

IMET2000-PAL NEWSLETTER

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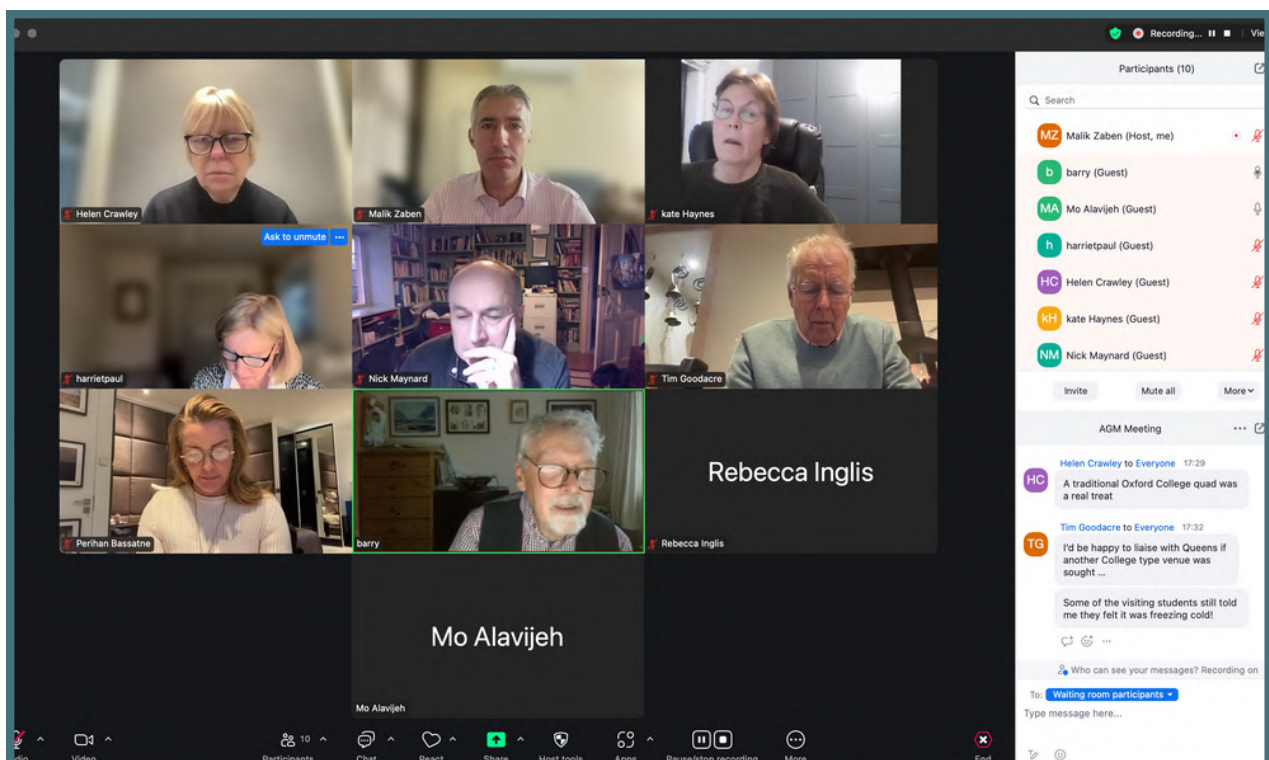
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The Board of Trustees of IMET2000 Holds Its Annual Meeting via Zoom

The Board of Trustees of the International Medical Education Trust (IMET2000) held its annual meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, to review the organisation's achievements and activities in Palestine and its other branches.

Professor Malik Zaben, CEO of IMET2000, opened the meeting with a detailed presentation of IMET2000's key accomplishments, highlighting its critical role in delivering medical and academic support under the country's challenging conditions. These achievements included training healthcare professionals in life support and cardiopulmonary resuscitation; offering scholarships to support medical and nursing students at Palestinian universities; addressing the needs of children with learning difficulties in Palestinian villages; facilitating travel and specialisation grants for doctors and students; and organising workshops to enhance personal and professional skills as part of the Soft Skills programme. Additionally, the organisation supplied medical students with essential tools, such as stethoscopes.

