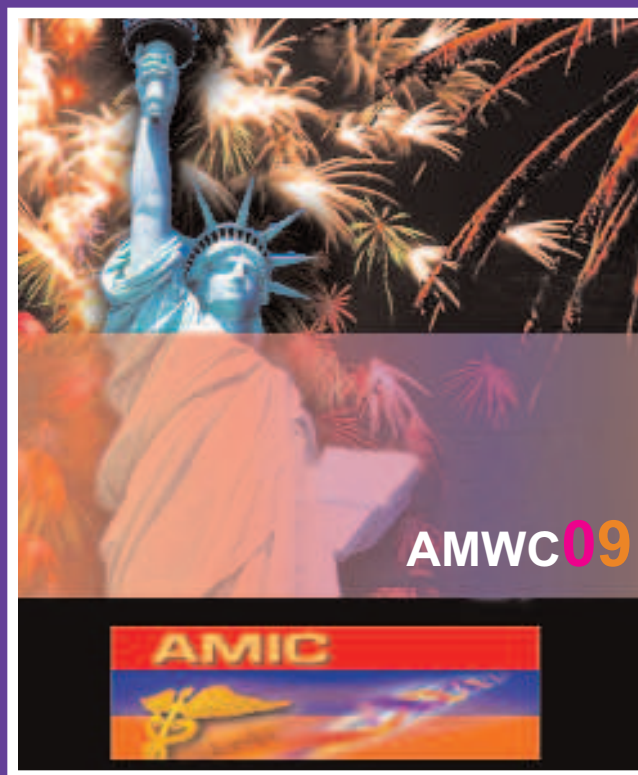


# TENTH ARMENIAN MEDICAL WORLD CONGRESS

New York City  
July 1 - 4, 2009

## AMIC



*Hosted by AAHPO  
Armenian American Health Professionals Organization  
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*Bienvenue*



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**DAVID A. PATERSON**  
GOVERNOR

July 1-4, 2009

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings and to welcome all gathered in our great City of New York for the *Tenth Armenian Medical World Congress* hosted by the Armenian American Health Professionals Organizations (AAHPO).

This entire Nation benefits from the contributions of an exceptionally dedicated medical community that reflects our wonderfully diverse population. Their respected mission to provide quality health care is further advanced by organizations founded by professionals who work assiduously to meet these goals, upholding a steadfast commitment to all humankind and continually improving our overall health care delivery system.

Since its establishment in 1994, the AAHPO has helped to ensure the availability and improvement of health care through education, prevention and awareness, offering valuable resources to persons of all backgrounds here in New York State and throughout America. As dedicated individuals of Armenian heritage, your members address the needs of your community in this country with a great degree of cultural sensitivity and also strive to better the lives of people living in the cherished homeland.

This occasion provides an opportunity for your members to highlight past achievements and to identify new goals for the future. New York State is home to a large Armenian American population and fortunate to be served by its many excellent health professionals who contribute to our system of medical treatment, services and research. All people of this State benefit from the dedication and compassion of your members and we appreciate your professional abilities in various areas of expertise that benefit the worldwide Armenian diaspora and enable many New Yorkers to enjoy longer, healthier lives.

As you assemble in the interest of advancing this truly valuable purpose, I extend my congratulations and thanks to your membership for its positive contributions to all our communities and people. Best wishes for an enjoyable visit to New York City, as well as a highly productive and successful conference.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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David A. Paterson



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JON S. CORZINE  
GOVERNOR

July 1, 2009

Dear Friends,

Best wishes to the **Armenian American Health Professionals Organization of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, Inc.** and everyone gathered for the *10<sup>th</sup> Armenian Medical World Congress*.

Since its inception in 1994, the Armenian American Health Professionals Organization, has worked to improve health care awareness, increase disease prevention and early detection and provide medical support and education both in local communities in the United States and Armenia. The doctors and health care professionals associated with the organization have made vital contributions to the health and welfare of those they treat. While projecting rich cultural heritage, the members of the organization continue to play an important part in advancing the knowledge of medicine and health care.

During these next few days, I hope you are able to make new acquaintances and preserve old relationships. May the discussions, seminars, and lectures during the event be thought provoking, informative, and assist in the overall advancement of medical science.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

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JON S. CORZINE



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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July 1, 2009

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome all those attending the Tenth Armenian Medical World Congress, hosted by the Armenian American Health Professionals Organization of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

Since its inception, AAHPO has been a terrific advocate for health care providers of Armenian heritage and the individuals they serve. The organization remains dedicated to improving health care awareness, promoting disease prevention, and providing high-quality care and medical education to the communities of New York City, as well as to Armenians living abroad. This annual conference is an important opportunity for attendees to discuss the latest in medical advances while looking to the future of health care delivery here and everywhere Armenian communities thrive.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I am pleased to recognize those associated with the Armenian American Health Professionals Organization for hosting this event and contributing so much to the health and well-being of our great City. Please accept my best wishes for a productive conference and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor



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April 28, 2009

Dear Friends,

I am sending my warmest greetings to the 10<sup>th</sup> Armenian Medical World Congress

Through the fifteen years of its existence, the Armenian American Health Professionals Organization (AAHPO) has been contributing to the health care awareness, increased disease prevention and early detection, and has been providing medical support and education not only in the Armenian American community but also in Armenia. Programs in Armenia and for Armenia are of special importance for us since improved and up-to-date medical services in Armenia require a cohort of well-educated, dedicated professionals who can put Armenia on the map of the region's advanced medical societies and contribute to the well-being of the Armenian people.

The Armenian American Health Professionals Organization is not only a professional club but also a brilliant example of the Armenian organization which unites professionals with vision, dedication and determination to further strengthen the welfare of our people.

I salute this gathering of the Armenian American Health Professionals Organization and wish the participants of the 10<sup>th</sup> Armenian Medical World Congress many years of blissful service for the benefit of the Armenian community in the United States and our motherland - Armenia.

Armen Martirosyan  
Ambassador

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Dear Friends:

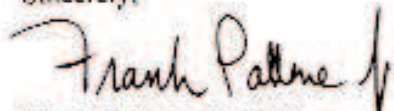
It is with the great pleasure that I extend my best wishes and warmest congratulations to the Armenian Medical World Congress on its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and its host, the Armenian American Health Professional Organization (AAHIPO). I welcome everyone to New York City for this landmark meeting to take place from July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

I remain a staunch advocate for Armenian and Armenian-American issues. As founder and co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I have worked diligently on behalf of your valuable community during my time in Congress. I have sought to be a strong voice for Armenian-Americans who have contributed greatly to American ingenuity and prosperity. In my role as Chairman of the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health, I share with you a commitment for improving health care access.

As we celebrate the tenth meeting of the Armenian Medical World Congress it is important that you recognize your efforts towards the health profession. Like the members of AAHIPO, all of you have devoted your lives to helping others. I laud your greater goal to improve health care delivery to all Armenians and am deeply impressed by your generosity in time and donations. As members of this Congress, your dedication to community service has greatly improved the lives of Armenians.

I wish all the best to the Armenian Medical World Congress and your hosts, AAHIPO. I hope all participants can reflect upon what has been accomplished and look toward the future.

Sincerely,



FRANK PALLONE, JR.  
Member of Congress



Honorable Guests, Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to AMIC's Armenian Medical World Congress.

We are celebrating our 10th AMIC Congress. The difficult yet very rewarding task of organizing this event was given to our youngest association AAHPO after an impressive and excellent presentation of its young president Dr. Lawrence Najarian during AMIC's general assembly in Toronto 3 years ago.

In 1974 in Beirut Lebanon, four Armenian medical doctors had the idea to have a world Armenian Medical Conference. They decided to gather Armenian doctors, dentists, pharmacists and any discipline related to healthcare every four years to know each other and also discuss medical issues while trying to help our motherland with their health related problems.

I had the pleasure to attend all but the two first congresses and here we are already celebrating our 10th in one of the most beautiful cities of the world. I worked closely with the organizing committee, they worked professionally and very efficiently to put together this conference. They invited distinguished and excellent speakers and I am confident, especially the scientific part of the congress will be one of the best. Also they are starting a specialty group day that we tried several years to materialize but we were not able to succeed.

We also tried throughout the years to have a book which will have complete information about the history of AMIC and its associations. Thanks to the work of Dr. Louiza Puskulian-Kubikian, AAHPO was able to put together, I would say as a gift for our 10th Congress, this wonderful booklet that you are holding in your hands. I would like to thank Louiza and her committee for preparing such a valuable archive for AMIC.

Despite of the difficult economic times, Dr. Lawrence Najarian and his co-chair Dr. Vicken Pamoukian worked very hard to organize this conference. I will encourage each and every one of you to physically participate to all meetings and all social events. As always, the last day of the conference is dedicated to medical issues related to Armenia and Diaspora. Especially your valuable input is much needed for the success of this final part of the congress.

On behalf of AMIC, I would like once more to extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to everybody who took part and worked relentlessly in several committees to help in organizing the 10th Armenian Medical World Congress.

Finally, let me remind you that after we successfully conclude the 10th congress in New York, we will meet in four years in Berlin, Germany. Obviously, we also look forward meeting in Yerevan in two years to attend the third Armenian medical conference organized by our colleagues in our motherland.

Dr. Avedis Bogosyan

President AMIC





Dear Colleagues, Honorable Guests and Friends,

It is a privilege and honor for the Armenian American Health Professionals Organization (AAHPO) of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to host the Tenth Armenian Medical World Congress (AMWC) this year from Thursday, July 2 to Sunday, July 4 in New York City, preceded by Sub-Specialty day on Wednesday, July 1.

The weekend will bring together over 300 health care professionals from around the world and discussions will center on important health issues. In continuing with our tradition of innovation, for the first time, the conference will also be recorded for future broadcasts on the internet to facilitate continuing medical education, feature live broadcasts of the plenary sessions to Armenia and also feature live demonstrations of tele-medicine. We want to thank Armenia Fund USA for donating the use of this innovative, revolutionary technology.

The Tenth AMWC will also honor three distinguished members of our community: Nazar Nazarian (Humanitarian Award), Levon Nazarian, MD (Humanitarian and Medical Outreach Award), and Lord Ara Darzi (Scientific Achievement Award) for their outstanding accomplishments in philanthropy and medicine. We congratulate them on their courage, determination, and service to others.

At the first Congress in Beirut, Lebanon in 1973 the founder's stated objective was to create an international body linking Armenian health professionals from around the world. Their dream gave birth to the Armenian Medical International Committee (AMIC) in May, 1990 which now has 25 member organizations spread throughout the world. For over 36 years the Congress has been fostering personal relationships and a spirit of cooperation among Armenian health professionals. Today, we are building onto the strong foundation created by our predecessors and strive to continue the tradition of excellence set by them.

This Congress represents an unprecedented collaboration of Armenian organizations and individual health care providers. You will hear from world-renowned guest speakers on the latest medical advances. While in New York you will also enjoy the many cultural, culinary, and entertainment opportunities for which New York is famous. But much more important than the entertainment this great city affords us, is the substantive work that we will accomplish.

Our most important achievement will be to reinforce the charge that the Armenian Medical World Congress has espoused since its inception. We will uncover new and more effective ways to partner with our colleagues around the world and deliver 21st Century healthcare to brethren in the Diaspora and Armenia. This is our purpose. This is our ongoing focus. This is why we come together every four years. And it is this work that will make a difference in millions of lives around the world.

Lawrence Najarian, MD  
Vicken Pamoukian, MD  
*AMWC09 Co-Chairs*



**Professor the Lord Darzi of Denham KBE,  
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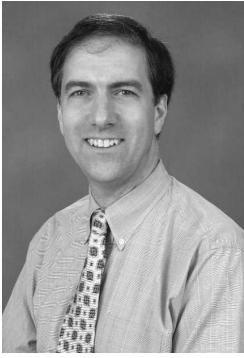
Lord Darzi holds the Paul Hamlyn Chair of Surgery at Imperial College London and is an honorary consultant at St Mary's Hospital and The Royal Marsden Hospital.

Lord Darzi and his team are internationally respected for their innovative work in the advancement of minimal invasive surgery and in the development and use of allied technologies including surgical robots and image-guided surgery. They have been awarded many prizes including the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Excellence in Higher and Further Education, in recognition for their achievements in pioneering new technologies to address training requirements for surgeons. He is also a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and Honorary Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Lord Darzi actively pursues, and relentlessly campaigns for, the need for improved inter-disciplinary research. He has published more than 500 peer review articles and 7 books.

Lord Darzi was knighted by the Queen, for his service to medicine and surgery, as a Knight Commander of the most excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) in December 2002.

Lord Darzi was introduced to the House of Lords on 19 July 2007 and appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health. On 4 July 2007, the Prime Minister and Health Secretary announced that Lord Darzi would lead a review of the NHS that would advise on how to meet the challenges of delivering health care over the next decade. Lord Darzi continues his clinical and academic contribution and is the first Minister of Health to be an active clinician while in office.



## **DR. LEVON NAZARIAN**

Levon Nazar Nazarian was born in Englewood, New Jersey on August 15, 1961. He grew up in Englewood Cliffs, NJ, receiving his elementary education at Englewood Cliffs Public Schools. He went to Horace Mann High School in Riverdale, NY, and then Harvard College, graduating magna cum laude in 1982 with an A.B. degree in Biology. He then attended Cornell University Medical College in New York City, graduating in 1986 as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. After an internship year in internal medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL, he completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, and became Board Certified in 1991 by the American Board of Radiology.

Following a fellowship in body ultrasound, CT and MR imaging at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia where he won the The Homer Mitchell Branch, Jr., M.D. Fellowship Award, he joined the faculty at Jefferson in 1992 first as an Assistant Professor, then quickly rising through the ranks to become Professor of Radiology in 2002. In 2004 he was named Vice Chairman for Education, and is currently Radiology Residency Program Director. Dr. Nazarian has been a very active researcher, and has obtained a number of grants. He has authored or co-authored 69 peer-reviewed scientific papers and 84 abstracts. His initial research centered on melanoma imaging and treatment. Subsequently, his career has focused on the use of ultrasound to diagnose and treat athletic injuries, particularly of the repetitive-use type, such as tennis elbow, carpal tunnel syndrome, and plantar fasciitis. This pioneering work has attracted considerable attention on national television and radio, in newspapers, magazines and Readers Digest Medical Breakthroughs of 2004, as well as by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and the Reuters news agency. Dr. Nazarian was recently featured in the cover story of the April 2009 issue of Imaging Economics magazine.

Dr. Nazarian has lectured extensively, and has given presentations at 150 scientific meetings worldwide. Dr. Nazarian is also involved extensively with editorial work. In 1999 he received the Melvin M. Figley Fellowship in Radiology Journalism from the American Roentgen Ray Society. He has served on the editorial board of numerous journals in his specialty including Radiology and American Journal of Roentgenology, and was recently named Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine, a position he will take over in January 2011.

In conjunction with his work at Thomas Jefferson University, Dr. Nazarian has been deeply involved with helping to make tremendous advances in the use of ultrasound diagnosis in Armenia, the introduction of advanced equipment there, and the training of doctors to properly diagnose patients and use this new technology. Beginning in early 1995 and working in conjunction with the Jefferson Ultrasound Research and Education Institute (JUREI) and the AGBU, Dr. Nazarian began the work that would result in the Ultrasound Training Center of Armenia, which opened in May of 2000 as part of the Yerevan State Medical University. He supervised training of doctors from Armenia at the JUREI in Philadelphia. He traveled to Armenia twice in order to establish the Ultrasound Center and oversee its training programs. The Ultrasound Center of Armenia in Yerevan, which was established with the help of Dr. Nazarian's father, Nazar Nazarian, has evolved into a full-fledged diagnostic facility catering to the medical needs of the Armenian population. It is also open to doctors and medical students from Armenia and abroad. In 2007 Dr. Nazarian joined the AGBU board of directors, following in his father's footsteps.

Dr. Nazarian has been the recipient of numerous awards. On a trip to Armenia in October 2004, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Medicine degree from Yerevan State Medical University and the Gold Medal of the University in recognition of the work he has done in establishing the Ultrasound Training Center of Armenia. He is a fellow of the American College of Radiology, the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, and the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound. He is Chair of the American Board of Radiology written examination in ultrasound, and is also an oral board examiner for the ABR. He is listed in the 2007-2008 Edition of the "Best Doctors in America". In 2006 he received the Dean's Citation for Significant Contributions to the Advancement of Education at Jefferson Medical College, and in 1994 the Jefferson Radiology Residents presented him with the A. Edward O'Hara Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Nazarian married Claudia Joyce Pridjian on June 27, 1987. They have three teenage children, Matthew, Daniela and Gregory, and live in Cherry Hill, NJ. Claudia is the daughter of Ara and the late Anahid Pridjian. After obtaining her B.A. from the University of Illinois in 1982, Claudia received her M.B.A in 1984 from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University.



## NAZAR NAZARIAN

Nazar Nazarian was born on August 2, 1929 in Beirut to Levon and Satenig (nee Yegavian) Nazarian. He graduated from the American University of Beirut with a BA degree in 1949 and a BS degree in pharmacy in 1951; then entered the family textile business. He came to the United States in 1951 and established a successful textile business in New York City. Nazar married Artemis Topjian of Watertown, Massachusetts (B.A. from Boston University, 1953) in 1954. The couple is blessed with two children, Seta and Levon, and five grandchildren: William and Nicholas Albrecht; Matthew, Daniela and Gregory Nazarian. Nazar started his own textile business, eventually called Royale Linens, Inc., headquartered in Kearny, New Jersey, a manufacturer of sheets under the brand name Royale, supplying many leading retail and specialty stores in the United States; firm recognized in 2003 by Sears Roebuck as a recipient of their coveted "Partners in Progress" award. He was president and chief executive until his retirement in 2006, then sold the business to Yunis Textile of Pakistan in January 2007. Since then, the new company has

become the fifth largest importer of sheets and pillowcases.

### NATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

Nazar financed AGBU Hall in Saddle Brook, NJ; established a scholarship program for bringing Armenian students to The Juilliard School; sponsored Armenian orphans at Melkonian Institute in Cyprus. He was a member of AGBU of America and on its board of directors prior to becoming a member of AGBU Central Board of Directors in 1974; member of AGBU Finance Committee; former Vice President and Treasurer of AGBU Central Board of Directors (1985-2007); currently member of AGBU Council of Trustees. Nazar was a member of Board of Directors and Co-Chairman, Building Committee, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New Rochelle, NY. He was the founder, along with brothers Garbis and Noubar and sister Marie, of Levon and Satenig Nazarian Primary School in Beirut in 1962 in memory of their father (present enrollment of 300).

He is one of the godfathers of St. Vartan Cathedral in New York City. Diocesan Delegate 1962-65, 1967-74. In 1983, Nazar was appointed by H.H. Vazken I to a five-member Jerusalem fact-finding committee. In 1988, he established the Nazarian Family Foundation to provide scholarships, grants and internships to institutions of higher learning, charitable organizations and cultural programs in the United States. He assisted the Republic of Armenia with relief following the earthquake of 1988, through construction projects and airlifts of food, medical supplies, and textiles. Nazar is a donor, along with brothers Garbis and Noubar, of the building in the Beirut suburb named after the latter and given to AGBU for the Republic of Armenia to use as its embassy. The groundbreaking was held in 1996; official opening took place in 1998. He is the donor of Nazarian Hall in the AGBU Center of Buenos Aires, 1992.

Nazar is one of the founders of St. Thomas Armenian Church of Tenafly, NJ; was co-chairman of the Building Expansion Committee; served on the Board of Trustees and Parish Council. He was the recipient of St. Thomas Award for Service, 1985.

He was a donor, together with brothers Garbis and Noubar, of the gymnasium and other facilities (AGBU Nazarian Center) at AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School in Canoga Park, California in 1995. He was the donor of Nazarian Activities Center at Camp Nubar, Andes, New York, with a cafeteria and sports facilities, in 1996; opened in 1997. Nazar was honored at a dinner dance held at New York Botanical Garden on October 24, 2003 in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of AGBU Camp Nubar, for his many years of dedication to the Camp. He is the donor of one of the chapels of the newly built St. Gregory Cathedral in Yerevan, named St. Dertad after Nazar's maternal grandfather.

Nazar established an ultrasound center (Ultrasound Training Center) in 2000 at Yerevan Medical School with the help of his son, Dr. Levon Nazarian, radiology professor at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA; he also provided for training of Armenian radiologists at Thomas Jefferson Hospital. He donated 12 Ultrasound machines in 2007 to state health establishments in the Republic of Armenia and the predominantly Armenian region of Javakhk in neighboring Georgia, bringing the total number of donated machines to 29, including a Cat Scanner. He underwrote the expenses of the Yerevan Summer Intern Program for 2007 and 2008. He underwrote the expenses of the toddler facility of AGBU Artemis Nazarian Preschool at AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School in Canoga Park, California (2007). Nazar Nazarian's latest project, completed in 2009, was the construction of an administration building (divanaton) in Etchmiadzin.

### AWARDS, MEDALS

St. Gregory the Illuminator medal from Catholicos Vazken I in 1962.

St. Vartan Award from Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America; Armenian Church Member of the Year in 1968.

Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 1995.

Prince of Cilicia medal from Catholicos Aram I in 1998.

St. Gregory the Illuminator Medal - highest medal of the Armenian Church - from His Holiness Karekin I, Catholicos of All Armenians, on April 25, 1998.

1700 Jubilee medal by Catholicos Karekin II for donating a chapel for St. Gregory Cathedral in Yerevan in September 2002.

Gold medal of Yerevan State University, 2004.

Mekhitar Heratsi medal from RA President Robert Kocharian on April 6, 2007.

Humanitarian Award from the Armenian Medical International Congress, July 4, 2009.

Mr. Nazar Nazarian is a symbol of the American Dream, a success story of one man's vision, hard work and business acumen. Inspired by his own father's philanthropy, he is a symbol of generosity, community activism, support of Armenian causes and dedicated service to many organizations at the national and international level. It is said that those who give freely and unconditionally have wealthy souls. On that account, Mr. Nazarian is a very wealthy man since his generosity is boundless. Nazar Nazarian's contributions and dedicated service are truly impressive. Yet, if asked what is most important in his life, he would probably say: his wife, Artemis's support and encouragement, his children and grandchildren, and the collaboration with his son Dr. Levon Nazarian in establishing the Ultrasound Training Center. This unique father and son team has changed forever the lives of many patients in Armenia. Truly a service to the Motherland.

# AMIC THE ARMENIAN MEDICAL INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

## FOUNDING OF AMIC

The idea of an international body creating links between Armenian Health Care Professionals throughout the world was originally proposed in 1974 in Beirut during the First Armenian Medical World Congress. In the seventies, Armenian Medical Organizations started functioning in various diasporan communities without however, any structural link uniting them. Eleven years later in Montreal, at the closing of the 3rd Congress, the idea was brought forth again and carried a step forward by the election of a small committee to study its feasibility.

The desire of creating such a diasporan structure grew and at each Armenian Medical World Congress following Beirut (Venice in 1980, and Montreal in 1984), tangible steps were taken. For instance in Montreal, a small committee was formed to study the feasibility of such an idea. Four years later, in Los Angeles, during the Fourth Armenian Medical World Congress, the committee presided by Dr. Vahaken Tachdjian (Philadelphia) decided to hold a special meeting in Montreal in 1990 devoted solely to the creation of such a body.



In May 1990, representatives from France, U.S.A. and Canada gathered in Montreal to lay the foundation of the Armenian Medical International Committee or "*Comité International Médical Arménien*". AMIC/CIMA is now a non-profit organization incorporated in Quebec (Canada), with its main office established in Montreal.

## FOUNDERS OF AMIC

Seated: *the late Rina Yemedjian, (Pharmacist/Montreal); Dr. Angele Demers (Ophthalmologist/Montreal); Dr. Sarkis Santikyan (Hemato-Oncologist/Montreal); Dr. Antranik Benohanian (Dermatologist/ Montreal); Dr. Avedis Bogosyan (current AMIC President, Family Practice/Toronto)*

Standing: *Dr. Hrair Der Kevorkian (Dentist-Montreal); Dr. Michel Dervichian (Gastro-UMAF/ Paris); Dr. Vahaken Tachdjian (AMIC Honorary President/Philadelphia); Dr. Serge Simonian (Surgeon-UMAF/Paris); Dr. Haig Baltadjian (Dentist, Montreal)*

Standing last row: *Dr. Peter Kojian (Gynecologist/Los Angeles); Dr. Edouard Naltchayan (Psychiatrist/ Montreal and AMIC first president); Dr. Richard Babayan (Urologist/Boston) and Dr. Ara Keresteci (Urologist/Toronto)*

When AMIC was founded in May 1990, *Drs. Haig Baltadjian, Antranik Benohanian and Edouard Naltchayan*, all from Montreal, were nominated as Secretaries and *Dr. Vahaken Tachdjian* as AMIC's President. During the 5th Armenian World Medical Congress (1992) held in Paris, *Dr. Edouard Naltchayan* was elected AMIC's President, while *Drs. Baltadjian and Benohanian* continued serving as Secretaries and *Dr. V. Tachdjian* became AMIC Honorary President. *Dr. Edouard Naltchayan's* mandate was renewed until 1999. In May 1999, during the annual General Assembly held in Toronto, AMIC's Honorary President, *Dr. Vahaken Tachdjian* proposed *Dr. Antranik Benohanian* as AMIC President. *Dr. Benohanian's* mandate lasted from 1999 to 2001. *Dr. Jean Arakelian* from Montreal succeeded *Dr. Benohanian* as President and his term lasted from 2001 to 2007. In 2007, during AMIC's General Assembly held in Yerevan, *Dr. Avedis Bogosyan* from Toronto, was elected AMIC's Executive President.

## AMIC PRESIDENTS 1990 - 2009

*Dr. Vahaken Tachdjian, AMIC Honorary President*

*Dr. Edouard Naltchayan, 1992 - 1999*

*Dr. Antranik Benohanian, 1999 - 2001*

*Dr. Jean Arakelian, 2001 - 2007*

*Dr. Avedis Bogosyan, 2007 - present*

## OBJECTIVES AND STRUCTURE OF AMIC

Even before the independence of Armenia, contacts were established between AMIC and Armenian health authorities. Immediately after the independence (1991), these contacts became more and more official. The first health Minister of Health of Armenia, Dr. Ara Babloyan was invited to the Paris Congress. Since then, the tradition was established to always invite officially the Ministers of Health of Armenia and Karabagh to Armenian Medical World Congresses. In 1995, AMIC's main office was established in Montreal after the prior opening of an office in Armenia. The city of Montreal was chosen because geographically it was located between Europe and America and because the city as well as its inhabitants are bilingual, even trilingual. In addition to English and French, Armenian is widely spoken by Montrealers of Armenian descent.

AMIC had the privilege of planning the congresses beginning in 1992. During the 25th Anniversary Celebration of UMAF (Union Medicale Armenienne de France) in November 2000, a meeting was held in Paris with the Honorable Minister of Health of Armenia, Ararat Mkrtychyan, where an agreement was reached to hold Armenian Medical Congresses in Armenia as well. Diasporan congresses would continue to be organized by AMIC and the local Armenian Medical organizations every four years, while congresses in Armenia would be organized by the Armenian Government with the full assistance of AMIC, also every four years. This would give a chance to Armenian Health Professionals to meet every two years, once in Armenia and once in the Diaspora.

AMIC holds annual General Assemblies in various cities, and during the year preceding a Congress, the GA takes place in the same city where the planned Congress will be held. Since 1998, AMIC publishes an electronic Bulletin, the *INFO-FLASH* in both English and French and sends it freely online to more than 1200 Armenian health care professionals. In 2005, AMIC started publishing the *Armenian Medical Review* (AMR); Armenian health care professionals must subscribe however, to the AMR. Four issues were published until now.

## AMIC DIFFERENT COMMITTEES SINCE 1992

Right after the Paris Congress in 1992, AMIC created eight *Standing Committees*, headed by Dr. Vazken Der Kaloustian (Montreal, Canada). Their major and immediate aim was to initiate and coordinate efforts to provide help to the different medical problems of Armenia and Artzakh.

*The Standing Committees* covered the following medical domains: Medical Education, Primary Health Care, Public Health, Hospital Administration, Neonatology and Perinatology, Pharmacy and Medical Equipment, Stomatology and Dentistry, Nursing. They were headed by specialists from the USA and Canada and had members from all over the world, including Armenia. Each Standing Committee organized its activities according to the needs expressed by Armenia and according to its financial possibilities. Some were more successful than others and grew in their activities even after the Standing Committees stopped functioning, like the dentists and the Nurses.

In 2005, during the San Francisco Congress, the idea was somewhat revived by Dr. Berge Minassian (Toronto, Canada) and the "*AMIC Specialty Groups*" were born. Currently the most active and organized one is the Neurologists' group. In 2007, after the Second Medical International Congress held in Armenia, a "*Residency Program*" was put in place, in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine of the State University of Yerevan. AMIC will help the University find Diasporan specialists who would be invited to Armenia to train new graduates, in training sessions corresponding to the Residency programs of the universities in Western countries.

## HISTORICAL DATA

May 1990: Foundation of AMIC, Montreal, Quebec.  
October 1991: Paris Congress preparatory meeting, Val David, Quebec.  
July 1992: Joint exploratory meeting with the Health Minister of Armenia, Paris, France.  
June 1993: Joint meeting with the Health Minister of Armenia, Montreal, Quebec.  
September 1993: General Assembly, Montreal, Quebec.  
September 1993: Establishment of Standing Committees, Montreal, Quebec.  
May 1994: Opening of AMIC's Office in Yerevan.  
September 1994: Boston Congress preparatory meeting, Boston, USA.  
June 1995: Official incorporation in Quebec, Canada.  
July 1995 : General Assembly in Boston, USA.  
September 1995: Opening of AMIC's Head Office in Montreal.  
October 1996: General Assembly, Montreal, Canada.  
October 1997: General Assembly, and Lyon Congress preparatory meeting, Lyon, France.  
July 1998: General Assembly Lyon, France.  
May 1999: General Assembly, Toronto, Canada.  
June 2000: General Assembly, and Toronto Congress preparatory meeting, Montreal, Canada.  
July 2001: General Assembly in Toronto, Canada  
November 2002 : General Assembly in Montreal.  
June 2003: General Assembly in Yerevan/Armenia.  
May 2004: General Assembly in Toronto/Canada.  
July 2, 2005: General Assembly in San Francisco, USA.  
June 2-3, 2006: General Assembly in Toronto, Canada.  
June 30, 2007: General Assembly in Yerevan, Armenia.  
May 2-3, 2008: General Assembly in New York, USA.  
July 1-4, 2009: General Assembly in New York, USA.

## CONGRESSES

|                   |                   |      |  |
|-------------------|-------------------|------|--|
| First Congress    | Beirut, Lebanon   | 1974 | Dr. Hagop Kirkiacharian ( <i>Chairman</i> )  |
| Second Congress   | Venice, Italy     | 1980 | Dr. Michel Arslan ( <i>Chairman</i> )  |
| Third Congress    | Montreal, Canada  | 1984 | Dr. Arto Demirjian ( <i>Chairman</i> )   |
| Fourth Congress   | Los Angeles, CA   | 1988 | Dr. John Kassabian ( <i>Chairman</i> )   |
| Fifth Congress    | Paris, France     | 1992 | Dr. Serge Simonian ( <i>Chairman</i> )   |
| Sixth Congress    | Boston, MA        | 1995 | Dr. Richard Babayan ( <i>Chairman</i> )  |
| Seventh Congress  | Lyon, France      | 1998 | Dr. Jean-Pierre Basmadjian ( <i>Chairman</i> )   |
| Eighth Congress   | Toronto, Canada   | 2001 | Dr. Avedis Bogosyan ( <i>Chairman</i> )  |
| Ninth Congress    | San Francisco, CA | 2005 | Dr. Jerry Manoukian ( <i>Chairman</i> )  |
| Tenth Congress    | New York City, NY | 2009 | Dr. Lawrence Najarian, ( <i>Co-Chair</i> )<br>Dr. Vicken Pamoukian ( <i>Co-Chair</i> ) |
| Eleventh Congress | Germany           | 2013 | To be announced  |

## MANDATE OF AMIC

### **The Purpose of AMIC is to**

- To reinforce the sense of common identity underneath the diversity of the culture and the language of the various countries of adoption.
- To create a sense of solidarity and mutual commitment in the pursuit of common goals and objectives.

### **The Objective of AMIC is to:**

- To regroup under a coordinating umbrella the various Armenian Medical Associations of the Diaspora.
- To promote and facilitate the creation of such associations where possible.
- To establish and update a data bank on available human resources and ongoing projects.
- To maintain an adequate flow of pertinent information among member associations and other interested organizations.
- To coordinate all efforts of health care assistance to any Armenian community in need of such.
- To pursue the organization of the world Congresses.
- To ensure the follow-through of the outcome of the world congresses and contribute to the organization of future ones.

### **AMIC as Coordinating/Networking Body**

To reach fully its purpose and objectives, AMIC plays the role of a coordinating/networking body, a task of tremendously growing importance, however intangible it may seem.

#### **The coordination is a multifaceted process:**

- Day to day continuous contacts between various inquiring associations and individuals, AMIC's office, and/or Armenia.
- AMIC helps either by providing information, solutions, or by finding the adequate Armenian or international partner to clear up and settle pending issues. As a matter of fact, this function is becoming very important.
- A wider, long term implication by initiating and preparing, or finding reports, documentation, surveys, data, pertaining to health related issues. These data need regular updating.
- AMIC's Executive has been active in playing the bridging role of a third mediating party between Western Universities (i.e. hitherto Canadian), government agencies (i.e. Canadian) or governments (i.e. of Quebec) and the Ministry of Health of Armenia. Its member associations have been active in the same field in their respective countries.

#### **The networking aspect materializes by:**

- The organization of regular yearly General Assemblies, and triennial World Congresses. While the General Assemblies are directly arranged by AMIC, the World Congresses' responsibility is delegated to involved member associations.
- Increasing the number of affiliated associations, and promoting the creation of associations wherever they do not still exist: in 1998 four new associations, and on June 2000 the two nursing associations of East and West Coast in the US have joined AMIC bringing thus the total number of its members to 25. Much more can and has to be done in this area of action.

