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WCMC-Q hosts global forum on innovations in medical education

Doha – January 18, 2015: Medical and educational experts from all over the world are convened in Doha this week for the Innovations in Global Medical and Health Education (IGMHE) Forum, hosted by Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q).

The forum, held on January 18, brings together some of the world's foremost authorities on medical education and medical practice with practicing healthcare professionals and researchers to share their expertise and discuss the opportunities presented by a wide range of innovations related to medical education, assessment, licensing, and program accreditation.

The international gathering will feature a series of presentations by expert speakers who are engaged in endeavors to help establish international standards for the practice of medicine, and will provide a platform for debate on both evolutionary and disruptive innovations that have the potential to transform medical education in the region and beyond. Work being conducted at WCMC-Q and with multiple regional collaborators that will move education and training in the region forwards will also be presented to delegates.

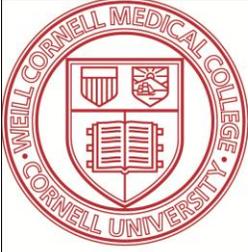
The forum, which was coordinated by WCMC-Q's Division of Continuing Professional Development, is an event of the *Innovations in Global Medical and Health Education Journal*, an open-access web-based publication issued by Bloomsbury with the support of Qatar Foundation.

The Co-Editors in Chief of the journal are Dr. Javaid Sheikh, Dean of WCMC-Q, and Dr. Victor J. Dzau, President of the U.S.-based Institute of Medicine and Chancellor Emeritus for Health Affairs and James B. Duke Professor of Medicine at Duke University, both of whom will be in attendance at the event. During the forum, the journal's Editorial Board will meet with His Excellency Abdulla Bin Khalid Al Qahtani, Minister of Public Health at the Supreme Council of Health, to discuss avenues for continued collaboration.

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Dr. Thurayya Arayssi, WCMC-Q's Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean for Continuing Professional Development, said: "The extremely rapid pace of change in technology and medical education curricula make it very difficult for working healthcare professionals to stay up-to-date with the latest innovations in medical practice and training. The IGMHE Forum provides a valuable space for interaction between healthcare professionals from different disciplines, different countries and different stages of their careers.

"In this way, the forum helps to break down all those barriers that usually separate us and provides an opportunity to build networks, discuss the impact of new innovations and gain a shared perspective of the very latest and best practices in healthcare education and practice for the benefit of students, educators, healthcare professionals and, of course, patients."

The IGMHE Forum, held at the Four Seasons Hotel, is aimed at a wide and inclusive audience, drawing together primary care and specialty physicians, as well as nurses, physician assistants, interns and residents, researchers, educators, and other allied health professionals who are interested in innovations and the future development of global medical and health education.

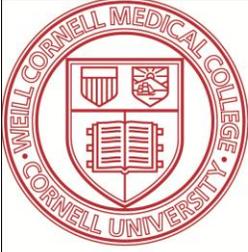
Dr. Sheikh, Dean of WCMC-Q, said: "The forum has been designed to provide a highly interactive environment in which physicians, healthcare providers and leading medical education professionals from the GCC region and the wider world can meet, share ideas and forge new and fruitful partnerships to drive the field of medical education forwards.

"As the pace of change becomes ever faster, we cannot afford to stand still, but must instead embrace the opportunities offered by innovation and international collaboration to ensure we continue to meet the standards of excellence in medical education and practice that students and patients expect and deserve."

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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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