

IMET2000-PAL NEWSLETTER



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IMET2000 Award Their Founder Colin Green



February 7, 2020

As this was a celebration of both the 20th Anniversary of IMET200 and the 25th Anniversary of Al Quds Medical School, the charity has decided to badge the new Trauma Centre in El Bireh with the name of our Founder Colin Green. In addition, Al Quds University recently acknowledged the pioneering work of Professor Nael Shihabi as first Dean of Al Quds Medical School open to its first cohort of students (a mere 32 in number) in 1994 by presenting him with a plaque and affixing one to the entrance to the Medical School. The current Dean of the School, Dr Hani Abdeen, and the University President couriered a similar plaque via Dr Malik Zaben and this was presented by Baroness Tonge and Dr Malik as a surprise to Colin to thank him for his help in starting that School. A somewhat overwhelmed and emotional Colin was delighted to be awarded such a precious prize but dedicated it to his wife Liz who helped him and the Palestinian students so much, for example by arranging UK electives, helping start the support group The Foundation for Al Quds Medical School (FQMS) in 1997, supporting many post-graduate students in the UK, and helping run fundraising events over many years from 1996 onwards. He emphasised that without her support, it would have been impossible to do half the projects done jointly with the students for years afterwards.

IMET2000 Annual Dinner in the House of Lords



February 7, 2020

This year we were celebrating at our Annual Dinner in the Peers Dining Room our IMET2000 20th Anniversary and the 25th Anniversary of the Al Quds Medical School. This was hosted yet again by our staunch supporter Baroness Jenny Tonge and it was a special occasion in beautiful historic surroundings. We had 124 guests , including the Palestinian Ambassador Dr Husam Zomlot, four IMET2000 Patrons (Baroness Helena Kennedy, Jon Snow, Mike Barnes and John Griffin), many IMET2000 Trustees and so many good friends and loyal supporters from the Palestinian community and Arab world. It was not only socially successful but raised virtually all our targets financially for two urgent projects for physical trauma (the IMET2000 Trauma Centre for Training, Education and Research in El-Bireh and the new Neurosurgery Unit in The Ramallah Medical Complex) and two for mental health (the Jasmine Centre in Ramallah and the Art Therapy for Cancer Patients in Nablus, Augusta Victoria and Beit Jalah). We thank our wonderful hostess Jenny Tonge , the Ambassador, our stand-up comedian Alex Healy and Jon Snow our great Patron and guest speaker as well as all the generous guests in the room who made it such a success.

IMET2000-Pal Signs a Tripartite Agreement of Cooperation with The Ministry of Education and Rawan Child Development Association



February 5, 2020

Ramallah- following the chain of activities and programmes previously organised by IMET2000 for people with special needs in Palestine, Mr Fadi Zaben on behalf of IMET2000 has signed a tripartite agreement of cooperation with The Ministry of Education represented by The Director General of Educational Guidance at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Mr Mohammad Al-Awash. The third member of this agreement was the Rawan Child Development Association who were represented by the director of the organisation, Ms Salam Asya. The agreement was signed in the Ministry Building and is built around supporting IMET2000 in furnishing 3 source rooms in 3 different state schools, which were chosen by The Directorate so that the area of joint work and activities are in the Deiriyah district of Jerusalem. The schools names are: Abu Dis Mixed Primary School, Al-Jadira Girls Secondary School and Al-Ram Boys Primary School. These facilities will be made available for students with learning difficulties who suffer from disturbances in cognitive processes. This leads to these students having difficulties in keeping up with other students.

IMET2000-Pal Organised Three Training Courses of Cardiac and Lung Resuscitation for Adults, Children and New-Borns

The International Medical Education Trust (IMET2000-PAL) organised three training courses for doctors and nurses on cardiac and lung resuscitation for adults, children and new-borns at The Arab American University and Juzoor for Health & Social Development. Each course was attended by 10 doctors and nurses from a range of specialties and from both private and public hospitals. The courses began with a few words from Mr Fady Zaben and Dr Mohammed Obaidullah where they spoke about the educational programmes and opportunities made available by IMET2000-Pal and what the future may hold for it. They also talked about what projects were planned for this year, and they emphasised the keenness of IMET2000-Pal to continue to organise training sessions on a regular basis to improve the standards of care delivered by medical staff in Palestine. The first course was directed by Mr Salah Al-Hajj Ali in 2/2/2020, the second was directed by Mr Jihad Hawamda & Mrs Tahreer Taha in 19/2/2020 and the third training was directed by Fayez Ghannam in 23/2/2020. The trainings began with a detailed explanation of the theoretical information on the resuscitation of the heart and lungs for children, new-borns and adults as per the guidelines set by The American Heart Association in 2015. The trainees then applied this information with scientific, practical steps, on artificial respiration and cardiac resuscitation for adults, children and new-borns for all expected cases.



2 February 2020 BLS



23 February 2020 BLS



19 February 2020 BLS

IMET2000-Pal Organised Pediatric Advanced Life support Training for Physicians and Nurses

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IMET2000-PAL organised a 2-day training course in cooperation with Juzoor for health & social development center in Ramallah on advanced child recovery titled: Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Training for Physicians and Nurses . It was attended by 12 doctors and nurses from a range of state and private hospitals, and was opened with a word from Mr Fady Zaben (IMET2000-Pal's representative in Palestine) where he welcomed the attendees, gave a rundown of the programmes provided by IMET2000 and gave an outlook on its future. He also explained how this training course is but one of many training courses available for physicians and nurses all in hopes of upgrading medical personnel in Palestine. The goal of the workshop was to help medical staff to recognise and understand the latest developments and applications of advanced CPR for children and for them to be able to apply these skills. This was achieved through training based on real scenarios which gave an applied and practical explanation on successfully performing advanced CPR. It was organised by a group of specialised training cadres according the American Heart Association's regulations. The course was directed by Mr Iyad Al-Sayyid and Mr Muhammad Adawi, reliable instructors from the American Heart Association. The training included use of training models (Dolls shaped like the human body) to educate the attendees on how to resuscitate a child's heart and how to handle emergency cases like people who suffer from critical heart and lung diseases. Finally, various pathological and symptomatic conditions were discussed that required the application of the resuscitation process.



IMET2000 Scholarships

IMET2000 Supports the Field of Neurosurgery



Among IMET2000's programmes to support continuing education, and through its strategy to contribute to the development of medical personnel in all specialties, IMET2000 has presented Dr Ehab Balawi – specialising in Neurosurgery - with a scholarship to study in Chongqing Medical University in China for a year.

This scholarship is part of a chain of scholarships provided by IMET2000 to help and improve medical personnel in Palestine, it's worth noting that Neurosurgery is a desperately needed speciality in Palestine. Dr Balawi has expressed his gratitude to IMET2000 for this scholarship.

IMET2000 Continues its Art Therapy Program to Help Children Undergoing Treatment for Cancer



We have organised this month three art therapy sessions at An-Najah University Hospital-Nablus. Ten kids undergoing treatment for cancer benefited from those sessions. The children enjoyed the sessions by doing lots of circular drawings including drawing Mandalas. Mandala art therapy is a form of psychotherapy through which kids draw geometric patterns in an effort to alleviate their stress and encourage them to engage. Other activities in those sessions focused on kids under infection control isolation to keep them engaged and happy.

Drawings by Children with Cancer During Sessions

