

Press Release

HMSDC Announces Seven 'Tamayoz Award' Winners

A New Category 'Young Physician Research Award for Excellence' Instituted

Dubai: 10 April 2008 - Harvard Medical School Dubai Center (HMSDC) Institute for Postgraduate Education and Research, a member of the Mohamed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Academic Medical Center, in conjunction with Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC), a member of Tatweer, today announced the names of seven winners for the second annual Tamayoz Awards, recognizing outstanding work in clinical care and medical research.

The awards included categories for Nursing and other Healthcare Professionals, Trainees (residents and fellows), and Young Physicians. Each group gave away awards for Clinical Care and Research. This year, the Tamayoz Awards also included the newly instituted 'Young Physician Research Award for Excellence'.

Designed to stimulate the academic careers of young healthcare professionals, the HMSDC Tamayoz Awards were presented at a gala ceremony at the Raffles Hotel, Dubai, with winners receiving a one-month observership at a Harvard-affiliated hospital or laboratory in Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Muhadditha Al Hashimi, CEO of Dubai Healthcare City, said: "DHCC is committed to recognizing the contributions of individuals to the overall healthcare development in the region. The Tamayoz Awards will help motivate young healthcare professionals to further enhance their skills and knowledge.

“The recognition and accompanying fellowships add tremendous value to an individual’s career prospects, encouraging the professional to target scientific research and discovery as key focus areas. We congratulate the awardees for their commendable work that has earned them this coveted recognition.”

Winners in the Nursing and Healthcare Professionals category included Mohammed Fteiha, a speech and language pathologist at the Dubai Autism Center, and Mahnaz Zeinali, a senior laboratory technician in the genetics department of Al Wasl Hospital, Dubai.

The Trainee Awards went to Taleb Mohamad Al Mansoor, a resident in radiology at Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, and Ahmad Al Hammadi, a fifth year medical student at the UAE University who has conducted in-depth studies on the physiology of the heart in diabetes-affected mice and rats.

The Young Physician Awards was presented to Rahul Nathwani, a consultant gastroenterologist specializing in hepatology and endoscopy at the Abu Hammour Medical Center, DHCC, and Saud Al-Shanafey, Assistant Professor of Surgery at King Saud University for Health Sciences, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Fowzan AlKuraya, a pediatrician and medical geneticist at King Faisal Specialists Hospital and Research Center in Riyadh, won the newly instituted ‘Young Physician Research Award for Excellence’. Widely acknowledged for his research, the Tamayoz Awards recognized Dr. AlKuraya outstanding work in genetic birth defects.

Dr. Robert L. Thurer, HMSDC Chief Academic Officer, said: “Through these awards, HMSDC and our colleagues at DHCC are working together to raise the bar of excellence for professionals in the Arab world. We also seek to

encourage the creation of knowledge and expertise to help resolve the region's most pressing health issues.

"We believe the recipients will be further motivated by these awards to take on fresh challenges in their professional career and launch new clinical and research initiatives."

The HMSDC Tamayoz Awards received a significant response from across the GCC region. Physicians, nurses, research scientists, and allied health professionals aged less than 40 years were eligible for the awards that are rapidly gaining ground as one of the region's most distinguished recognitions for dedicated work in healthcare.

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