

Abu Haidar Neuroscience Institute Dedicates an Open House to Neuroscience

(October 24th, 2013) Beirut, Lebanon —The Abu Haidar Neuroscience Institute (AHNI) at the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) held its first Neuroscience Open House on Friday October 18th, 2013 at the West Hall, AUB. The event was dedicated to share the latest achievements of AHNI in research and patient care and to give its visitors a chance to engage in new ideas and potential collaborations.

“It is our first Neuroscience open house, and it will surely be an annual event to look forward to,” said Dr. Samia Khoury, professor of neurology and AUBMC’s AHNI and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Center director.

Students from several universities and neurologists from different medical centers across the country visited the event. With 23 booths spread across West Hall, displaying the varied services AHNI offers, visitors had a quick informative tour of the institute’s divisions from the Neurology Department, Multiple Sclerosis Center, to Psychiatry Department, Division of Neurosurgery and Basic Neuroscience.

“AUBMC AHNI’s ground-breaking achievements in patient care and research are now accessible to students and fellow neurologists from across Lebanon and medical centers through the open house,” added Dr. Khoury. “Such activities are at the core of AUBMC’s leadership role in engaging the community with the latest achieved in medical research and patient-centered care and in giving them an opportunity to be part of it,” said Dr. Khoury.

The Abu-Haidar Neuroscience Institute (AHNI) is a center of excellence dedicated to clinical and basic neurosciences. In October 2011, AHNI launched the first Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Center in the region, offering state-of-the-art resources to provide the most advanced specialized care to improve the lives of patients. In February 2012, a Special Kids Clinic, the first of its kind in pediatric neurology, offering total care for neurologically impaired kids in an integrated and affordable manner, was opened in Lebanon. Lately AHNI opened Lebanon’s first comprehensive Headache clinic and a movement disorders clinic.

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The Faculty of Medicine has graduated over 4,000 medical students and physicians; the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing provides excellent education for the nursing staff, and the Medical Center meets the health care needs of over 300,000 patient visits annually.