### **2008-2009 EXECUTIVE BODY OF AMIC**

*Dr. Avedis Bogosyan (President)*

*Dr. Jean Arakelian*

*Mr. Abel Arslanian*

*Dr. Berdj Artinian,*

*Dr. Antranik Benohanian*

*Mr. Richard Elliott*

*Dr. Berdj Kiladjian*

*Dr. Berge Minassian*

*Dr. Zareh Ouzounian*



**CONGRESS PHOTOS**



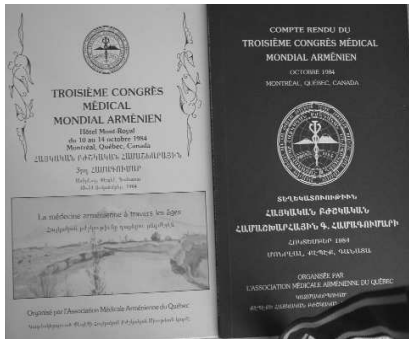
**1974 First Armenian World Congress - Beirut**  
 From left to right: *Dr. Hovsep Yenikomchian, Prof. of Medicine, American University of Beirut, AUB; Dr. Hampar Kelikian, Prof. of Orthopedics, Chicago; Rev. Fr. Dupre Latour, Chancellor of the French Medical and Pharmacy Faculty of Beirut; Dr. Agop Kerkiacharian, Prof. of Surgery and President of the First Armenian Medical World Congress; Dr. Lichtenwalner, Prof. of Public Health, Rector of Faculty of AUB; Dr. Joseph Khoury, President of College of Physicians of Lebanon; Dr. Hasratian, the eldest of the physicians and writers (Bagdad)*



**1984 Third Armenian World Congress - Montreal**  
*Dr. Jean Arakelian, Dr. Antranik Benohanian, Dr. Augustin Roy and Dr. Ara Dakessian*



**1984 Third Armenian World Congress - Montreal**  
*Dr. Arto Demirjian, Organizer of the Third AMWC Congress, Dr. Augustin Roy and Mrs. Louise Harrel, Canadian Minister*



**1988 Fourth Armenian World Congress - Los Angeles**  
*Seated: Dr. Melik Mirzoyan (Argentina), Dr. Serge Simonian (Paris) Dr. Misak Barsamian, President of the 4th AMWC in LA, Dr. Vahaken Tachdjian and Prof. Arto Demirjian president of the 3rd Congress in Montreal. Right behind Dr. Tachdjian is Dr. Artine Sagherian and the 2nd person from the back row from the right is Robert Donikian pharmacist from Lyon, also former president of UMAF. Standing: second is Dr. Michel Dervichian, behind Dr. Dervichian is Dr. Raffy Hovanessian. Behind them on the right is Dr. Antranik Benohanian and Dr. George Kepenekian.*



**1988 Fourth  
Armenian World  
Congress Los Angeles**  
*The Delegation from  
Armenia to the  
Congress*



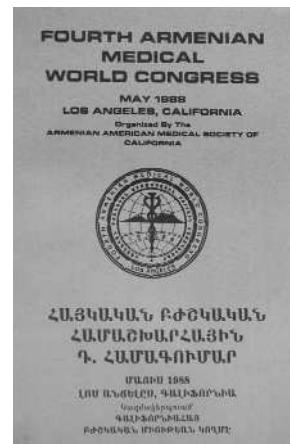
*Dr. Misak Barsamian, President of AAHSC  
& Dr. John Kassabian, Chairman of the  
Organizing Committee, with Dr. Misak  
Abdouljian in the back left.*



*From left: Dr. & Mrs. John & Mary Kassabian, Dr. Antablian, Mr.  
Shakarian (Armenia), Dr. Misak Barsamian, Dr. Emile Kaprielian,  
Minister of Health of Armenia, and Dr. Victor Zakary*



*The Armenian Delegation with members of the Fourth  
Armenian Medical Congress organizers*



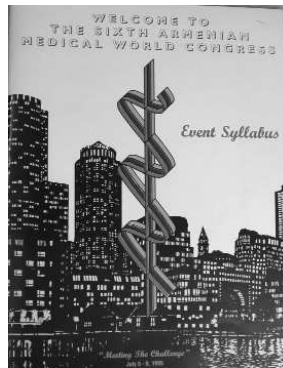
*Dr. Raymond Damadian speaking.  
Next to him are Dr. Barsamian, Dr.  
Harutiun Saghirian, Dr. Misak  
Abdouljian and Dr. Peter Kojian*





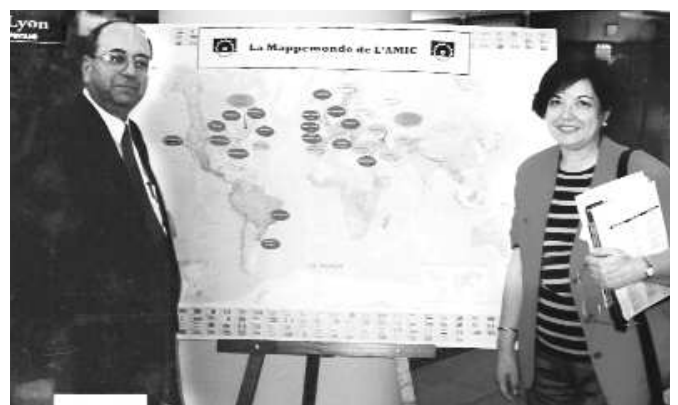
**1992 Fifth Armenian World Congress - Paris - The first AMIC Congress**

*From left: Prof. Robert Assadourian, Dr. J. Kasabian, Dr. Ara Babloyan, Dr. Kevork Apkarian and Dr. Antranik Benohanian*



**1995 Sixth Armenian World Congress - Boston**

*Dr. Richard Babayan, President of the Sixth Congress and his wife Sonya, Dr. Vazken Der Kaloustian, Dr. Edouard Naltchayan, AMIC President, Dr. Michel Dervichian*



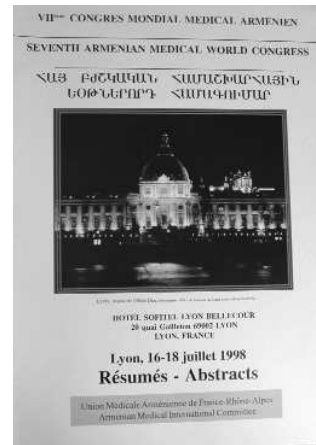
**1998 Seventh Armenian World Congress - Lyon**

*In this photo: Dr. Krikor Soghikian (San Francisco), Dr. Jacques Yervant (Paris), Dr. Raffy Hovannessian, Dr. Sarkis Soukiasian (Boston), Mr. Richard Elliott (Montreal), Ara Ter Martirosian (Philadelphia), Dr. Haig Grigorian from Armenia and Dr. Vazken Der Kaloustian (Montreal)*

*Dr. Antranik Benohanian and Aida Boudjikian in front of the map of the world showing the various affiliate organizations of AMIC*

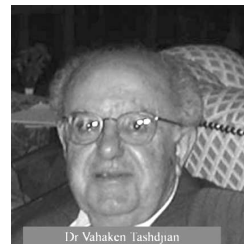


*Dr. Sarkis Soukiasian, Dr. Edouard Naltchayan and Dr. & Mrs. John Saryan and Chef Paul Bocuse*

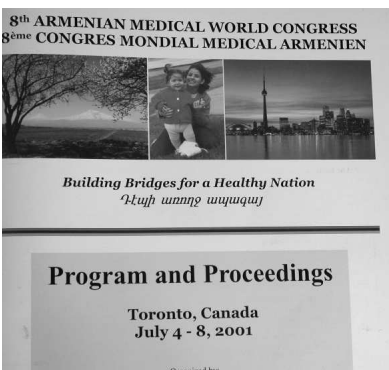


**2001 Eighth Armenian World Congress - Toronto**

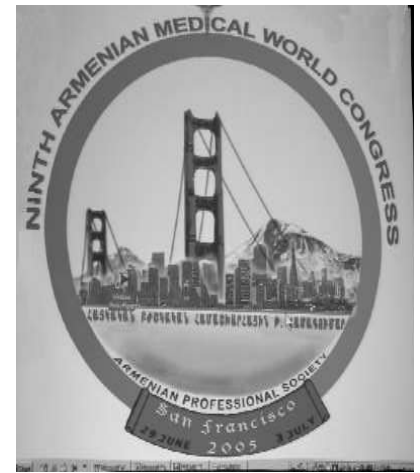
*First row: Dr. Berdj Kiladjian, Dr. Vahaken Tachdjian, Mrs. Nani Oskanian, (wife of the Minister of Foreign Affairs then), Dr. Haig Grigorian (from Armenia, then AMIC representative in Armenia)*



*Dr. Ara Hovannessian, Baroness Carolyne Cox, Dr. Berge Minassian, Dr. Vahaken Tachdjian, Honorary President of AMIC*



*Mrs. Zarmine Naccashian and Elise Yacoubian (president and member of the Nursing association of West Coast), Mrs. Marie Vartanian, president of the Nursing Association of the East Coast*



**2005 Ninth Armenian World Congress - San Francisco**  
**Attendees of AMIC General Assembly in SF**  
*Seated: Marie Vartanian, Dr. Adela Adjami, Dr. Jean Arakelian, Dr. Avedis Bogosyan, Dr. Berge Minassian, Dr. Aida Boudjikian, Mrs. Salpi Akaragian,*  
*Standing first row: Dr. Armineh Mizarbegian, Mr. Richard Elliott, Dr. Zareh Ouzounian, Dr. Berdj Kiladjian, Dr. Jean-Pierre Basmadjian, Dr. Mariam Manoukian, Mrs. Mary Konyalian,*  
*Second row: Dr. Jacques Yervant, Dr. Peter Kodjian, Dr. Jean-Daniel Kirassian, Dr. Leon Artinian, Dr. Richard Babayan, Dr. Sarkis Soukiassian, Dr. Roger Ohanessian,*  
*Third row, in the middle Dr. Jerry Manoukian, on the right, Dr. Larry Najarian*



**2005 Ninth Armenian World Congress - San Francisco**  
*Dr. Jerry Manoukian, Chairman of the Congress with Dr. Jacques Yervant, Dr. Ara Babloyan, Dr. Zareh Ouzounian*



**2005 Ninth Armenian World Congress - San Francisco**  
*Attendees listening to lectures in the Fairmont Hotel Ballroom*

**2008 AMIC Meeting in New York**  
*Dr. Jerry Manoukian, Richard Elliot, Dr. Lawrence Najarian, Dr. Avedis Bogosyan, Dr. Jacques Yervant, Dr Zareh Ouzounian*  
*(Preparatory meeting to AMWC09 in New York)*



**2008 General Assembly held in New York**

*From left: Dr. Jean Arakelian, 3 members of the New York Congress Committee Dr. Knarig Khatchadourian, Dr. Aram Cazazian, Dr. Louiza Kubikian and Mary Konyalian. Next picture, Dr. Jean Daniel Kirassian with Dr. Haigaz Grigorian, next, Dr. Grigor Khachikian, Dr. Kevork Der Sarkissian and Khoren Nalbandian, RPH*

**Credits:**

The information presented in this booklet about the history of AMIC was prepared in collaboration with many individuals who provided written material and photos. We would like to recognize and thank them for their assistance.

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*Dr. Misak Barsamian, Los Angeles, California*

*Dr. Avedis Bogosyan, AMIC President, Toronto, Canada*

*Dr. Aida Boudjikian, PhD, AMIC Administrative Director, Montreal, Canada*

*Dr. Adom Boudjikian, PhD, Montreal, Canada*

*Dr. Michel Dervichian, Paris, France*

*Dr. Agop Kerkiacharian, Paris, France*

*Dr. Jerry Manoukian, San Francisco, California*

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## AMIC MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

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Dr. Jean-Daniel Kirassian, President

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Dr. Martha Martents, President

**Council of Armenian American Nurses (CAAN)** Mrs. Marie Vartanian, President

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## AAHPO, the Armenian American Health Professionals Organization of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut



*Khoren Nalbandian, Dr. Ohannes Nercessian and Dr. Robert A. Aslanian*

AAHPO was established in the fall of 1994 after a series of meetings between Nabet Kasabian, M.D., Khoren Nalbandian, R.Ph. and John Nercessian, M.D. All three were active individuals in the Armenian community of the New York, New Jersey Metropolitan area. They felt that the Armenian community was devoid of a medical healthcare group. It was through their vision and determination that they formed a steering committee by identifying key individuals who would be appropriate to recruit in this endeavor.

The original steering committee consisted of Dr. Nabet Kasabian, Khoren Nalbandian, R.Ph., Dr. John Nercessian, Dr. Pierre Maldjian, Dr. Haikaz Grigorian, Dr. Edmund Gergerian, Dr. Kourkin Tchorbajian, Dr. Knarig Khatchadourian, Dr. Harout Mekhjian, Dr. Hrair Shahinian, Annette Choolfaian, RN, MPH, Dr. Robert Aslanian and others.



### 1995-1996 Executive Officers

*Standing: Dr. Haikaz Grigorian, Khoren Nalbandian, RPh, Dr. Ohannes Nercessian, Dr. Robert A. Aslanian, Dr. Nabet G. Kasabian, Dr. Pierre Maldjian, Dr. Edmund L. Gergerian  
Seated: Dr. Victoria Voskian, Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian, Dr. Heripsime Ohanian*

After several meetings, preliminary by-laws were drafted and the organization achieved non profit status. It was decided that AAHPO membership would be open to individuals with professional degrees in all health related fields such as physicians, dentists, pharmacists, podiatrists, chiropractors, optometrists, nurses, etc.

The primary mission of AAHPO continues to be to promote and advance the science and art of healing; to educate and improve the health services of the Armenian community in the metropolitan area; to foster fellowship among Armenian Health Professionals; to

assist young Armenian health professionals with direction and guidance into respective medical fields; to cooperate and coordinate activities with other Armenian Health Professional organizations and to address and improve health care needs in Armenia.



### Banquet Committee 1996

*Mrs. Ani & Dr. Ohan Karatoprak, Dr. Kirk Tchorbajian, Mrs. Seta & Mr. Khoren Nalbandian, RPh, Dr. Levon Capan, Dr. Nabet Kasabian, Dr. John Nercessian, Dr. Hripsime Ohanian, Dr. Edmund Gergerian, Dr. Knarig Khatchadourian, Dr. Pierre Maldjian, Mrs. Suzanne Kasabian, Dr. Vickie Voskian, Mrs. Glorian & Dr. Robert Aslanian*

Throughout the years, AAHPO has served the community at large by organizing several Health Fairs, holding Panel Discussions on health related issues and recently presenting Medical Workshops in metropolitan area churches. Members of the organization have also contributed medical columns in the Armenian Reporter and were interviewed by Armenian Radio Hour.





Participants in the Health Fair in 1997 at Hovnanian Armenian School

- Dr Robert A. Aslanian*
- Dr. Pierre Maldjian*
- Dr. Ara Manougian*
- Dr. Nabet Kasabian*
- Dr. Edmund Gergerian*
- Khoren Nalbandian, RPh*
- Dr. Knarig Khatchadourian*
- Dr. Ohannes Nercessian*
- Dr. Gary Ishkanian*
- Dr. Noemi Isnar*
- Dr. Ted Chaglassian*
- Dr. Victoria Voskian*
- Dr. Michael H. Loshigian*



**2001 AAHPO Board** Standing: *Dr. Pierre Maldjian, Dr. Ohan Karatoprak, Dr. Jack Hajjar, Dr. Armand Asarian, Dr. Lawrence Najarian, Dr. Arthur Kubikian,* Seated: *Dr. Edmund Gergerian, Dr. Knarig Khatchadourian, Joyce Ariyan, RN, Khoren Nalbandian, RPh*



**2006 Medical Workshops** *Dr. Raffi Kaprielian, Dr. Edmund Gergerian, Mrs. Bea Movsesian, Dr. Robert Baklajian, Dr. Lawrence Najarian, Dr. Vahan Kouyoumdjian*



**AAHPO  
ACTIVITIES**

**2008 Health Professional Lectures**  
Little Neck, New York





**December 2007** Some Board Members:  
*Dr. Pierre Maldjian, Dr. Vicken Pamoukian, Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian, Dr. Garbis Baydar, Dr. Larry Najarian, Dr. Armand Asarian*



**April 4, 2008 Health Professional Lectures, Hackensack, NJ**  
 Standing: *Agnes Melkon, D.Litt., Dr. Vahe Hagopian, Dr. Louiza Puskulian, Dr. Larry Najarian, Dr. Kourkin Tchorbajian, Dr. Wayne Berberian, Khoren Nalbandian, RPh, Dr. Ohan Karatoprak, Dr. Ted Chaglassian, Dr. Harout Margossian.*  
 Seated: *Dr. Mary Chaglassian, Dr. Arthur Kubikian, Dr. Garbis Baydar, Dr. Haikaz Grigorian, Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian, Dr. Heripsime Ohanian, Dr. Raffy Hovanessian*



**April 20, 2008, AAHPO Medical Workshops Holy Martyrs Church, Bayside, NY**  
 Front: *Dr. Sero Andonian, Dr. Lynn Cetin, Michael Zohrabian, Very Rev. Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian, PhD, Dr. Lawrence Najarian, Dr. George Anastasian, Dr. Alina Stanciu, Dr. Arthur Asadorian, Dr. Edward Sanossian.*  
 Back: *Dr. Robert Eden, Dr. Arthur Kubikian and Dr. Michael Loshigian*



**May 1, 2009, Medical Workshop Englewood, NJ**  
 Seated: *Magda Najarian, Dr. Harout Mekhjian, Dr. Tsoline Kojaoghlanian, Khoren Nalbandian, RPh.* Standing: *Seta Nalbandian, Shakeh Mekhjian, Dr. Garbis and Laura Baydar, Dr. Lawrence Najarian, Dr. Arthur Kubikian, Dr. Ted Chaglassian, Dr. Louiza Kubikian*



**April 2009 Health Professional Lectures, Little Neck, New York**



**June 2007**

**AMIC Congress in Yerevan, Armenia**

Dr. Roger Ohanesian, Director of the Armenian Eyecare Project together with a group of AAHPO members attending the Congress: *Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian, Dr. Larry Najarian, Dr. Roger Ohanesian, Nune Yeghiazaryan, MPA, Dr. Edgar Housepian and Dr. Tavit Najarian*

In 2006, AAHPO was instrumental in negotiating a \$1,000,000 donation from Pfizer Inc. to the Armenian Eye Care Project (AECF) for state-of-the art ophthalmic equipment. This equipment furnishing five operating rooms and teaching labs became the central feature of the newly created "Center of Teaching Excellence in Eye Care" in Yerevan.

