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**EMPHNET Regional COVID-19
Operational Research
Symposium**

**COVID-19 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region:
Epidemiology, Impact, and Lessons Learned.**

**An opportunity to shed light on the latest scientific
findings from the region regarding COVID-19**

**April 7 and 8, 2021
3pm-6pm Jordan Local Time (UTC+3)**



Why a Symposium?

Due to the challenges COVID-19 has brought on global health systems, the need for research efforts has increased in significance, whereby operational research is in high demand to answer questions posed by the pandemic. This is true especially in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR), a region already challenged by sociopolitical and economical unrests as well as underlying hindrances to countries' health systems.

Within this understanding, this two-day virtual symposium addresses research conducted in the EMR on COVID-19. It brings researchers, public health professionals, and experts together in one space to discuss pertinent public health issues and challenges.

The symposium provides an ideal platform from which Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) residents, graduates, directors, technical advisors, and other public health professionals from the region can share knowledge, while engaging in fruitful dialogue with representatives from similar networks, NGOs, and other partner organizations.

Symposium Objectives

- To showcase COVID-19 scientific articles, research, and case studies published in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR).
- To increase the visibility of the FETPs' field experiences as well as the work of other public health professionals in the region and to bring to the forefront work, achievements, and research they have conducted on COVID-19.
- To allow participants to exchange knowledge, experiences, and to learn from different countries' experiences.
- To provide a space for discussions that may lead to the elevation of COVID-19 research in the region.

Who Should Attend?

To allow for the most diverse knowledge exchange experience, the symposium will be open for regional and international experts working in public health and other related fields. More specifically, the symposium may be of interest to:

- High-level officials from Ministries of Health in the region
- Public Health experts from around the world
- FETP residents and graduates
- Representatives from UN agencies, international organizations, and local NGOs
- Representatives from line ministries
- Public Health academics
- Private sector
- Students
- Others interested in the field

About the Agenda

The agenda comprises a wide range of topics related to COVID-19 operational research. Over the course of two days, participants will be introduced to abstract presentations given by Field Epidemiology Training Program residents and graduates, as well as other public health professionals from the region. More specifically, participating presenters come from, Afghanistan, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, Yemen, and other countries.

We are also honored to have two keynote speakers enriching the event's agenda with their knowledge and incite. This is an opportunity that should not be missed.

Hot Topics

- Epidemiology of COVID-19
- COVID-19 surveillance and case tracing
- Interventions at national and subnational levels
- Work of Rapid Response Teams
- Case studies on COVID-19
- Success stories and lessons learned
- Impact of COVID-19 on Non-communicable diseases
- Impact of COVID-19 on other Communicable diseases including VPDs
- Health promotion during COVID-19 pandemic
- Impact of COVID-19 on primary healthcare services
- Impact of COVID-19 on health workforce

Who's in the Symposium ?

Meet Our Keynote Speakers



RONALD L. MOOLENAAR MD, MPH

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR SCIENCE

DIVISION OF GLOBAL HEALTH PROTECTION, CGH, CDC

Dr. Ronald Mooelnaar is an Associate Director for Science, Division of Global Health Protection, Center for Global Health at the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. Mooelnaar has served as the Director of the U.S CDC Country Office and Global Disease Detection Center in Beijing, China.

He is a doctor primarily located in Atlanta, his specialties include General Practice, Public Health and General Preventive Medicine, Internal Medicine.

Moolenaar holds an MPH in Epidemiology and Public Health Policy from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, MD, Medicine from the Wayne State University School of Medicine, and BA in Chemistry from the Hope College.



DR. ARASH RASHIDIAN

**DIRECTOR, INFORMATION, EVIDENCE AND RESEARCH
WHO, EMRO**

Dr. Arash is the Director of Information, Evidence, and Research in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) of the World Health Organization. Prior to joining WHO, Dr. Rashidian worked as a Professor of Health Policy and Management at the School of Public Health and the Deputy Chancellor for Public Health and Primary Care, Tehran University of Medical Sciences.

He has a medical degree from the Tehran University of Medical Sciences, a PhD from the University of York and a research fellowship at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Rashidian has experience in conducting consultancies in the different regions; Europe, Central Asia, Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia.

Dr. Rashidian has published more than 100 articles in prestigious journals and presented in international conferences.

Meet our Scientific Committee



PROF. YOUSEF KHADER

Director of Center of Excellence
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DR. HAITHAM BASHIER

Workforce Capacity Team Leader

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DR. MIRWAIS AMIRI

Research and Policy Team Leader

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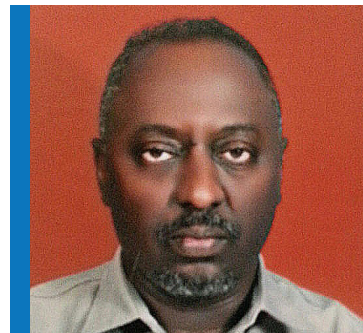
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DR. ELFATIH MALIK

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DR. KHAWAJA MIR ISLAM SAEED

Technical Advisor, Afghanistan FETP

Head of the MoPH Grant and Services Contract Management Unit, Afghanistan

Meet the Moderators



PROF SALIM ADIB

Senior Lecturer

Department of Epidemiology and
Population Studies, American
University of Beirut



DR. REFAAT HANNA

Medical Epidemiologist

Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention



DR. MARIA CONSORCIA
LIM-QUIZON

Executive Director

South Asia Field Epidemiology
and Technology Network (SAFETP)