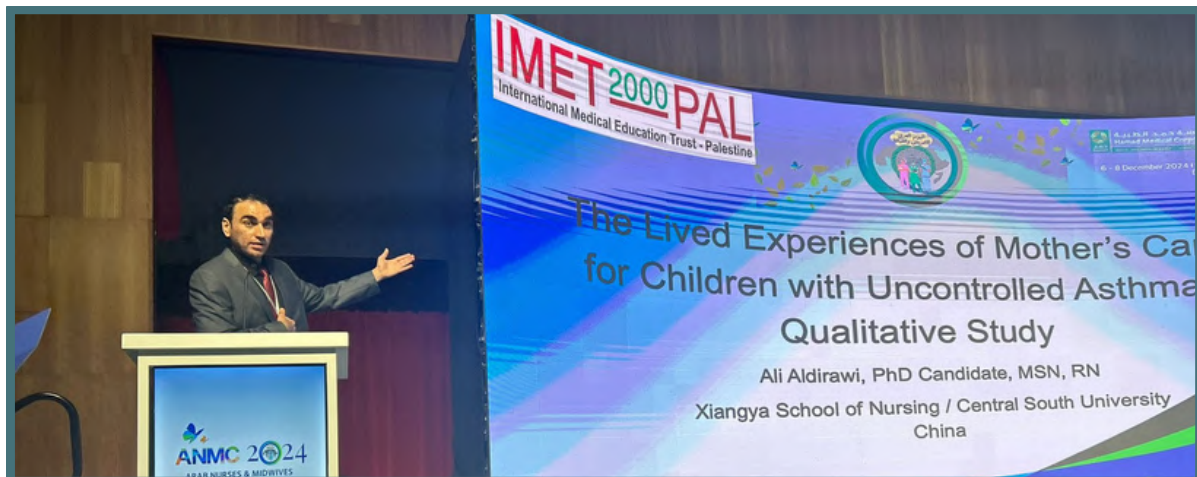
During the meeting, the board members expressed their gratitude to the team in Palestine, commending their efforts in achieving these accomplishments despite the country's challenging circumstances. They also extended their thanks to all supporting entities that contributed to IMET2000's success and the realisation of its objectives.



IMET2000 supported Mr Ali Al-Derawe from the Gaza Strip in participating in the 4th Arab Nurses and Midwifery Conference

Amid ongoing efforts to enhance medical education in the Gaza Strip, particularly under current challenging circumstances, IMET2000 has awarded a travel grant to Mr Ali Al-Derawe from Gaza Strip. This opportunity enabled him to participate in the: 4th Arab Nurses and Midwifery Conference held in Doha, Qatar, from December 6 to 8, 2024 to present his distinguished research paper titled: **"The Lived Experiences of Mothers Caring for Children with Uncontrolled Asthma in Palestine: A Qualitative Study."**

Mr Al-Derawe holds a Master's degree in Pediatric Nursing from Al-Quds University, awarded in 2018. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. Mr Al-Derawe boasts an impressive academic record, having published numerous scientific articles and participated in various international conferences, where he has presented research in the nursing field.



IMET2000 proudly congratulates Mr Al-Derawe for receiving the **Best Oral Presentation Award** at the conference, marking yet another milestone in his distinguished career. We wish him continued success and progress in achieving his academic and professional goals, as he consistently strives to elevate the name of Palestine in international forums.



IMET2000 Has Conducted Two Training Workshop on Basic Life Support

IMET2000 recently conducted two training sessions on **Critical Core Training: Basic Life Support (BLS) Training for Physicians and Nurses** at the An-Najah University Heart Centre, as well as at the IMET2000 training centre. Sixteen doctors and nurses from various Palestinian hospitals participated in these workshops, which began with a welcoming address by Ms. Marah Qatoni, the Nursing Education Officer at IMET2000-Pal. She highlighted IMET2000's aims and achievements in 2023, emphasising the importance of such training in enhancing the skills of Palestinian medical personnel.

The workshops, led by certified instructors Mr. Ahmad Al-Aswad and Ms. Areefah Abu Karesh, included intensive practical applications based on the American Heart Association (AHA) 2020 guidelines, focusing on essential CPR skills for adults, children, and infants. Participants engaged in simulated exercises using specialised mannequins, honing techniques in artificial respiration, heart resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) in critical scenarios.