AAHPO's current projects include the building of a medical clinic in the remote northeastern village of Voskevan, in collaboration with our sister organization, the Armenian American Medical Society of California. AAHPO's involvement with this project was made possible by a \$5,000 donation from Mr. Haig Didizian. AAHPO is also pleased to announce the fulfillment of a dream of our founding members: through an affiliation with North Hudson Community Action Corporation, uninsured Armenians can access free medical care through 9 office sites in New Jersey and receive medicines as well. We have also developed an alliance with Quantia, MD, a large internet provider of the latest medical information. Quantia MD will assist us in grant and continuing medical education projects. These activities supplement our ongoing activities previously mentioned.

AAHPO's efforts to improve medical care delivery to our Community have been recognized by the Armenian Medical International Committee (AMIC) of which AAHPO is a member. AMIC has chosen New York as the site of its 2009 Armenian Medical World Congress where health care providers from around the world will convene to present and discuss important health issues. The success of the organization depends on the participation and involvement of its members and the support of the community at large. We acknowledge and thank all those who contributed to enhancing AAHPO's mission. We welcome the ideas and vitality new members bring and encourage them to help us fulfill our responsibilities to the community we serve.

Our greatest accomplishment continues to be harnessing the energy of all health care providers in the tristate area to meet the health care needs of the Armenian community here and in Armenia.

**2009 AAHPO EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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*Board Members*

**Happy Fifteenth Anniversary  
AAHPO!!**

**PAST PRESIDENTS OF AAHPO**

Robert Aslanian, D.D.S. 1994 - 1996

Ohannes A. Nercessian, M.D. 1996 - 1998

Nabet G. Kasabian, M.D. 1998 - 2000

Armand P. Asarian, M.D. 2000 - 2003

Ted Chaglassian, M.D. 2003 - 2006

Lawrence V. Najarian, M.D. 2006

AAHPO has honored and paid special tribute to exceptional individuals in the Armenian community for their outstanding contributions to the advancement of healthcare here and in Armenia. They were: Mrs. Louise Simone Manoogian, Dr. Ara Hovanesian, Dr. Avedis K. Khatchadourian, Dr. Stephan Ariyan, Dr. Edgar Housepian, Dr. Harout Mekhjian, Mr. Kevork Hovnanian, Mrs. Rita Balian, Dr. Aram V. Chobanian, Dr. John P. Bilezikian & Dr. Roger V. Ohanesian.



1996 Mrs. Louise Simone Manoogian receiving award from Dr. John Nercessian



1997 Honoring Dr. Ara Hovanesian



2001 Dr. Avedis K. Khatchadourian receiving award from Dr. Armand Asarian and Berge Setrakian, Esq.



1998 Dr. Stephan Ariyan receiving award from Dr. John Nercessian



1998 Dr. Edgar Housepian receiving award from Dr. Nabet Kasabian



2004 Dr. Harout Mekhjian receiving plaque from Dr. Ted Chaglassian and Khoren Nalbandian, R.Ph.



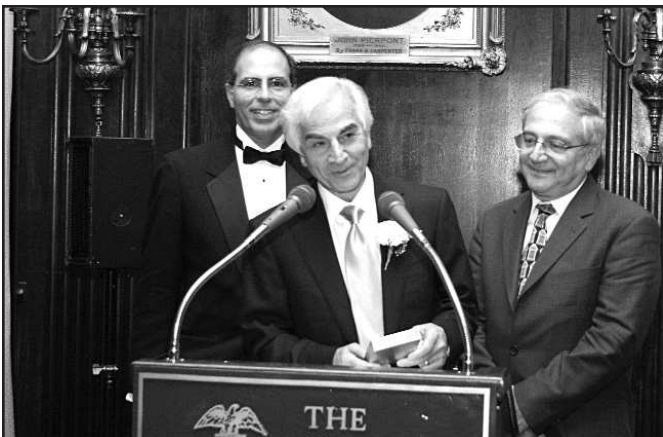
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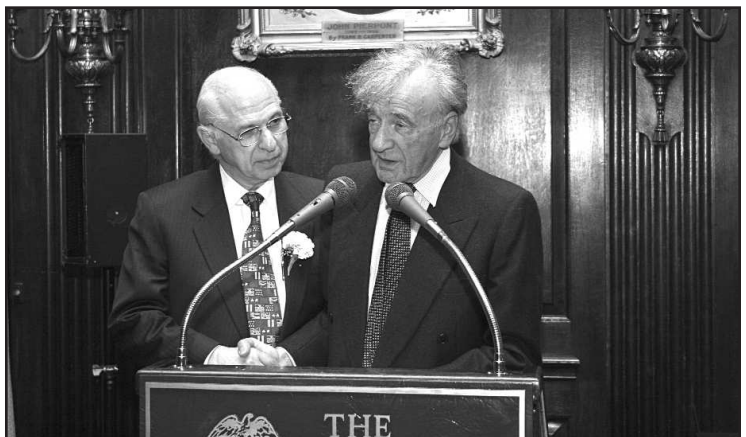
2006 Dr. Aram Chobanian receiving award from Dr. Arthur Kubikian and Dr. Larry Najarian



2006 Mrs. Rita Balian receiving award from Dr. Larry Najarian, Dr. Arthur Kubikian & Ambassador John Evans



2008 Dr. Roger V. Ohanesian receiving award from Dr. Arthur Kubikian and Dr. Larry Najarian



2008 Dr. John P. Bilezikian being congratulated by Elie Weisel on receiving award from AAHPO



2008 Gala Banquet Front row: Dr. Aram Cazazian, Dr. Louiza Kubikian, Dr. Edmund Gergerian, Dr. Knarig Khatchadourian, Dr. Mariam Manoukian, Dr. John Bilezikian, Dr. Lawrence Najarian, Dr. Roger Ohanesian, D. Michel Dervichian, Dr. Kegham Der Sarkissian, Dr. Nubar Manuelyan, Dr. Haigaz Grigorian, Dr. Garbis Baydar; Back row: Dr. Pierre Maldjian, Dr. Arthur Kubikian

## AAHPO ACTIVITIES

### December 1994

First organizational meeting of the Executive Committee in Paramus, NJ

### May 1995

First General Membership Meeting of AAHPO Paramus, NJ

### July 1995

AAHPO members attend the Sixth Armenian Medical World Congress in Boston, MA

### January 1996

Second General Membership Meeting of AAHPO Paramus, NJ

### May 1996

"*Legal Issues on Managed Health Care*" Health Care Symposium sponsored by AAHPO at the Hekemian Center of Hackensack Univ. Medical Center

### September 1996

First Annual Dinner Dance honoring Louise Simone Manoogian

### December 1996

Third General Membership Meeting Paramus, NJ. Lecture on "*Health Care in Armenia*" by Dr. Ohannes Nercessian

### March 1997

Participation in Health Fair organized by St. Sarkis Armenian Church, Douglaston,

### May 1997

Fourth General Membership Meeting in Paramus, NJ Lecture on "*Armenian Medical Missionary Activities in Underdeveloped Countries*" given by Drs. David and Richard Topazian

### June 1997

First Annual Health Fair of AAHPO Hovnanian Armenian School New Milford, N.J. participation of 30 Health Professionals

### September 1997

Second Annual Dinner Dance honoring Ara Hovanessian, Ph.D.

### January 1998

Fifth General Membership Meeting

### May 1998

Second Annual Health Fair of AAHPO Armenian Iranian Society of New York Presentations of 50 Health Professionals

### September 1998

Third Annual Dinner Dance honoring Dr. Stephan Ariyan & Dr. Edgar Housepian

### September 1999

Program on Aging and Depression in New York

### October 2000

"*Health Awareness: Heart Disease*" Panel Discussion, Paramus, NJ

### December 2000

Christmas Brunch, Tenafly, NJ

### April 2001

"*Dental Health Today*" Panel Discussion, Emerson, NJ

### November 2001

Fourth Annual Dinner Dance honoring Dr. Avedis K. Khachadurian

### October 2004

Fifth Annual Dinner Dance honoring Dr. Haroutune Mekhjian & Mr. Kevork Hovnanian

### 2005

Annual Health Fair of AAHPO, Holy Martyrs Armenian Church Bayside, NY

### January - October 2006

Monthly Columns on Health Related Issues in the Armenian Reporter and Interviews featured on Armenian Radio Hour

### March 2006

Bone Marrow Screening

### June 2006

AAHPO Medical Workshops at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ

### September 2006

AAHPO Medical Workshops at St. Stepanos Church, Elberon, NJ

### October 2006

AAHPO Medical Workshops at St. Leon Church, Fairlawn, NJ

### November 2006

Sixth Annual Dinner Dance honoring Dr. Aram Chobanian and Mrs. Rita Balian

### April 2007

AAHPO Medical Workshops at St. Thomas Church, Tenafly, NJ

### May 11, 2007

Health Professionals Meeting Little Neck, NY, lecturer Dr. Ted Chaglassian

### June 8, 2007

Health Professionals Meeting Hackensack, NJ lecturer Dr. Ohan Karatoprak

### October 22, 2007

AAHPO Medical Workshops at St. Leon Church, Fairlawn, NJ

### November 2, 2007

Health Professionals Meeting, Little Neck, NY, lecturer Dr. Vicken Pamoukian

### December 2008

Christmas Brunch and Membership Meeting

### March 14, 2008

Health Professionals Meeting Little Neck, NY, lecturer Dr. George Petrossian

### April 4, 2008

Health Professionals Meeting New Jersey lecturer Dr. Wayne Berberian

### April 20, 2008

AAHPO Medical Workshops at Holy Martyrs Armenian Church, Bayside, NY

### May 1-3, 2008

AMIC Board Meeting in New Jersey

### May 3, 2008

Seventh Annual Dinner Dance honoring Dr. John Bilezikian and Dr. Roger Ohanesian

### June 1, 2008

AAHPO Medical Workshops at St. Gregory Church, Westchester, NY

### October 2008

AAHPO Medical Workshops at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ

### November 21, 2008

Diabetes Symposium AAHPO Medical Workshops at Armenian Society, Little Neck, NY

### December 2008

7th Christmas Brunch

### December 2008

Membership Meeting

### April 3, 2009

Health Professionals Meeting Armenian Society, Little Neck, NY lecturer Dr. Simon Ovanessian

### May 1, 2009

Health Professionals Meeting Armenian Society, Englewood, NJ lecturer Dr. Harout Mekhjian Jr.

### July 1-5, 2009

AMIC Congress hosted by AAHPO in New York City, Hilton Hotel

# Armenian American Medical Society of California, Glendale, CA

## **Mission**

Every person has the right to an adequate and affordable medical care, and the Armenian community is no exception. For years, Armenian-Americans have excelled within the healthcare industry. The Armenian American Medical Society of California (AAMSC) is a bridge to unite those people in need of care with the healing hands who can best treat them. The AAMSC was founded in October 1985 by a group of Armenian-American physicians who believed it was necessary to ally Armenian healthcare professionals in order to cultivate professional relationships and contribute toward the improvement of health services rendered to Armenians in Armenia and the Diaspora.

## **Rural Hospital Projects**

The AAMSC has established clinics in three villages that border with Karabagh and Azerbaijan-Aregouni in 2005; Pokr Mazrik in 2006; Tsapatagh in 2007-in order to make the war-torn region more habitable. These clinics have alleviated a tremendous burden for these villages that are largely populated by refugees from Karabagh, as the closest health facilities could be as many as eight hours away. Each clinic has a full-time nurse who provides care to patients throughout the week, and a physician visits each clinic at least once a week. We have also begun construction of a fourth clinic in the remote northeastern village of Voskevan.

## **Pediatric Epilepsy Project**

In January of 2003, the AAMSC established a pediatric epilepsy program in Armenia. Since its inception, the AAMSC has shipped equipment, books and anti-seizure medications to Armenia. Today, hundreds of children are receiving care and medication free of charge at the clinic.

## **Juvenile Diabetes Project**

The AAMSC Juvenile Diabetes Project has been operating in Armenia since 1993. Life can be incredibly difficult and painful for children with juvenile diabetes. Uncontrolled diabetes can result in heartbreaking consequences, including kidney failure, strokes, blindness, and poor circulation that could lead to infection and amputation. Many children die due to juvenile diabetes. Insulin remains a high-priority medication that is in short supply in Armenia. The AAMSC has ensured that supplies and medication are provided to all diabetic children free of charge. Insulin is purchased and shipped to Armenia every year, and the incidences of these life-threatening complications have dramatically declined.

## **Glendale Health Fair**

The AAMSC and the Armenian American Nurses Association (AANA), along with the Armenian Dental Society of California (ADSC) hold an annual health fair at the St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church in Glendale. AAMSC member physicians and nurses volunteer their services to consult uninsured patients-Armenian and non-Armenian alike-living in nearby communities. Over 400 patients receive basic health screenings, cholesterol testing, spirometry, bone density exams, dental exams, cardiac testing, and eye exams at no charge. Female patients are provided with free mammography screenings, pap smears and nutritional counseling; male patients are given prostate exams. The AAMSC believes that it is crucial for Armenian-Americans to receive medical care, regardless of their financial situation. The goal of the health fair is not simply to provide patients with an annual physical exam, but also to anticipate their needs and refer patients to other county-funded facilities for continuity of care.



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### **AAMSC Health Show**

The AAMSC has launched a one-hour primetime talk show. Featuring physicians and healthcare professionals whose areas of practice cover the entire spectrum of allied healthcare, the show is a dynamic resource for viewers interested in improving their health. The program emphasizes the importance of preventive care, and focuses on how people can maintain a healthful lifestyle. The television show provides an opportunity for the Armenian community to address their concerns with the counsel of bilingual healthcare professionals. The show also provides viewers with information about AAMSC's activities in California and Armenia.

### **Membership: Benefits for You and the Community**

- A profile on the AAMSC Website Member Directory
- A comprehensive listing in the Biannual Physicians' Directory
- Meeting peers at networking events
- CME Credits offered to members
- Specialty-based lecture opportunities
- Guest appearances on AAMSC Health Show
- Volunteering at Health Fair
- Mentorship by senior healthcare practitioners
- Complimentary membership to residents and fellows

The AAMSC is the largest Armenian medical society outside of Armenia and its directory of practitioners is a vital resource for Armenian patients seeking treatment from Armenian doctors. As part of its mission, the AAMSC offers monthly Continuing Medical Education (CME) courses to its members, as well as an annual



Front Row: *Zarmine Naccashian, RN, Dr. Varoosh Alaverdian, Dr. Mireille Hamparian, Dr. Leo Polosagian, Dr. Harry Balian*  
Back Row: *Dr. Boris Bagdasarian, Dr. Vicken Sepilian, Dr. Raffi Tachdjian, Dr. Armen Cherik*

nine-credit offsite program. These courses allow physicians from a variety of fields to maintain their competence while educating fellow healthcare practitioners about the advances being made in their specialty.

### **Mentorship Programs**

The members of the AAMSC provide mentorship and guidance to Armenian medical students and residents, for whom membership is free of charge. The AAMSC strongly believes in a collegial relationship between veteran physicians and their student counterparts. The AAMSC mentorship program gives young Armenian medical students, residents and fellows access to a broad spectrum of Armenian physicians and healthcare practitioners who can advise them as they choose their specialty.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

As part of its mission to continue the tradition of providing healthcare to Armenians, the AAMSC offers scholarships to medical students pursuing their education in the United States.

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# **Armenian Canadian Medical Association of Ontario: A brief history**

## **The early years**

ACMAO was the child of the earthquake. On the eve of December 8, 1988, forty Toronto health care providers met and formed the association with Dr. Jirair Ternamian as its first chairman. That same night \$35,000 was raised. In the next two years \$2,000,000 worth of medical supplies were sent to the earthquake region. Initiated by Dr. Gaspar Israelian, an epilepsy centre was established at the Erebouni Medical Centre. Professor Shake Toukmanian established a pediatric psychology training and care program to address the psychological toll of earthquake and coincident other national tragedies. Dr. Ara Keresteci, Mr. Hrant Bardakjian, Mrs. Sona Sarkissian and others, with the untiring support of Dr. Ternamian, arranged multiple training opportunities for Armenian doctors and nurses in order to transfer Canadian expertise to Armenia.

In addition, the first ever formally trained health administrators of the burgeoning republic obtained their training in Canada through this effort. The executive established a reference library at the National Institute of Health of Yerevan with a catalogue of more than 3000 contemporary textbooks and educational videos translated under the guidance of Dr. Avedis Bogosyan. Finally, Mrs. Hourri Najarian was instrumental in establishing a diabetes education centre at the Republican Hospital in Yerevan. Four of countless children maimed by the earthquake were brought to Toronto and operated on by Dr. Ronald Zuker, then the head of the Division of Plastic Surgery at The Hospital for Sick Children. Along with the children, came an orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Garen Koloyan, who studied avidly under Drs. Zuker and Salter. Garen is now in Armenia, and runs a state of the art children's orthopaedic department, which practically meets the entire country's pediatric orthopaedic needs. The ACMAO executive, then and since, has firmly believed in concerted efforts in the assistance of the homeland. ACMAO is a founding and fervently supporting member of the Armenian International Medical Committee (AMIC), which strives to coordinate, streamline and facilitate medical help to Armenia and Artsakh.

