

FIMA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Presidential message

Praise be to Allah the Beneficent the Merciful

Peace and blessing be upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad

Dear brothers and sisters,

We praise Allah for gathering us in this beautiful administrative capital of Malaysia, Putrajaya. It is indeed with His blessings and pleasure that we are able to gather here. As we savour the peaceful and tranquil ambience of this magnificent venue, our hearts bleed when reminded of catastrophe befalling particularly the Muslim World. Our brothers and sisters in Morocco and Afghanistan were tested by devastating earthquakes, those in Libya by unprecedented floods and in Palestine by continuous economic and social strangulation and harassment. Gaza in particular is periodically challenged by manmade disasters inflicted by an occupying force leading to death and devastation. The Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA), founded 42 years ago, has among its objectives to collaborate with partners for the mercy and healing of all mankind. FIMA will always be vigilant to offer relief to those affected by calamities and disasters, both natural and man-made. This yearly meeting of FIMAs fraternity, initially held biennially, had since 1987 been organized yearly in various parts of the world. I thank the various Islamic Medical Associations (IMAs) for having graciously hosted our previous annual meetings. This year's meeting, the 40th in the series, is graciously hosted by the IMA Malaysia (IMAM). This is the 4th time IMAM is hosting our Council and Scientific Meeting. As a member of IMAM, I pray that it will be a memorable meeting for all delegates. We begin with a 2 day FIMA Council meeting discussing current situations and activities of the various IMAs. We will also discuss future activities and plans, culminating in a strategic planning document which will guide FIMA throughout this decade. The Council Meeting is followed by a Scientific Meeting focusing on non-communicable diseases, particularly in the Muslim world. Non-communicable diseases remain the number one leading cause of death worldwide and many of these are preventable, inshaAllah. The Scientific Meeting will feature speakers from several FIMA member countries. Besides the main scientific meeting, scientific sessions will also be held under the auspices of two of FIMAs flagship projects i.e The Islamic Hospital Consortium and the Consortium of Islamic Medical Colleges. I pray that all these scientific sessions will be of immense benefit to all participants.

Lastly, on behalf of FIMAs Executive Committee, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have worked tirelessly to make the Council and Scientific Meeting a success. To all delegates, especially those who have journeyed from as far as North America and Africa, may Allah grant the appropriate reward, both in this world and the Hereafter. Aameen.

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