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Neuroscience experts convene in Doha for high-level conference

Doha – March 15, 2014: The world's finest minds in the field of neuroscience are in Doha for the high-level Qatar Clinical Neuroscience Conference.

Organized by Qatar Foundation (QF), Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q), and the New York Academy of Sciences (the Academy), the conference has attracted experts from around the globe to hear the latest theories, discussions and advancements.

The conference began yesterday (15 MARCH) at the Four Seasons Hotel and will finish tomorrow (17 MARCH). The 29 speakers include faculty from Harvard Medical School, Stanford University and American University Beirut as well as doctors and scientists from Weill Cornell Medical College in both New York and Qatar. Doctors who attend from Hamad Medical Corporation are also be able to claim continuing medical education credits.

Dr. Javaid Sheikh, Dean of WCMC-Q and himself an internationally renowned expert on anxiety and ageing, said the conference was indicative of Qatar's growing influence in the academic world.

Dr. Sheikh said: "Qatar is now well recognized as an international hub for higher education and research.

"This conference on clinical neuroscience brings together experts in multiple domains in the field. I expect the presentations to reflect cutting-edge science and for the discussions to be truly illuminating."

Neuroscience is a huge field and includes illnesses such as depression, schizophrenia and anxiety disorder along with traumatic brain injuries. They form a large percentage of the global disease burden and are a significant economic cost to nations.

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“Brain disorders know no national boundaries, and it’s critical that neither does scientific research around this area; it will take the best scientific minds to make progress in these challenging areas,” said Ellis Rubinstein, CEO & President of the Academy. “We are thrilled to be convening in Qatar, where we expect to hear the latest research developments that will push the field of neuroscience forward, impacting countless lives.”

Topics of discussion at Qatar Clinical Neuroscience Conference will cover clinical approaches to affective disorders; translation of animal model research; advances in neuropsychiatry; and pathophysiology and therapeutic insights regarding stroke and traumatic brain injuries.

In addition, poster sessions and the open format of the meeting will foster dialogue among delegates.

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About Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar is a partnership between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It offers pre-medical and medical courses leading to the Cornell University M.D. degree with teaching by Cornell and Weill Cornell faculty and by physicians at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) and Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital who hold Weill Cornell appointments.

Through its biomedical research program, WCMC-Q is building a sustainable research community in Qatar while advancing basic science and clinical research. Through its medical college, WCMC-Q seeks to provide the finest education possible for medical students, to improve health care both now and for future generations, and to provide high quality health care to the Qatari population.

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