## **Dental projects**

Dental projects began immediately following the earthquake under the supervision of Drs. Chouldjian and Keleshian. Dr. Ouzounian then spearheaded the establishment of the dental division of ACMAO, while at the same time creating the international dental division of AMIC. Between 1992 and 1995, large amounts of dental materials, instruments and supplies were provided to the Echmiadzin and Artic (the latter in the earthquake zone) dental clinics along with a rich education program in Yerevan, Gyumri and Artsakh. In 1997, Dr. Ouzounian's team helped organize the First International Dental Conference in Yerevan with over 500 participants. A project of great pride to ACMAO, and especially its dental division, has been the establishment, in May 1998, of the first-ever dental clinic in the strategic liberated town of Shushi in Karabakh. Our dentists, through their personal means and creative fundraising strategies, maintain the ongoing activities of this clinic, which provides free and comprehensive preventive and general service dental care to Shushi and its environs.

## **Recent Past and Present**

After 10 years of dedicated, creative and productive leadership, Dr. Ternamian passed the baton, in 1999, to Dr. Ara Keresteci. Dr. Keresteci's executive soon received a request by AMIC's board to organize the next Armenian Medical World Congress in Toronto. This was an immense challenge for a community of our size, but we took it on. Under the indefatigable presidency of Dr. Avedis Bogosyan, two years of assiduous and diligent activity followed, by numerous members of the community, including many non-medical volunteers. The 8th Armenian Medical World Congress (AMWC2001) in Toronto has been recognized by all as the largest and highest caliber such conference to date, with more than 600 health care providers attending.

Meanwhile our materials transfer to Armenia continued. Drs. Minassian and Toukmanian transferred electroencephalography equipment. Mrs. Sarkissian was able to obtain large amounts of medical instruments and expensive equipment urgently needed. During the very busy days of AMWC2001 an opportunity arose to obtain the contents of an entire hospital (Branson). Our own resources stretched to the limit, we recruited the help of our businessmen colleagues. Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Susan Kololian, Mr. Kevork Kololian, Mr. Vazken Terzian, and Mr. Jirair Torikian, we were able to obtain and transfer the entire hospital.

Since January 2002, a new executive was voted in chaired by Dr. Berge Minassian. Excited by the dedication of our dental division, the executive embarked on the ambitious goal of working towards not only maintaining our commitment to dental care in central Artsakh (Shushi clinic), but expanding this care to all the other regions. Already, Lachin is served by our Boston counterparts. Through Dr. Ouzounian's efforts, collaboration has been cemented with our Montreal colleagues, and a dental centre was built in the Hadrout region in 2003. In 2004, a major push was made to complete the circle of dental care in Karabagh. Through a special fundraiser, amounts were raised to build two additional clinics, one in Mardagert, the other in Marduni. These clinics are now completed and functioning. Finally, through Dr. Raffi Chouldjian, a most generous contribution was secured from the Rotary club, which allowed us to construct a mobile dental clinic. This clinic is circulating and providing care in all the regions of Karabagh not served by the stationary centres. In the short time the clinic has been operational, we are proud to announce that our dentist, Dr. Vahag Ghazaryan has already served the following villages to the tune of three weeks in each village: Aykestan (population: 900), Tashbulagh (population: 400), Badara (population: 850), Khentsoristan (population:800), Khatchen (population: 400), Kashlagh (population: 250). It is a point of great pride for the Armenians of Toronto and Ontario that our little community can now say that it provides almost the entirety of dental needs, free of charge, to the people of Karabagh. Our mobile clinic recently won the first prize (\$3000) in Karabakh as the first charitable organization.

Another major area, identified to us by the authorities in Karabagh, is the issue of women's reproductive health. Sexually transmitted disease has become very common. Improperly assisted abortions are on the rise causing irremediable damage to young women and their future prospects of healthy pregnancies. Our executive took up the challenge of working towards establishing a Women's Health Clinic in Stepanakert to provide free and confidential care to the women of Artsakh. The clinic committee, Drs. Avedis Bogosyan and Taline DerMegerditchian, Mrs. Sonia Sarkissian and Miss Susan Karakashian, succeeded in this laudable task, and Dr. Bogosyan proudly served to open the clinic doors in October of 2004. The need was evidently immense. Our clinic sees 350 patients a month on average. You will be happy to learn that because of our services three cases of infertility were treated and three healthy babies were born as a direct result! Once again, the care is free of charge. Part of this clinic's funds come from a group of 10 Toronto couples, who in lieu of giving each other birthday gifts, donate \$100 each at each birthday, for a yearly budget of \$10,000. Indeed an exemplary friendship!

Since the year 2002, ACMAO's shipments of medical supplies and equipment to Armenia have reached over \$500,000 per annum. Our shipments are as diverse as the needs of health care workers in Armenia. They have included books, journals, educational materials and microsurgery instruments for the Plastic Reconstructive Surgery & Microsurgery University Centre, located at the University Hospital # 1 in Yerevan; medical and dental supplies for our dental clinics and Women's Health Clinic in Karabakh; ventilators distributed to several hospitals in Armenia and Karabakh; ultrasound machines for the Hadrout Hospital in Karabakh, as well as our Women's Health Clinic; medical supplies, equipment and hospital furniture from benefactors Mrs. Nanig Artinian and late Mr. Kevork Kololian to charitable organizations and hospitals in Armenia; and an entire complete Epilepsy Monitoring Unit, obtained from The Hospital for Sick Children by Dr. Berge Minassian (original cost \$500,000).

At this juncture it is crucial to recall that none of these material and equipment transfers would be possible without the generous contribution of Mr. Sarkis Yacoubian. He has placed his warehouse at our disposal and takes care of all shipment costs within Toronto and on to New York City, where the United Armenian Fund or the Fund for Armenian Relief take charge of the transfer to Armenia. In the next phase of ACMAO's development we are going back to the future. The epilepsy program established originally by ACMAO immediately after the earthquake has flourished and is now ready to take a major step forward. We will re-invest in the epilepsy project and build an epilepsy surgery program. This will be the only such centre in the entire Caucasus. Epilepsy surgery is also not available in Russia or in much of Eastern Europe, Iran or in the Arab world. This project will elevate epilepsy care to a higher standard for children and adults with epilepsy in Armenia, and serve as a major medical tourism sector, so important for Armenia's economic development.

**Thank you for all your contributions over the years that have brought us to this point.  
What we all do together today will define our tomorrow. Let's make it bright, let's make it great!**

## **Armenian American Medical Association, Inc. (of Greater Boston)**

The Armenian American Medical Association, Inc. (AAMA) was founded in 1972. As an organization of Armenian physicians its prime focus has been on the greater Boston area, but it has not restricted its membership. We presently have members in Maine and New Hampshire.

From its modest start with twenty-two members it grew to one hundred members in 1995. Due to the persistent and tireless efforts of Dr. Elizabeth Gregory, Dr. Paul Barsam and the late Dr. Joseph Mazmanian and upon the suggestion of Dr. Souren Zohrabian of the Yerevan University School of Medicine, the AAMA was born. The establishment of the AAMA spawned the birth of similar ethnic professional associations of dentists, pharmacists and lawyers.

At the first official meeting Dr. Paul Barsam was elected president, Dr. Joseph Mazmanian vice-president, Dr. Elizabeth Gregory, secretary, and Dr. Simon Simonian, treasurer. At this meeting three outstanding Armenian American physicians from the greater Boston area were honored. Honorees were: world famous plastic surgeon Dr. Varaztad Kazanjian, Dr. Eliza Melkon, the first female Armenian graduate of a medical school in the USA and Dr. Agnes Israelian.

The organization flourished over the years. The following have served as presidents: Paul Barsam, Elizabeth Gregory, Aram Chobanian, Nishan Goudsouzian, Edward Karian, Paul Hasserjian, Donald Shushan, Charles Nargozian, Steve Karian, John Saryan, Richard Babayan, Albert Kalustian, Seth Bilazarian, Sarkis Soukiasian, Armineh Mirzabegian, Martha Martents. Three outstanding treasurers have served for extra terms, Dr. Harry Azadian, the late Dr. John Yeransian and Dr. Varant Hagopian.

A substantial initial donation from Dr. Joseph Mazmanian augmented by another from Dr. Bedros Kojian started the scholarship fund which has granted an average of two scholarships annually to worthy medical students of Armenian descent attending medical school in New England. The scholarship fund continues to grow every year and provides area medical students with a badly needed source of additional funding.

The philanthropic activities of the organization began with the purchase of a diagnostic ultrasound machine in 1980. Financial support for the project was provided by the Armenia Fund. During the war in Lebanon in the 1970's, after the earthquake in Armenia, and during and since the crisis with Azerbaijan in 1993, the AAMA has provided pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and financial assistance to the Armenian people. In 1995 the AAMA (following three years of planning) hosted a very successful Armenian Medical World Congress in Boston.

In more recent times our association has collaborated with the Armenian American Dental Society, Armenian American Pharmacists' Association and the Council of Armenian American Nurses in presenting informational programs covering various aspects of health care in Armenia.

Members of our organization have taken part in the drives of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Project in various surrounding municipalities. The very prevalent use of tobacco in Armenia and its resultant detrimental economic and health effects have been discussed. In 2005 the AAMA participated in a forum at Harvard University entitled: "Smoking: Armenia's Health Crisis of the Twenty-first Century."

We extend our heartfelt best wishes and congratulate the AAHPO of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut on their present endeavor to host the tenth AMWC.

Executive Committee

Armenian American Medical Association, Inc. (of Greater Boston)

## Armenian American Nurses Association

Over 20 years ago, following Armenia's devastating earthquake of 1988, a group of visionary nurses from Los Angeles, under the leadership of Ms. Salpy Akaragian, gathered to start an organization of Armenian nurses to be ready to respond to the call and assist the homeland.

For almost two decades, members of the AANA have extended their services, time and expertise to assist the community. They have collaborated with the members of the Armenian Medical Society of California and Armenian Dental Society of California and performed health-screening events in Armenian schools, screening students for lice, vision, dental health, and scoliosis. Moreover, they have assisted in community health fairs and offered services, consultation, and education. Over the years they have staffed first aid booths in numerous athletic and cultural events, taught CPR classes to teachers and scouts, and educated school children about hygiene and various health related topics. The AANA nurses also conduct annual flu clinics in various church campuses and adult day care centers to vaccinate the elderly in the community.

AANA has also partnered with the Office of Women's Health and the Immunization Program Division of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to facilitate health delivery services for the community. It has also established collaborative efforts with the Armenian Relief Society.



In addition to community involvement, AANA has also been active overseas. Since the inception of the Armenian Nurses Association in Armenia, AANA has been in a collegial relationship and collaborated with Armenian Nurses Association of Yerevan to pursue and achieve their professional goals. AANA is also very

proud to have sponsored the building of a brand new home for a village nurse in Haykavan, Karabagh. As the association has grown, it has also begun providing financial support to various organizations, including orphanages, Armenian Elderly Nursing Home in Lebanon, and various schools, as well as providing scholarships for nursing students. AANA has also been the sponsor for two students at Shushi Music School in Karabagh for the last 5 years.

AANA is a tax -exempt non-profit organization and has approximately 100 members. The association holds monthly business meetings where activities are planned and members network and attend continuing education topics. AANA is a member of the Armenian Medical International Committee and holds nursing workshops in the Armenian Medical World Congresses.

# TENTH ARMENIAN MEDICAL WORLD CONGRESS

JULY 1 - 4, 2009

## Why Public Health?

A few introductory comments about Public Health are in order, it is after all, the theme of much of this 10th Armenian Medical World Congress. Without incurring much controversy, it can be stated that implementation of Public Health measures, namely, clean drinking water and proper sanitation, have resulted in the biggest improvements to our health, more than any other medical or surgical interventions in history.

As you might infer, Public Health is concerned with the prevention of disease and the promotion of health in populations. By contrast, medicine and surgery are concerned with treatment of diseases in the individual patient. But Public Health has been relegated to a distant third, behind medicine and surgery, in the recent past, whereas it deserves equal treatment that is, if good health is the desired outcome and we are to afford the costs of our own health care. Most of the world's population is still poor and poverty is the factor most closely associated with poor health. These statements could certainly bring in some controversy but we must save that for the congress in our discussions on Health Care Delivery, Public Health projects, innovations, and medical education.

Finally, let us consider the Armenians who contribute to the practice of Public Health. You can meet some of them at this congress. They are traveling from near and far to gather on this 4th of July weekend in New York City. And we should remember those who came before us and made their mark in the history of Public Health. There are people with diverse backgrounds and contributions to Public Health such as Professor Avedis Donabedian, a founding father to the field of quality assurance in health care. And consider Oscar Banker (nee Asadoor Sarafian), whose invention was arguably the best needle-less inoculation gun to deliver massive doses of life-saving vaccines in developing countries. With a rich legacy of contributions to Public Health by Armenians the world over, who knows what is still to come!

George J. Piligian, MD, MPH

## AMWC09 PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### WEDNESDAY JULY 1, 2009

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| 7:00am - 6:00pm  | <b>Registration</b>              | <i>Second Floor Lobby</i>                              |
| 8:00am - 5:30pm  | <b>Sub - Specialty Workshops</b> | <i>Chair: Arthur Kubikian, DDS</i>                     |
| 8:00am - 8:55am  | <i>Sutton Parlor Center</i>      | Live Telemedicine Demonstration                        |
| 9:00am - 12:45pm | <i>Beekman Parlor</i>            | Anesthesiology, <i>Chair, Levon Capan, MD</i>          |
| 9:00am - 5:00pm  | <i>Sutton Parlor Center</i>      | Dentistry, <i>Chair, Arthur Kubikian, DDS</i>          |
| 2:00pm - 5:00pm  | <i>Sutton Parlor North</i>       | Emergency Medicine, <i>Chair, Sharon Chekijian, MD</i> |
| 9:00am - 5:30pm  | <i>Sutton Parlor South</i>       | Mental Health, <i>Chair, Edmund Gergerian, MD</i>      |
| 8:00am - 4:00pm  | <i>Regent Parlor</i>             | Nursing, <i>Chair, Mary Konyalian, RN, MA, MFT</i>     |
| 8:00am - 1:30pm  | <i>Sutton Parlor North</i>       | Ophthalmology, <i>Chair, Robert Eden, MD</i>           |
| 1:00pm - 5:30pm  | <i>Beekman Parlor</i>            | Pediatrics, <i>Chair, Tsoline Kojaoghlanian, MD</i>    |
| 9:00am - 5:00pm  | <i>Nassau B</i>                  | Physical Therapy, <i>Chair, Sara Takki, PT, MPA</i>    |
| 7:00pm - 9:00pm  | <b>Welcome Reception</b>         | <i>Gramercy Suite</i>                                  |

### THURSDAY JULY 2, 2009

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| 7:00am - 5:00pm    | <b>Ongoing Registration</b> | <i>Second Floor Lobby</i>  |
| 8:00am - 12:00noon | <b>Plenary Session</b>      | <b>Theme: Health Care Delivery and Reform</b>  |
|                    | <i>Sutton Parlor</i>        | Plenary Chair: <i>George Piligian, MD, MPH</i><br>Moderator: <i>Aram Chobanian, MD</i>   |
| 8:00am - 8:30am    | Opening Remarks             |  |
| 8:30am - 9:45am    | Plenary Session I           | <b>“Health Care Delivery in Armenia”</b><br><i>Harutyun Kushkryan, MD, Health Minister of Armenia</i>  |
|                    |                             | <b>“Health Care Reform in the United Kingdom”</b><br><i>Lord Ara Darzi, MD, Minister of Health of U.K.</i>   |
| 9:45am - 10:00am   | Break                       |  |
| 10:00am - 11:00am  | Plenary Session II          | <b>“Health Care Delivery in the United States”</b><br><i>Myron Allukian, Jr., DDS, MPH,</i><br><i>Past President, American Public Health Association</i>   |
|                    |                             | <b>“Legislative Issues on Health Care Reform in the U.S. Congress”</b><br><i>Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr., Chairman, Congressional Subcommittee on Health, United States Congress</i>  |
| 11:00am - 12:15pm  |                             | <b>“Issues on Health Care Delivery”</b><br><i>Panel Discussion</i>   |
| 12:15pm - 1:15pm   | Lunch                       | <i>Murray Hill Suite</i>   |
| 1:15pm - 3:00pm    |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session A1 <i>Beekman Parlor</i><br>Concurrent Scientific Session A2 <i>Sutton Parlor South</i><br>Concurrent Scientific Session A3 <i>Sutton Parlor Center</i><br>Concurrent Scientific Session A4 <i>Sutton Parlor North</i> |
| 3:00pm - 3:15pm    | Break                       |  |
| 3:15pm - 5:00pm    |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session A5 <i>Sutton Parlor South</i><br>Concurrent Scientific Session A6 <i>Beekman Parlor</i><br>Concurrent Scientific Session A7 <i>Sutton Parlor Center</i><br>Concurrent Scientific Session A8 <i>Sutton Parlor North</i> |

#### **Social Events**

|                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 10:30am - 1:30pm | <b>Metropolitan Museum Tour</b>       |
| 7:00pm - 11:00pm | <b>Dinner Cruise around Manhattan</b> |

