

The **Pan Arab Osteoporosis Society (PAOS)** held its 7th General Assembly on September 24-26, 2014 in Dubai, UAE. The two day event was organized by the Lebanese Osteoporosis Prevention Society (LOPS), at the behest of Dr. Farid Badran and Prof. Ghassan Maalouf.

Organized every two years, it serves to bring together the board members of PAOS, but also to create a platform for a wider discussion and exchange of scientific expertise about the multi-dimensional aspects of osteoporosis. A panel of international and regional speakers shared their most recent research and clinical findings and observations before some 200 participants, covering topics such as osteoporosis in men, or pre-menopausal osteoporosis, as well as the latest findings on non-surgical treatment of fractures, patient care, multidisciplinary management of acute fractures, and sarcopenia.

A rich media coverage also ensured that the scientific aspects of the committee were transmitted broadly to the general public, and included one to one interviews with leading local media.

With regards to PAOS itself, elections were held for the new board. Dr. Elias Saba (Palestine) was elected as PAOS President of the Board, Dr. Mustafa El Izzi (UAE) as General Secretary; Dr. Nazar Abdul Latif (Iraq) as President of the Scientific Committee; Dr. Farid Bedran (Lebanon) as Treasurer and Prof. Ghassan Maalouf (Lebanon) was elected as Honorary President of PAOS.

The successful turnout, coverage and very positive evaluation from participants attest to the success of this meeting; proving once again that PAOS is the main driving force in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis in the Middle East.