The training concluded with both practical and theoretical assessments, with participants praising the course's quality and underscoring the necessity for its continuation in saving lives.



BLS December 9, 2024



BLS December 23, 2024

IMET2000 Supports Medical Students with Travel Bursaries

In a commendable effort to support and enhance the competencies of medical students in Palestine, IMET2000 has awarded travel grants to three students: AbdulRahman Meri from Jenin, Ihsan Sarees from Tulkarem, and Basel Zaben from Ramallah. These grants have afforded Abdulrahman and Ihsan an opportunity for practical training at the Istishari Hospital in Amman, Jordan, and provided Basel with an opportunity for practical training at Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital in the United State, where he immersed himself in an advanced medical environment that allowed him to engage with the latest medical technologies and connect with international experts.

The three students expressed their profound gratitude for this valuable opportunity, extending heartfelt thanks to IMET2000 for its continuous support and commitment to developing a promising generation of Palestinian physicians.



AbdelRahman Meri



Ihsan Sarees



Basel Zaben

IMET2000 Conducted a Training Workshop on Trauma Evaluation and Management for Medical Students from Palestine Polytechnic University

Building on its accreditation for trauma evaluation and management (TEAM) training from the American College of Surgeons (ACS), and in implementation of its agreement with Palestine Polytechnic University-Hebron, IMET2000 organised the fifth training session of this programme. The session was held at IMET2000-Pal training centre in Ramallah on **Wednesday, December 25, 2024**, and was attended by 17 medical students from Palestine Polytechnic University. The course was titled:

“Trauma Evaluation and Management (TEAM) Course”





The training was supervised by Dr Mamoun Mansour, Dr Ahmed Dalbah, Dr Mohammed Al-Mohtaseb, and the training coordinator, Mr Fady Zaben. The course targeted final-year medical students from Palestine Polytechnic University-Hebron. It included theoretical lectures, illustrative video presentations, and hands-on practical training based on the principles of Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS). Participants were trained to apply realistic scenarios using specialised mannequins, under the supervision of the trainers and in line with the recommendations of the American College of Surgeons. By the end of the course, the participants were equipped with the skills to quickly and accurately assess trauma cases, prioritize emergency care, and work as a team in managing patient care and transportation to hospitals. Participants expressed their appreciation for the course's value and emphasised the importance of continuing such training sessions.



IMET2000 Awarded Dr Yazan Dumaidi a Sponsorship for Clinical Training in London

Dr Yazan Dumaidi has been awarded a clinical attachment grant from IMET2000 for a clinical training placement in the Department of Internal Medicine at St. George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in London. This prestigious opportunity spanned four weeks and enabled Dr Yazan to engage in the work environment of the National Health Service (NHS) in the United Kingdom, providing him with invaluable experience that will enhance his medical skills and practical knowledge.

IMET2000 extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dr Yazan on this new accomplishment and wishes him continued success and excellence in his professional journey, aspiring to become a source of pride and an exemplary ambassador for the Palestinian medical sector.

This is what Dr Yazan had to say:

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for awarding me the travel bursary to support my clinical attachment at St. George's University Hospital in London. This opportunity allowed me to undertake a radiology taster week, followed by a three-week placement in the Acute Medicine Department.

Your generosity has provided me with the means to embark on this transformative experience, which will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in shaping my career in medicine. By immersing myself in one of the UK's leading healthcare institutions, I gained invaluable insights into cutting-edge diagnostic and therapeutic approaches in radiology and acute medicine. This exposure will not only broaden my clinical knowledge but also equip me with skills to deliver better care to patients.

Beyond the clinical knowledge I acquired, this attachment also served as an opportunity to experience the dynamics of multidisciplinary teamwork in a world-class healthcare system. I am deeply grateful for IMET2000's unwavering commitment to empowering young medical professionals through educational and training opportunities. Your support is an investment not only in my personal growth but also in the future of healthcare in Palestine.

Thank you once again for believing in my potential and providing me with the opportunity to pursue this vital step in my professional journey. I am eager to represent the values and mission of IMET2000 during my time at St. George's and beyond.