**FRIDAY JULY 3, 2009**

|                   |                             |  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 7:00am - 4:00pm   | <b>Ongoing Registration</b> | <i>Second Floor Lobby</i>  |
| 7:00am - 8:00am   | Continental Breakfast       | <i>South Corridor</i>  |
| 8:00am - 12:30pm  | <b>Plenary Session</b>      | <b>Theme: Innovation in Medicine</b>                               |
|                   | <i>Sutton Parlor</i>        | Plenary Chair: <i>Terenig Terjanian, MD</i>                        |
| 8:00am - 8:10am   | Announcements               |  |
| 8:10am - 8:55am   | Plenary Session I           | <b>“Robotic Surgery”</b>   |
|                   |                             | <i>Lord Ara Darzi, MD, Health Minister of U.K.</i>                 |
| 9:00am - 9:45am   |                             | <b>“New Therapeutic Opportunities in Cancer Therapy”</b>           |
|                   |                             | <i>Ara Hovanessian, PhD</i>  |
| 9:45am - 10:00am  | Break                       |  |
| 10:00am - 10:45am | Plenary Session II          | <b>“Medical Genetics in the 21st Century”</b>                      |
|                   |                             | <i>Vazken Der Kaloustian, MD</i>                                   |
| 10.45am - 11:30am |                             | <b>“History of MRI: From the First Images to Upright Scanning”</b> |
|                   |                             | <i>Raymond Damadian, MD</i>  |
| 11:30am - 12:15pm |                             | <b>“Dignity in Health Care”</b>                                    |
|                   |                             | <i>Haroutune Armenian, MD, MPH</i>                                 |
| 12:15pm - 1:15pm  | Lunch                       | <i>Murray Hill Suite</i>   |
| 1:15pm - 3:00pm   |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session B1 <i>Sutton Parlor South</i>        |
|                   |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session B2 <i>Sutton Parlor Center</i>       |
|                   |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session B4 <i>Regent Parlor</i>              |
|                   |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session B5 <i>Beckman Parlor</i>             |
|                   |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session B6 <i>Sutton Parlor North</i>        |
| 3:00pm - 3:15pm   | Break                       |  |
| 3:15pm - 5:00pm   |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session B7 <i>Sutton Parlor South</i>        |
|                   |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session B8 <i>Beekman Parlor</i>             |
|                   |                             | Concurrent Scientific Session B9 <i>Sutton Parlor North</i>        |

**SATURDAY JULY 4, 2009**

|                   |                             |   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 7:00am - 12:00pm  | <b>Ongoing Registration</b> | <i>Second Floor Lobby</i>   |
| 7:00am - 8:00am   | Continental Breakfast       | <i>South Corridor</i>   |
| 8:00am - 1:00pm   | <b>Plenary Session</b>      | <b>Theme: Inspirational Talks and Issues Related to Armenia</b>         |
|                   | <i>Sutton Parlor</i>        |   |
| 8:00am - 8:10am   | Announcements               |   |
| 8:10am - 9:25am   | Mini-Symposium              | <b>“Graduate Medical Education in Armenia”</b>                          |
| 9:25am - 10:25am  |                             | <b>“Live Telemedicine Program from Yerevan”</b>                         |
| 10:25am - 10:45am | Break                       |   |
| 10:45am - 12:00pm | Mini-Symposium              | <b>“Endocrinology”</b>  |
| 12:00pm - 12:20pm | Break                       |   |
| 12:20pm - 12:50pm |                             | <b>“The Chemistry of Romantic Love”</b>                                 |
|                   |                             | <i>Hagop Souren Akiskal, MD</i>   |
| 12:50pm - 1:10pm  |                             | <b>Armenian and Diaspora</b>  |
|                   |                             | <i>Dr. Hranush Hakobyan, Minister of the Diaspora of Armenia</i>        |
| 1:10pm - 2:00pm   | Open Discussion             | <b>“Health Care Delivery, Quality of Care and Education in Armenia”</b> |
| 2:30pm - 5:00pm   |                             | <b>AMIC General Assembly</b>  |
|                   |                             | <i>Clinton Suite</i>  |
| 7:00pm            |                             | <b>Grand Gala Banquet</b>   |
|                   |                             | <i>Grand Ballroom</i>   |

## **Sub-Specialty Day Ophthalmology Workshop**

**Robert Eden, MD, Chairperson**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 8:00am - 1:30pm**

Registration: 7:00am - 8:00am Second Floor Lobby

*Sutton Parlor North*

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|-------------------|--|---|
| 8:00am - 8:05am   | Committee Welcome & Introduction       |   |
| 8:05am - 8:20am   | Mark Kupersmith, MD                    | Temporal Arteritis - The Ophthalmologist's Role   |
| 8:20am - 8:35am   | Jeff Liebman, MD                       | Is There a Place for Early Treatment of Glaucoma  |
| 8:35am - 8:50am   | David Ritterband, MD                   | Cornea - DSEK Update                              |
| 8:50am - 9:05am   | John Aljian, MD                        | Complications of New Color Iris Cosmetic Implants |
| 9:05am - 9:20am   | Norman Medow, MD                       | The Evolution of Cataract Surgery in Children     |
| 9:20am - 9:35am   | Sarkis Soukiasian, MD                  | Demystifying The Uveitis Evaluation               |
| 9:35am - 9:50am   | Kevork Niksarli, MD                    | Refractive Surgery                                |
| 9:50am - 10:20am  | Break                                  |   |
| 10:20am - 10:35am | Richard Rosen, MD                      | Medical Retina                                    |
| 10:35am - 10:50am | Ronald Gentile, MD                     | Clinical - Pathological Correlation               |
| 10:50am - 11:05am | Silvin Bakalian, MD, MSc               | Malignant Potential of Choroidal Nevi             |
| 11:05am - 11:20am | Roger Ohanesian, MD                    | Eye Care Project                                  |
| 11:20am - 11:35am | Ted Chaglassian, MD                    | The Modern Approach to Lower Blepharoplasty       |
| 11:35am - 11:50am | George Bohigian, MD                    | Ophthalmic History                                |
| 11:50am - 12:05pm | Ken Rosenthal, MD                      | Artificial Iris/Intra Ocular Lens                 |
| 12:05pm - 12:20pm | Break                                  |   |
| 12:20pm - 1:30pm  | Interesting Case / Complications Panel |   |

## **Sub-Specialty Day Nursing Workshop**

**Mrs. Mary Konyalian, RN, MA, MFT, Chairperson**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 8:00am - 4:00pm**

Registration: 7:00am - 8:00am Second Floor Lobby

*Regent Parlor*

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|--------------------|--|---|
| 8:00am - 8:30am    | Mary Konyalian, RN, MA, MFT,<br>President AANA         | Welcoming Remarks /Introduction   |
| 8:30am - 9:15am    | Dr. Loucine M. Daderian-Huckabay<br>RN, PNP, PhD, FAAN | The Conditions of Learning and Instruction<br>in Patient Teaching       |
| 9:15am - 10:00am   | Jean Turnamian, RN, PhD                                | American College of Cardiology National<br>Cardiovascular Data Registry |
| 10:00am - 10:30am  | Break  |   |
| 10:30am - 11:15am  | Salpy Akaragian, RN, BC, MN, FIAN                      | Nursing Initiative: Genetics & Genomics                                 |
| 11:15am - 12:00pm  | Anahid Kulwicki, RN, DNS, FAAN                         | Public Health Roles are Expanding<br>Globally                           |
| 12:00noon - 1:00pm | Break  |   |
| 1:00pm - 1:45pm    | Mariette Tachdjian, RN, MSN, NP                        | Practical Stress Management in the<br>Workplace                         |
| 1:45pm - 2:30pm    | Zarmine Naccashian, RN, MSN,<br>GNP, CDE               | The Vicious Cycle of Obesity, Metabolic<br>Disease and Diabetes         |
| 2:30pm - 3:00pm    | Break  |   |
| 3:00pm - 3:45pm    | Kohar Kesian, RN, MSN<br>Mary Konyalian<br>Moderators  | Panel Discussion  |
| 3:45pm-4:00pm      | Mary Konyalian, RN, MA, MFT<br>President AANA          | Closing Remarks   |



**Sub-Specialty Day Dental Workshop**  
**Arthur Kubikian, DDS, Chairperson**  
**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 9:00am - 5:00pm**

Registration: 8:00am - 9:00am Second Floor Lobby  
*Sutton Parlor Center*

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 9:00am - 9:10am    | Arthur Kubikian, DDS           | Welcome and Introduction   |
| 9:10am - 9:35am    | Ashot Gevorgyan, DDS           | The Armenian Dental Association  |
| 9:35am - 10:00am   | Alex Meneshian, DDS, MD        | Recent Advances in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  |
| 10:00am - 10:25am  | Zareh Ouzounian, DDS           | Advances in Endodontics  |
|                    |                                | Armenia/Karabakh Dental Clinic Projects  |
| 10:25am - 10:45am  | Break                          |  |
| 10:45am - 11:10am  | Natalie A. Capan, DMD          | Invisalign Treatment: Orthodontic Treatment without Braces                                       |
| 11:10am - 11:35am  | Joe Bastadjian, DDS            | Imaging Guided Implant Reconstruction  |
| 11:35am - 12:00pm  | Gregory K. Kazandjian, DDS, MS | Extraction without Exertion: The Golden-Misch Exodontia Technique                                |
| 12:00noon - 1:15pm | Break                          |  |
| 1:15pm - 1:40pm    | Robert V. Kinoian, DMD         | State of the Art of Orthodontics   |
| 1:40pm - 2:05pm    | Robert Aslanian, DDS           | Giant Cementoblastoma of the Mandible  |
| 2:05pm - 2:30pm    | Mary Swajian, DO               | Temporal-Mandibular Dysfunction & Whiplash Associated Disorders                                  |
| 2:30pm - 3:00pm    | Break                          |  |
| 3:00pm - 3:25pm    | Hagop Martin Deranian, DDS     | “The Miracle Man of the Western Front”<br><i>Dr. Varaztad Kazanjian, Pioneer Plastic Surgeon</i> |
| 3:25pm - 3:50pm    | Ara A. Chalian, MD             | Surgical Reconstruction of the Mandible  |
| 3:50pm - 4:15pm    | Leon Kircik, MD                | Maxillofacial Dermatology  |
| 4:15pm - 4:40pm    | Myron Allukian, Jr, DDS, MPH   | Dentistry's 21st Century Challenges: Are You Ready?  |

**Poster Presentations**

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|----------------------------|--|
| Astghik Markosyan, MD, MSc | New Integrated Curriculum for Dental Education at the Yerevan State Medical University         |
| Mikayel Nalbandyan, DDS    | The Parameters for the Facial Profiles at 12 years Old Children with Angle Class I Occlusion   |
| Hrant Ter-Poghosyan, DDS   | Thermal Influence of Electric Current on Nickel-Titanium Orthodontic Archwires                 |
| Hrant Ter-Poghosyan, DDS   | The Comparison of the Accuracy of Bracket Placement for Direct and Indirect Bonding Techniques |

**Sub-Specialty Day Emergency Medicine Workshop**  
**Sharon Chekijian, MD, Chairperson**  
**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 2:00pm - 5:00pm**

Registration: 12:00pm - 2:00pm Second Floor Lobby  
*Sutton Parlor North*

Group Meeting in Emergency Medicine

**Sub-Specialty Day Mental Health Workshop**  
**Edmund L. Gergerian, MD, Chairperson**  
**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 9:00 am - 5:30pm**

Registration: 8:00am - 9:00am Second Floor Lobby  
*Sutton Parlor South*

**Innovative and Integrative Approaches for Mental Health and Healing**

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|-------------------|--|---|
| 9:00am - 10:30am  | Anie Kalayjian, EdD, RN,<br>BCETS, DDL | The Seven-Step Healing Model Transforming Trauma into an Inner Peace: The Biopsychosocial and Eco Spiritual Model   |
| 10:30am - 11:00am | Break                                  |   |
| 11:00am - 12:30pm | Liza Papazian, MS, LCSW                | The Synthesis of Dialectical Behavior Therapy and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Models: Integrative Approach in Treating Suicidal Trauma Survivors.   |
| 12:30pm - 1:45pm  | Break                                  |   |
| 1:45pm - 3:00pm   | Armen Nersisyan, MD                    | Topic 1: Bibliotherapy and Narek<br>Topic 2: Psychotherapeutic Approaches for the Management of Familial Mediterranean Fever  |
| 3:00pm - 3:30pm   | Break                                  |   |
| 3:30pm - 5:30pm   | Edmund L. Gergerian, MD                | Topic 1: Wholistic Hybrids Derived from Energy Based Psychotherapies and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Concepts.<br>Topic 2: EMF Balancing Technique and Evolving Quantum Techniques |

**Sub-Specialty Day Pediatric Workshop**  
**Tsoline Kojaoghlanian, MD, Chairperson**  
**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 1:00pm - 5:30pm**

Registration: 11:00am - 1:00pm Second Floor Lobby  
*Beekman Parlor*

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| 1:00pm - 1:10pm | Tsoline Kojaoghlanian, MD | Welcome & Introduction                 |
| 1:10pm - 1:40pm | Alan Karibian, MD         | Familial Mediterranean Fever/Arthritis |
| 1:45pm - 2:15pm | Berge Minassian, MD       | Pediatric Epilepsy                     |
| 2:20pm - 2:50pm | Leon Kircik, MD           | Pediatric Dermatology                  |
| 2:50pm - 3:10pm | Break                     |  |
| 3:10pm - 3:40pm | Deborah Campbell, MD      | Neonatal Health/Infant Mortality       |
| 3:45pm - 4:15pm | Levon Agdere, MD          | Update on Pediatric Endocrinology      |
| 4:20pm - 4:40pm | Anna Haroutunian, MD      | Child Abuse                            |
| 4:45pm - 5:10pm | Raffi Tachdjian, MD       | Can you catch asthma?                  |
| 5:15pm - 5:30pm | Group Discussion          | Circumcision                           |

**Sub-Specialty Day Anesthesiology Workshop**  
**Levon Capan, MD, Chairperson**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 9:00am - 12:30pm**

Registration: 8:00am - 9:00am Second Floor Lobby  
*Beekman Parlor*

First part will include talks and the second part demonstrations on models.

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| 9:00am - 10:00am     | Andranik Ovassapian, MD | Airway Management   |
| 10:00am - 10:15:00am | Break                   |   |
| 10:15am - 11:15am    | Levon Capan, MD         | Ultrasound Guidance in Peripheral Nerve<br>Blocks and Vascular Access |
| 11:15am - 12:30pm    |                         | Demonstration on Models   |

**Sub-Specialty Day Physical Therapy Workshop**  
**Sara Takii, PT, MPA, Chairperson**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 9:00am - 5:00pm**

Registration: 8:00am - 9:00am Second Floor Lobby  
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| 9:00am - 9:40am   | Mary Swajian, DO                                   | Temporal-Mandibular Dysfunction and Whiplash<br>Associated Disorders<br>Part I: Pathomechanics and Evaluation   |
| 9:40am - 9:50am   | Break  |   |
| 9:50am - 10:30am  | Mary Swajian, DO                                   | Temporal-Mandibular Dysfunction and Whiplash<br>Associated Disorders<br>Part II: Multimodal Treatments, Including Physical Therapy,<br>Manual Techniques, Interventional, and CAM |
| 10:30am - 11:15am | Marilyn Moffat PT, DPT,<br>PhD, FAPTA, CSCS        | Educating Today's Physical Therapists for Tomorrow's<br>Practice.   |
| 11:15am - 11:30am | Break  |   |
| 11:30am - 12:15pm | Sara L. Takii, PT, MPA                             | Developing a Physical Therapy Doctoral Program in Armenia   |
| 12:15pm - 1:30pm  | Break  |   |
| 1:30pm - 2:15pm   | Vardan Tadevosyan, BS                              | Ten Year Growth of Rehabilitation in Karabakh   |
| 2:15pm - 3:00pm   | Heather Maling, B Physio,<br>MCSP, HT, Cert Med Ed | Swimming to Stepanakert   |
| 3:00pm - 3:30pm   | Break  |   |
| 3:30pm - 5:00pm   | Round Table Workshop                               |   |

Please note that this is a tentative schedule.  
Last minute changes may not be reflected in this Scientific Program

## Thursday, July 2, 2009 Theme: Health Care Delivery and Reform

Plenary Chair: George Piligian, MD, MPH

Sutton Parlor

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 8:00am - 8:25am    | Introductory Remarks                 | <i>Lawrence V. Najarian, MD, Co-Chairman, AMWC</i><br><i>Avedis Bogosyan, MD, President, AMIC</i><br><i>Louiza Puskulian-Kubikian, DDS, Co-Chair, Hospitality</i><br><i>Aram Cazazian, DDS, Co-Chair, Hospitality</i><br><i>Vicken Pamoukian, MD, Co-Chairman, AMWC</i>  |
| 8:30am - 9:45am    | Plenary Session I                    | Moderator: <i>Aram Chobanian, MD, President Emeritus, Boston University</i><br><br><b>“Health Care Delivery in Armenia”</b><br><i>Harutyun Kushkyan, MD, Health Minister of Armenia</i><br><br><b>“Health Care Reform in the United Kingdom”</b><br><i>Lord Ara Darzi, MD, Minister of Health of U.K.</i>  |
| 9:45am - 10:00am   | Break                                |  |
| 10:00am - 11:00am  | Plenary Session II                   | <b>“Health Care Delivery in the United States</b><br><i>Myron Allukian, Jr., DDS, MPH.,</i><br><i>Past President, American Public Health Association</i><br><br><b>“Legislative Issues on Health Care Reform in the U.S. Congress”</b><br><i>Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. Chairman, Congressional</i><br><i>Subcommittee on Health, United States Congress</i>   |
| 11:00am - 12:15pm  | Panel Discussion                     | <b>“Issues on Health Care Delivery”</b><br><br><i>Haroutune Armenian, MD, DrPH, President of American</i><br><i>University of Armenia</i><br><br><i>Ara Babloyan, MD, Former Minister of Health, Armenia</i><br><br><i>Annette Choolfaian, RN, MPA, Chair, Department of</i><br><i>Health Management and Policy, New York Medical College</i><br><br><i>Armen Khachatryan, MD, Minister of Health, Karabagh</i><br><br><i>Gohar Kyalyan, MD, PhD, DSc, Rector, Yerevan State Medical University</i><br><br><i>Garos Armen, PhD, Founder &amp; Chairman of COAF,</i><br><i>Children of Armenia Fund</i> |
| 12:00noon - 1:15pm | Lunch                                |  |
| 1:15pm - 3:00pm    | Breakout Sessions                    | <b>Public Health &amp; Public Health Projects Implemented in Armenia &amp; Karabagh</b>  |
|                    | Session A1:<br><i>Beekman Parlor</i> | <b>“Prostate Cancer - Current Concepts and Advances”</b><br>Chair: <i>Richard Babayan, MD, Sero Andonian, MD</i><br>Role of 5-alpha Reductase Inhibitors in BPH and Prostate Cancer <i>Armen Kassabian, MD</i><br>2009 Amer. Urological Assoc. Guidelines on PSA <i>Richard Babayan, MD</i><br>Correlation of Laparoscopic Experience with <i>Sero Andonian, MD</i><br>Functional Brain Activation /PET Scan Study<br>Urologic Needs of Armenia: Open Discussion   |