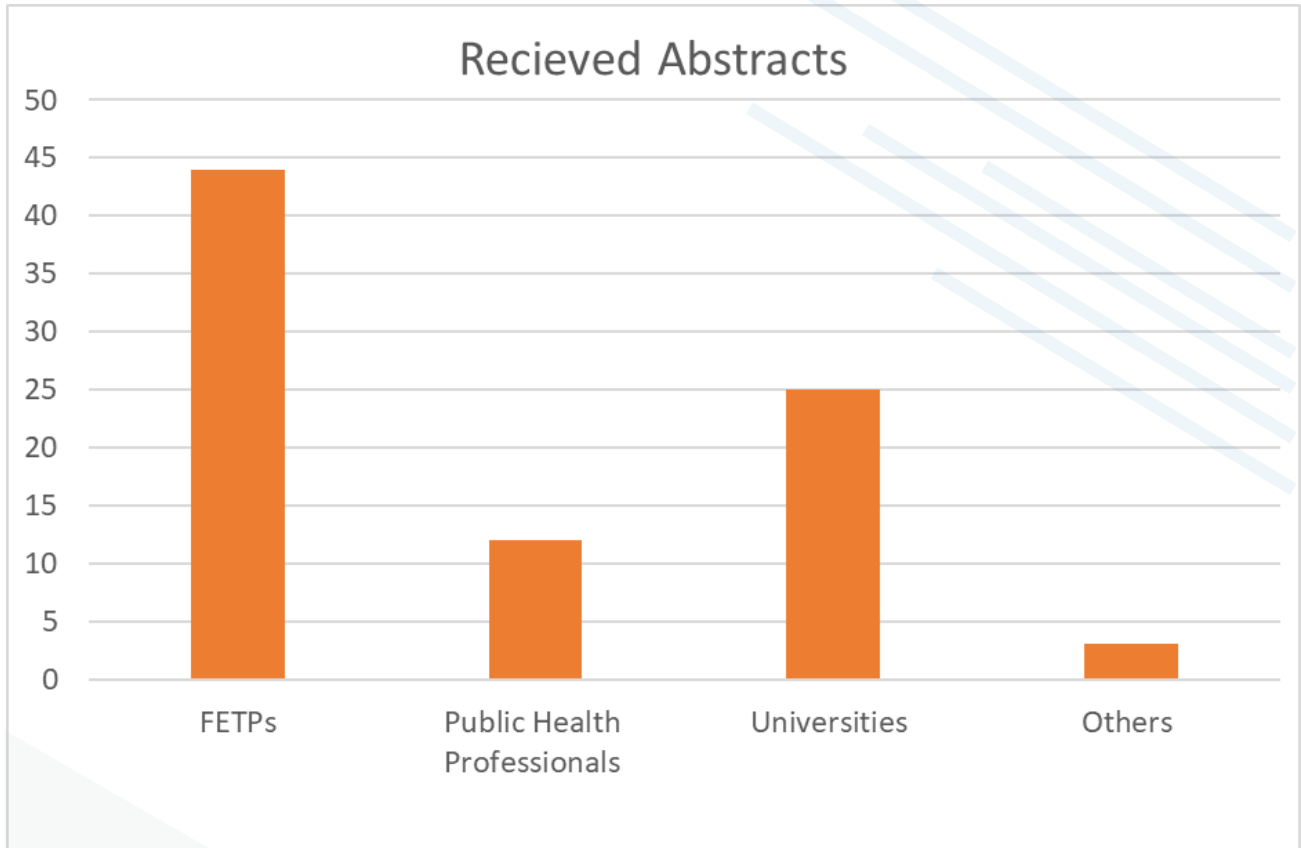


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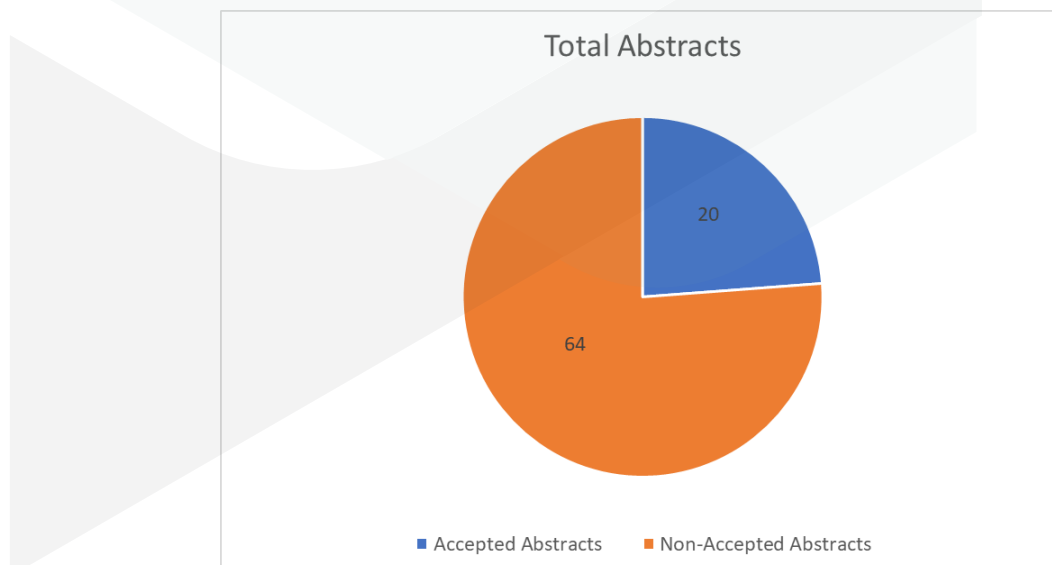
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Abstracts in Numbers



Accepted Abstracts





Save the Date!

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3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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