to Attend the 19th Arab Association of Urology Congress and the 13th Jordanian Association of Urological Surgeons Conference

IMET2000 Sponsored Dr Alaa Salameh (Urology Resident) the IMET2000-Pal medical education officer to present his research titled:

**"ureteral wall thickness as a predictor of spontaneous stone passage; a multicenter prospective study"**

at the 19th Arab Association of Urology Congress and the 13th Jordanian Association of Urological Surgeons Conference on 20-22th October 2022.

This is what Dr Alaa had to say:

"I would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity in supporting me in attending the 19th Arab Association of Urology Congress and the 13th Jordanian Association of Urological Surgeons Conference to present my research 'ureteral wall thickness as a predictor of spontaneous stone passage; a multicenter prospective study.

This conference is the biggest urological conference in the Arab world and one of the most appreciated urological conferences worldwide, helping me to participate in such a conference enriched my CV and boosted my portfolio which will make much difference in my career development.

I want to convey my gratitude to the IMET2000 team, especially Dr Malik Zaben, the IMET 2000 CEO"

Many thanks,





## IMET2000 Organised Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support Training Workshop at IMET Training Centre

**IMET2000-Pal held a workshop covering advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation that was attended by 7 doctors and Nurses from different hospitals. It was titled:**

***Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Course for Physicians and Nurses***

**The workshop was opened by Mrs Emaa who welcomed the attendees and outlined different events organised by IMET2000. The workshop was directed by Mr Ahmad Houdrob a reliable instructor from the American Heart Association. The training involved the use of medical dolls which helped educate the trainees on how to perform advanced cardiac resuscitation on patients that needed immediate aid and allowed them to practice it. This was alongside a scientific and practical explanation provided by the instructors. At the end of the second day, the trainees were assessed to measure their ability in dealing with such cases.**



# IMET2000 Organised Basic Life Support Training Workshop this October

**IMET2000-Pal in cooperation with American Arab University organised:**

## **Critical Core Training: Basic Life Support (BLS) training for Physicians**

from different governmental and private hospitals at IMET Training Centre-Ramallah. The workshop was attended by 9 doctors and nurses. This training aims to train on Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for healthcare professionals, Automated External Defibrillation (AED) and First Aid it was led by Mr Fayez Ghannam (American Heart Association “AHA”) Instructor.