Session A2  
Sutton Parlor South

**“Obesity, Nutrition, Diabetes, Nursing Physical Activity and Lifestyle”**

Chair: *Knarig Khatchadurian, PhD, MPH, RD*

Update on Pandemic Obesity

*Garbis Dabaghian, MD*

Treatment of Metabolic Syndrome,

*Mariam Manoukian, MD, PhD*

Nutrition & Pharmacotherapy

The Nurse's Role In Diabetes

*Zarmine Naccashian, PhD-c, GNP, RN*

Education & Management

Obesity/Diabetes & Benefits of Physical Activity

*Talin Babikian MS, PT*

How to Lose Weight With Energy Therapy

*Edmund Gergerian, MD*

Current Concepts

Session A3  
Sutton Parlor Center

**“Breast Cancer - Current Concepts and Advances, Epidemiology, Screening, Medical and Surgical Treatments, Radiation Therapy & Reconstructive Surgery”**

Chair: *Ted Chaglassian, MD*

Recent Advances in Breast Cancer Chemotherapy

*Linda Vahdad, MD*

Plastic Surgical Oncology in Breast and

*Ted Chaglassian, MD*

Chest Wall Reconstruction

Radiation for Breast Cancer

*Patrick Kupelian, MD*

Session A4  
Sutton Parlor North

**“Health Policy Reforms in Armenia”**

Co-Chairs: *Kim Hekimian Arzoumanian, PhD, Haroutune Armenian, MD, DrPH*

1:15pm -1:20pm

Welcoming Remarks

1:20pm -1:30pm

Co-Payment Mechanisms

*Ara Ter-Grigoryan, MD*

1:30pm -1:40pm

The World Bank Financed Armenia Health

*Sergey Khachatryan, MD*

System Modernization Project

1:40pm -1:50pm

Nutritional Status of Children in Armenia

*Nune Mangasaryan, MD, MPH*

1:50pm -2:00pm

Establishing Schools of Motherhood to

*Narine Beglaryan, MD*

Improve Pregnancy Outcome

2:00pm -2:10pm

Implementation of State-Paid Obstetrics

*Karine Saribekyan, MD*

Certificate Program in Armenia

2:10pm -2:20pm

COAF and Integrated Health Care Projects

*Naira Gharakhanyan, MD, MPH*

2:20pm -2:30pm

Control and Management of Diabetes Among

*Zaruhi Janibekyan, MD, MPH*

Children Under 18 Years Old in Armenia

2:30pm -3:00pm

Questions and Discussion

3:00pm - 3:15pm Break

3:15pm - 5:00pm

Session A5  
Sutton Parlor South

**“Technology and Medicine”**

Chair: *Lynn T. Cetin, MD*

3:15pm - 3:20pm

Introduction

3:20pm - 3:35pm

Technology and our Youth - Raising Awareness

*Lynn T. Cetin, MD*

3:35pm - 3:50pm

Internet Safety/Use

*Matt Leonard, CIPP*

3:50pm - 4:05pm

Occupational Hazards of Minimal Access Surgery

*George Piligian, MD, MPH*

4:05pm - 4:20pm

Discussion

4:20pm - 4:35pm

Voice Recognition Technology in Medical Records

*Jerry Manoukian, MD*

4:35pm - 4:50pm

Long Distance Learning / Tele-Medicine

*TBA*

4:50pm - 5:00pm

Electrophysiology of the Heart

*Leo Polosajian, MD*

Session A6  
Beekman Parlor

**“Orthopedic Surgery”**

Chair: *Wayne Berberian, MD*

3:15pm - 3:30pm

Introduction

3:30pm - 3:42pm

Osteochondral Interface Tissue Engineering

*Nora Khanarian, MS*

3:42pm - 3:54pm

Patient-Reported Outcome After Carpal Tunnel Release

*Gevorg Yaghjyan, MD*

for Advanced Disease: A Prospective and Longitudinal

Assessment in Patients Older than Age 60

3:54pm - 4:06pm

Bilateral Simultaneous Open Carpal Tunnel Release:

*Gevorg Yaghjyan, MD*

A Prospective Study of Postoperative Activities

4:06pm - 4:15pm

Questions to Panel

4:15pm - 4:40pm

Orthopedic Case Presentations

4:40pm - 5:00pm

Joint Initiatives, including "Orthopedics Overseas"

Session A7  
*Sutton Parlor Center*

**“Psychiatry Part 1”**

Chair: *Haikaz Grigorian, MD*

Resilience & PTSD

*Louis Najarian, MD*

Heritability of Symptoms of PTSD

*Armen Goenjian, MD*

Association of D2 Dopamine Receptor and Serotonin

*Lara Shirikjian, MD*

Transporter Gene Polymorphism with PTSD and Depressive Symptoms

Session A8  
*Sutton Parlor North*

**“Health Projects in Armenia, Part 1”**

Co-Chair: *Raffi Festekjian and Kim Hekimian Arzoumanian, PhD*

3:15pm - 3:20pm

Welcoming remarks

3:20pm - 3:30pm

Guidelines for Planning and Implementation  
of a Successful International Medical Mission

*Armen Aboulian, MD*

3:30pm - 3:40pm

Armenian Bone Marrow Registry

*Frieda Jordan, PhD*

3:40pm - 3:50pm

Armenian Medical Society of California

*Varoosh Alaverdian, MD*

3:50pm - 4:00pm

Armenian International Institute of  
Physical Therapy

*Sara Takii, PT, MPA*

4:00pm - 4:10pm

Rehabilitation of Shushi Hospital

*Jean Pierre Basmadjian, MD*

4:10pm - 4:20pm

Micro Finance in Rural Armenia NEF-AFUSA

*Jean Daniel Kirassian, MD*

4:20pm - 4:30pm

Armenia Fund USA Cooperation of YSMU

*Shant Mardirossian*

and Mercer University

*Arthur Grigorian, MD*

4:30pm - 4:40pm

AIM and Cochlear Implant Project

*Salpy Akaragian, RN*

4:40pm - 5:00pm

Questions and Discussion

6:30pm

Hotel Main Lobby

Boarding of buses for the Dinner Cruise

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**Friday, July 3, 2009 Theme: Innovation in Medicine**

**Plenary Chair: Terenig Terjanian, MD**

*Sutton Parlor*

8:00am - 8:10am

Announcements

8:10am - 9:00am

Plenary Session I

**“Robotic Surgery”**

*by Lord Ara Darzi, MD, Health Minister of UK*

9:00am - 9:45am

**“New Therapeutic Opportunities in Cancer Therapy”**

*by Ara Hovanessian, PhD*

9:45am - 10:00am

Break

10:00am - 10:45am

Plenary Session II

**“Medical Genetics in the 21st Century: Perspectives & Challenges”**

*by Vazken Der Kaloustian, MD*

10.45am - 11:30am

**“History of MRI: From the First Images to Upright Scanning”**

*by Raymond Damadian, MD*

11:30am - 12:15pm

**“Dignity in Health Care”**

*by Haroutune Armenian, MD, MPH*

12:15pm - 1:15pm

Lunch

1:15pm - 3:00pm

Breakout Sessions

Session B1  
*Sutton Parlor South*

**“Infectious Diseases”**

Chair: *Tsoline Kojaoghlanian, MD & Ara Hovanessian, PhD*

Influenza: Old and New

*Nathan Litman, MD*

A Snapshot of HIV in 2009

*Arek Jibilian, MD*

Management of Infectious Diarrheal Illness

*Tsoline Kojaoghlanian, MD*

Manipulating One Disease to Treat Another

*Raffi Tachdjian, MD, MPH*

Session B2: **“Cardiovascular Disease”** Chair: *Vicken Pamoukian, MD*  
*Sutton Parlor Center*  
 Aortic Aneurysm *Vicken Pamoukian, MD*  
 Carotid Stenting *George Petrossian, MD*  
 Cardiologic Intervention *Hrair Garabedian, MD*  
 Neurovascular Imaging *Sylvie Desteian, MD*  
 Hypertension *Aram Chobanian, MD*

Session B4: **“Women's Health”**  
*Regent Parlor*  
 Chair: *Harout Margossian, MD, Sam Badalian, MD*  
 National Program on Early Diagnosis, *Razmik Abrahamyan, MD*  
 Prevention and Treatment of Cervical Cancer  
 Is Premature Rupture of Membranes a Risk *Mirna Demirdjian, MD*  
 Factor for Cesarean Section?  
 Cerebral Hemodynamic Changes in the *Paola Aghajanian, MD*  
 Mid Trimester Fetus  
 Understanding Infertility and Advanced *Vicken Sepilian, MD*  
 Reproductive Technologies  
 Recent Advances in the Treating of Stress *Harout Margossian, MD*  
 Urinary Incontinence.  
 Surgeries for the Vaginal Vault Prolapse: *Samuel Badalian, MD*  
 Vaginal, Abdominal and Robotic Approach

Session B5 **“Solid & Hematological Malignancies”**  
*Beekman Parlor*  
 Chair: *Terenig Terjanian, MD*  
 The Role of Mn23-H1 and C-Met in Uveal Melanoma *Silvin Bakalian, MD*  
 Comparison of Pheno/Genotype in Primary and *Gayane Badalian, MD*  
 Metastatic Tumors  
 The Effect of RF and Microwave Radiations in *Prof. Vahe Narguizian*  
 Causing Cancers  
 The Detection of Different Enzymes Through Enzyme *Prof. Vahe Narguizian*  
 Substrate Reaction Based on Signature Detection  
 ESAs and Cancer Related Anemia *Susan Krikorian, RPh, MS, PharmD*  
 Novel, Targeted Therapies in Medical Oncology *Terenig Terjanian, MD*

Session B6: **“Health Projects in Armenia, Part 2”**  
*Sutton Parlor North*  
 Chair: *Jacques Yervant, MD and Kim Hekimian Arzoumanian, PhD*  
 1:15-1:20 Welcoming Remarks  
 1:20-1:30 Armenian Eye Care Project *Roger Ohanesian, MD*  
 1:30-1:40 Eyeglasses Project *Leon Artinian, MD*  
 1:40-1:50 Osteoporosis Project *John Bilezikian, MD*  
 1:50-2:00 Armenian Dental Health Association *Berdj Kiladjian, DDS*  
 2:00-2:10 Women’s Health Clinic *Avedis Bogosyan, MD*  
 2:10-2:20 Ultrasound Clinic *Levon Nazarian, MD*  
 2:20-2:40 Tele-Medicine / Tele-Education *Arnauld Nicogossian, MD*  
 2:40-2:50 Americares *Ella Gudwin*  
 2:50-3:00 Questions and Discussion

3:00pm - 3:15pm Break

3:15pm - 5:00pm Session B7: **“Psychiatry, Part 2”**  
*Sutton Parlor South*  
 Chair: *Louis Najarian, MD, Haigaz Grigorian, MD*  
 Community Treatment Order *Artin Jebejian, MD*  
 Armenian Identity During the Last Century *Khatchatur Gasparian, PhD*

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| Session B8:<br><i>Beekman Parlor</i> | <b>“Radiology - Current Concepts and Advances ”</b><br>Chair: <i>Pierre Maldjian, MD</i>   |                               |
| 3:15-3:20                            | Welcoming Remarks  | <i>Pierre Maldjian, MD</i>    |
| 3:20-3:50                            | Ultrasound-Guided Musculoskeletal Interventions  | <i>Levon Nazarian, MD</i>     |
| 3:50-4:10                            | Clinical Applications of Arterial Spin Labeling<br>Perfusion MRI   | <i>Joseph Maldjian, MD</i>    |
| 4:10-4:30                            | Feasibility and Utility of ROVER Software for 3D<br>Quantitative Image Analysis of FDG-PET in Patients<br>with Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) | <i>Drew Torigian, MD</i>      |
| 4:30-4:40                            | Diagnostic Dilemma of Telangiectatic Osteosarcoma  | <i>Catherine Maldjian, MD</i> |
| 4:40-4:50                            | Air in Bone: A Sign of Facultative Anaerobic Bacteria<br>and Its Ramifications for Treatment - a Report of Two Cases                                 | <i>Richard Adam, MD</i>       |
| 4:50-5:00                            | Questions and Discussion   |                               |

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| Session B9:<br><i>Sutton Parlor North</i> | <b>“Public Health Issues Part 2”</b><br>Chair: <i>Kim Hekimian Arzoumanian, PhD &amp; George Piligian, MD, MPH</i> |  |
| 3:15pm - 3:20pm                           | Welcoming Remarks  | <i>George Piligian, MD, MPH</i>          |
| 3:20pm - 3:30pm                           | Medical Student's Lifestyle and Health<br>Self-Estimation  | <i>Hrachya Ikilikyan, MD</i>             |
| 3:30pm - 3:40pm                           | Attitudes of Armenian Health Managers and<br>Administrators Toward Nursing Reforms in Armenia                      | <i>Alina Kushkyan, MD</i>                |
| 3:40pm - 3:50pm                           | Increasing Access to Primary Health Care<br>in Rural Armenia   | <i>Kim Hekimian<br/>Arzoumanian, PhD</i> |
| 3:50pm - 4:00pm                           | Health Status of Armenian Elderly in the US  | <i>Armine Lulejian, MS, MPH</i>          |
| 4:00pm - 4:10pm                           | Road Traffic Injuries in Yerevan, Armenia  | <i>Catherine Lynch</i>                   |
| 4:10pm - 4:20pm                           | Armenian Medical Fund  | <i>George Dermksian, MD</i>              |
| 4:20pm - 4:30pm                           | Catholic Medical Mission   | <i>TBA</i>                               |
| 4:30pm - 5:00pm                           | Questions and Discussion   |  |

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**Saturday July 4, 2009**

**Inspiration Talks & Issues Related to Armenia**

*Sutton Parlor*

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| 8:00am - 1:00pm | <b>Plenary Session</b> |  |
| 8:00am - 8:10am | Announcements          |  |
| 8:10am - 9:25am | Mini-Symposium         | <b>“Graduate Medical Education in Armenia”</b><br>Moderator: <i>Edgar Housepian, MD</i><br><br><i>Hambardzum Simonyan, MD</i> , Progress of Armenian Continuing<br>Education, Medical Director, FAR Medical Initiatives<br><br><i>Anna Shirinyan</i> , Director, National Medical Library of Armenia<br><br><i>Gevork Yaghjian, MD, PhD</i> Vice Dean, Postgraduate Education and<br>CME, Yerevan State Medical University<br><br><i>Garnik Nanagoulian</i> , Executive Director of Fund for Armenian Relief |



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| 9:25am - 10:25am  |                  | <b>“Live Tele-Medicine Program from Yerevan”</b><br><i>Irina Lazarian, Executive Director Armenian Fund USA</i>   |
| 10:25am - 10:45am | Break            |   |
| 10:45am - 12:00pm | Mini-Symposium   | <b>“Endocrinology”</b><br>Moderator: <i>Avedis Khachadurian, MD</i><br>Type II Diabetes in Youth: <i>Sylva Arslanian, MD</i><br>The Pediatrician’s Nightmare<br>Osteoporosis <i>John Bilezikian, MD</i> |
| 12:00am - 12:20pm | Break            |   |
| 12:20pm - 12:50pm |                  | <b>“The Chemistry of Romantic Love”</b> <i>Hagop Souren Akiskal, MD</i>   |
| 12:50pm - 1:10pm  |                  | <b>“Armenia &amp; Diaspora”</b> <i>Dr. Hranush Hakobyan, Minister of Diaspora of Armenia</i>  |
| 1:10pm - 2:00pm   | Panel Discussion | <b>Health Care Delivery, Quality of Care and Education in Armenia</b><br>Moderator: <i>Zareh Ouzounian, DDS</i>   |
| 2:30pm - 5:00pm   |                  | <b>AMIC General Assembly</b><br><i>Clinton Suite</i>  |
| 7:00pm            |                  | <b>Grand Gala Banquet</b><br><i>Grand Ballroom Entertainment by Arthur Apkarian and his Orchestra</i>   |

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As the Tenth Armenian Medical World Congress comes to a close, we thank all of you for your attendance and support of this major undertaking.

We have been lucky enough to play host to over 300 health professionals from around the world. We welcomed dignitaries, ministers, luminaries in various medical fields and health care professionals. The Congress offered an international forum of the latest medical advances in various fields and addressed health care issues in Armenia and Diaspora.

We want to take this opportunity to highlight the countries which supported us the most: our Canadian neighbors, the French contingent and the Armenian Delegation  
Your visible presence at the Congress was appreciated.  
Thank you for coming to New York.

We also want to thank the Armenian Medical International Committee for their guidance and support of this Congress.

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| Aboulian, Armen   | Guidelines for planning and implementation of a successful international medical mission   | Health Projects OP<br>in Armenia |
| Abrahamyan K<br>Arustamayan K<br>Kirakosyan S<br>Abrahamyan E | Bone mineral density and bone metabolism and activity of intracellular Na/K-ATFase   | Ob / Gyn                         |
| Abrahamyan K<br>Okoev G<br>Sahakyan L<br>Abrahamyan E         | Protein components of the membranes of erythrocytes and lymphocytes and the components of the adenylic system  | Ob / Gyn                         |
| Abrahamyan, Razmik  | National program on improving reproductive health and its objectives   | Ob / Gyn                         |
| Abrahamyan, Razmik  | National program on early diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cervical cancer   | Ob / Gyny OP                     |
| Abrahamyan, Razmik  | Stimulation and preparation to delivery by prostaglandins  | Ob / Gyn                         |
| Adam, Richard   | Air in bone: A sign of facultative anaerobic bacteria & its ramifications for treatment - a report of two cases  | Radiology OP                     |
| Agopian, Eliz H   | Does location of administration of intravenous tissue-type   |                                  |
| Ionita, Catalina C  | Plasminogen Activator (IV-tPA) for ischemic stroke alter its complication rates? A comparison of an academic stroke center with a network of community hospitals | Neurology PP                     |
| Agopian, Eliz<br>Al-Aswad Lama<br>Moazami, Golnaz             | Atypical presentation of Temporal Arteritis in a patient with Aortitis   | Neurology PP                     |
| Akaragian, Salpy  | Cochlear Implant: Armenia the regional center in Caucasus Health Projects in Armenia   | OP                               |
| Alaverdian, Varoosh   | Armenian Medical Society of California: Bringing health to Armenian lives from twenty three years Health Projects in Armenia                                     | OP                               |
| Alikhanyan, Kristina<br>Balasanyan M<br>Mkhitarian A          | Influence of Afobazole on infarct size after local ischemic stroke in rats   | Pharmacology                     |
| Amirkhanyan, Yelena<br>Amirkhanyan ES                         | Primary health care reform project   | Health Projects Armenia          |
| Daghbashyan SS  | Comparison of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) in Armenia from 1966-1971 and 1998-2004   | Hematology-Oncology              |
| Andonian, Sero  | Correlation of brain activation with degree of laparoscopic experience   | Urology OP                       |
| Gayane Avagyan<br>Avagyan, Gayane<br>Razmik, Abrahamyan       | Contemporary approaches to improving reproductive function in women with urogenital Chlamydia  | OB / GYN                         |
| Avetisyan, Larisa<br>Aleksandryan, Gohar<br>Mkrtchyan, Sofya  | Influence of Lead on Hematopoiesis of children   | Public Health                    |
| Avetisyan, Larisa<br>Khachikyan, Naira<br>Avagyan, Karen      | Some information regarding lifestyle of students of Artsakh State University   | Public Health                    |
| Babikyan, Davit   | BRCA1 and BRCA2 detection in high risk breast cancer patients in Armenia   | Oncology                         |
| Badalian, Gayane  | EGFR expression in renal cell cancer and non-small cell lung cancer in primary tumors and bone metastasis  | Hematology-Oncology OP           |
| Bakalian, Silvin  | Growth of choroidal nevi   | Ophthalmology OP                 |
| Bakalian, Silvin<br>Burnier MN                                | The role of Nm23-H1 and C-Met in uveal melanoma  | Ophthalmology OP                 |

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| Bakhshinyan, Vigen   | Clinical application of the spread of excitation function in cochlear implant recipients     | Otolaryngology             | OP |
| Beglaryan GA<br>Davtyan NL<br>Shahverdyan NB<br>Beglaryan IG                                   | Efficiency of Medical abortion   | OB / GYN                   |    |
| Beglaryan, Narine<br>Saribekyan K<br>Sacci I, Panajyan<br>Baghdasarova K                       | Establishing schools of motherhood to improve pregnancy outcomes                             | Public health vs OB        | OP |
| Burnazyan, Ruben<br>Sargsyan, Tamara<br>Nalbandyan, Nors                                       | Y chromosome microdeletions as a cause of male infertility in Armenia                        | Infertility                | PP |
| Chaglassian, Alain<br>Lane AM, Cubitt CL<br>Yocum JD, Egan KM<br>Chaglassian A<br>Gradoudas ES | Serum Concentrations of Interleukin-6 and metastasis from Uveal Melanoma                     | Ophthalmology              | OP |
| Daderian-Huckabay,<br>Loucine  | The conditions of learning and instruction in patient teaching                               | Nursing                    | OP |
| Daghbashyan S  | Testing for infectious agents in blood donor samples   | Infectious Disease         |    |
| Daghbashyan S<br>Antonyan F<br>Ghazaryan P<br>Vagharsakyan L                                   | Acute Leukemia   | Hematology-Oncology        |    |
| Daghbashyan SS<br>Avagyan RV   | Ultrasound examination of peripheral lymph nodeS in patients with lymphoma                   | Hematology-Oncology        |    |
| Daghbashyan S<br>Ghazaryan P<br>Israelyan K  | Phosphoinositides  | Hematology-Oncology        |    |
| Daghbashyan S<br>Pepanyan A<br>Ghazaryan P   | Ecto-5'-nucleotidase as a biochemical marker for malignant lymphoid cells                    | Hematology-Oncology        |    |
| Daghbashyan SS<br>Sargsyan VM  | Hepatitis C in patients with Hemophilia in Armenia   | Hematology-Oncology        |    |
| Demirdjian, Mirna  | Is premature rupture of membranes a risk factor for Cesarean section                         | OB / GYN                   | OP |
| Deranian, H.<br>Martin   | The miracle man of the Western Front,<br>Dr. Varaztad H. Kazanjian, Pioneer Plastic Surgeon  | Dentistry                  |    |
| Garaseferyan, MH<br>Dagbshyan SS   | HCV and HBV in oncology patients   | Infectious Disease         |    |
| Gasparyan<br>Gasparian, Khachatur  | Armenian identity during the last century  | Psychiatry                 | OP |
| Gazarian A<br>Kirassian JD<br>Basmadjian JP  | Rehabilitation of Chouchi Hospital: An action for regional development and national security | Health Projects in Armenia | OP |
| Gevorgyan, Ashot   | The Armenian Dental Association and its co-operation with the diaspora                       | Dentistry                  | OP |
| Gharakhanyan,<br>Naira   | Children of Armenia Fund (COAF) and the integrated Health Care Program (IHCP)                | Health Projects in Armenia | OP |

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| Ghazaryan P<br>Karagulyan AS<br>Ghazaryan AP<br>Israelyan K                       | Phosphoinositides and sarcoma-45   | Hematology-Oncology              | PP    |
| Goenjian, Armen   | Heritabilities of symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression in earthquake exposed Armenian families     | Psychiatry                       | OP    |
| Grigorian, Arthur   | Co-operation of Yerevan State Medical University and Mercer University School of Medicine under the umbrella of Armenia Fund USA | Health Projects in Armenia       | OP    |
| Grigoryan, Sasun<br>Baghdasaryan, Hrachya<br>Grigoryan, Edgar<br>Grigoryan, Arman | Surgery for hematologic diseases   | Surgery                          |       |
| Grigoryan, Sasun<br>Baghdasaryan Hrachya<br>Grigoryan, Arman                      | Surgical treatment methods for recurrent goiter  | Surgery                          |       |
| Gueriguian, John  | Medieval Armenian medical concepts and remedies. Their relevance to unfulfilled modern therapeutic needs                         | Pharmacology                     |       |
| Harutyunyan, Armen<br>Avetisyan, Larisa<br>Sargsyan, Sona                         | Hearing loss as a problem in boys of pre-recruitment and recruitment age in Yerevan during a five-year period                    | Otolaryngology                   | OP    |
| Harutyunyan A<br>Sahakyan L<br>Ghazaryan P  | Therapeutic effects of homeopathic preparations on Vitiligo  | Homeopathy                       |       |
| Harutyunyan A   | Therapeutic effects of homeopathic preparations on alopecia  | Homeopathy                       |       |
| Hornung, Heather  | Teaching aquatic therapy in Nagorno Karabakh   | Physical Therapy                 | OP    |
| Hovakimyan, Anna  | Herpetic anterior uveitis among Armenians  | Ophthalmology                    |       |
| Ikilikyan, Hrachya  | Medical -social aspects youth health formation   | Public Health                    |       |
| Ikilikyan, Hrachia<br>Kushkyan, Alina   | Social welfare as a constituent of the concept of health of the Armenian people of 15-24 years of age                            | Public Health                    |       |
| Ikilikyan, Hrachia<br>Kushkyan, Alina   | Medical student's lifestyle and health self-estimation   | Public Health                    | OP    |
| Jaffarian, Carol<br>Avagyan, Sevag<br>Bova, Carol<br>Mkhitarian, Mkhitar          | HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Project in Armenia   | Nursing                          | PP    |
| Janibekyan, Zaruhi  | Control and management of Diabetes among children under age 18   | Public Health                    | OP PP |
| Jebejian, Artin   | Community treatment orders use for mentally ill patients   | Psychiatry                       | OP    |
| Kalayjian, Ani  | The seven-step healing model transforming trauma into an inner peace: The biopsychosocial and Eco spiritual model                | Psychiatry                       | OP    |
| Kazandjian, Gregory   | Extraction without exertion: a fast and atraumatic method of removing retained or broken roots or teeth                          | Dentistry                        | OP    |
| Khachatryan, Armen  | Health care delivery system in Nagorno-Karabagh: Current situation, problems and perspectives                                    | Public Health<br>Plenary speaker |       |
| Khachatryan, Sergey   | The World Bank financed Armenian health system modernization project   | Public Health                    | OP    |
| Khanarian, Nora   | Deep zone chondrocytes response in a hybrid scaffold of calcium phosphate and alginate hydrogel                                  | Orthopedic Surgery               | OP    |
| Klijian, Ara  | Current trends in minimally invasive cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery   | Surgery                          |       |

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| Klijian, Ara   | CT guided localization lung tumor prior to thoracoscopic resection   | Surgery             |    |
| Kushkyan, Alina  | Attitudes of Armenian health managers and administrators toward nursing reforms in Armenia   | Public Health       | OP |
| Kushkyan, Alina  | The preparation of nurses with a bachelor's degree in Armenia  | Nursing             |    |
| Kushkyan, Alina  | Methodological and organizations aspects of training of nurses and BSN's in conditions of the health services reformation in the Republic of Armenia | Nursing             |    |
| Kushkyan-Saribekyan<br>Kushkyan, Harutyun<br>Razmik, Abrahamyan<br>Saribekyan, Karine      | Implementation of State-paid obstetrics certificate program in Armenia   | Public Health       | OP |
| Lulejian, Armine   | Health status of Armenian elderly living in the United States  | Public Health       | OP |
| Lulejian, Armine   | Review of health/medical research on Armenians   | Public Health       |    |
| Lynch, Catherine<br>Chekijian, Sharon<br>Lyman, Tom<br>Tadevosyan, Mikayel<br>Crape, Byron | Road traffic injuries in Yerevan, Armenia  | Public Health       | OP |
| Maldjian, Catherine  | Diagnostic dilemma of telangiectatic osteosarcoma  | Radiology           | OP |
| Maldjian, Joseph   | Clinical applications of Arterial Spin Labeling Perfusion MRI  | Radiology           | OP |
| Mangasaryan, Nune  | Nutrition status of young children in Armenia  | Public Health       | OP |
| Manoukian, Jerry   | Medical records using voice recognition Telemedicine   |                     | OP |
| Markosyan, Astghik   | New integrated curriculum for Dental Education at the Yerevan State Medical University   | Dentistry           | OP |
| Melikyan, Gayane   | Temporal Lobe Epilepsy   | Neurology           |    |
| Midyan, Susanna<br>Badalyan, Gohar   | Cytogenetic Diversity in Turner Syndrome   | Genetics            |    |
| Minassian, Berge   | Epilepsy surgery program in Armenia  | Pediatrics          | OP |
| Minassian, Berge   | Causative defect and pathogenesis of X-linked myopathy with excessive autophagy  | Pediatrics          | OP |
| Naccashian, Zarmine  | Diabetes self-management education   | Diabetes            | OP |
| Najarian, Louis M  | Resilience and PTSD after the 1988 earthquake in Armenia   | Psychiatry          | OP |
| Nalbandyan, Mikayel  | The parameters of the facial profiles of 12-year-old children with Angle Class I occlusion   | Orthodontics        |    |
| Nazaryan, Margarita  | Pregnancy loss as a result of hyperhomocysteinemia   | OB / GYN            |    |
| Nazaretyan M<br>Avagyan S<br>Avedian V<br>Jordan F<br>Hyusyan A<br>Yetimyan Z              | Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry<br>Quality Assurance Program   | Hematology-Oncology |    |
| Nerguizian V<br>Bakalian S<br>Stiharu I<br>Burnier MN                                      | RF radiation, microwave frequencies and cell proliferation   | Hematology-Oncology | OP |
| Nerguizian V<br>Nerguizian C<br>Stiharu I<br>Burnier MN                                    | Enzyme-substrate reaction on a miniaturized PVDF cantilever  | Hematology-Oncology | OP |

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| Nersisyan Armen<br>Nersisyan, Armen<br>Danielyan, Konstantin<br>Nazaretyan, Eduard   | A new approach and treatment of patients suffering from Familial Mediterranean Fever                                | Psychiatry          |                 |
| Nersisyan, Armen<br>Tshaturyan, Irina<br>Danielyan, Konstantin   | Psychopathology and Narek   | Psychiatry          | OP              |
| Nikoghosyan A<br>From Gayane Avagyan<br>Nikoghosyan AN<br>Tsallagova LV  | Use of acidophilus culture with the aim of correction of vaginal biocenosis in pregnant patients with colpitis      | OB / GYN            |                 |
| Ohanesian, Roger   | The Armenian Eyecare Project (AECF)   | Ophthalmology       | OP              |
| Okoev G<br>Poghosyan A<br>Ghukasyan N  | Vaginal extraperitoneal colpexia, (PROLIFT method), a new view up genital prolapse surgery                          | OB / GYN            |                 |
| Oskanian N<br>Gharakhanyan N<br>Sargsyan S   | Establishment of youth friendly health services   | Public Health       |                 |
| Petrosyan, Marine  | Obstructive sleep apnea in Armenians  | Public Health       |                 |
| Pogosyan, Arthur   | Ethics of Circumcision  | Pediatrics          |                 |
| Sahakyan LS<br>Ghazaryan PA<br>Karagulyan A<br>Avetisyan AA  | Antitumoral properties of cyan-containing lactone derivatives   | Hematology-Oncology |                 |
| Salibian, Mossi  | State of the art in breast cancer reconstruction  | Surgery             |                 |
| Sargsyan VM  | Transfusion and hemophilia in Armenia   | Hematology-Oncology |                 |
| Saribekyan, Karine<br>Arushanyan, Sonia<br>Mkrtchyan, Zaruhi   | Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses Program (IMCI) in Armenia  | Public Health       |                 |
| Saribekyan, Karine<br>Baghdasarova, G<br>Panajyan G, Sacci, I<br>Beglaryan, N  | Quality assurance initiative in five regional Armenian Maternities  | Public Health       |                 |
| Shekherdimian, Shant   | Challenges facing newly privatized hospitals in post-Soviet developing countries                                    | Public Health       |                 |
| Shirikjian, Lara   | Association of D2 dopamine receptors and serotonin transporter Gene polymorphisms with PTSD and depressive symptoms | Psychiatry          | OP              |
| Shirinyan, Anna  | National Medical Library of Armenia   | Education           | Plenary Speaker |
| Shukuryan, Arthur<br>Bakhshinyan, Vigen<br>Ishiyama, Akira<br>Harutyunyan, Inessa<br>Akarakyan, Salpy<br>Martirosyan, Armine | 5-year experience of Cochlear implantation in Armenia   | Otolaryngology      | OP              |
| Simonyan H<br>Yaghjian G<br>Grigoryan B  | Training and CME of Armenian provincial physicians in Yerevan- Successful co-operation between FAR and YSMU CME     | Medical Education   | Plenary Speaker |
| Simonyan H<br>Yaghjian G<br>Grigoryan B  | Analysis of CME and CME accreditation system in Armenia   | Medical Education   | Plenary Speaker |

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| Stepanyan, Geghanush                                      | Nurse Union Social Organization  | Nursing                    | PP              |
| Stepanyan, Gohar<br>Avagyan, Gayane                       | Evaluation of the effectiveness of different methods of female bone tissue mineral density in case of post-menopausal osteoporosis                 | OB / GYN                   |                 |
| Tachdjian, Raffi  | Using one disease to treat another: A review of the literature and predictions for the future  | Infectious disease         | OP              |
| Tadevosyan, Vardan  | Lady Cox Rehabilitation Center in Stepanakert  | Physical Therapy           | OP              |
| Takii, Sara   | The Armenian International Institute of Physical Therapy   | Health Projects in Armenia | OP              |
| Ter-Grigoryan, Ara<br>Kharazyan S<br>Barsechyan A         | Co-payment mechanisms  | Public Health              | OP              |
| Ter-Grigoryan, Ara<br>Kharazyan S<br>Davtyan A            | National Health Accounts (NHA)   | Public Health              |                 |
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