

# The Saudi Epilepsy Society

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The Saudi Epilepsy Society (SES), as the scientific organization supervising epilepsy academic and scientific activities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, was approved under the auspices of the Saudi Council for Health Specialties and election of the board members was conducted on 28th February 2010. Nine members were elected from various health sectors in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, namely, Sonia Khan (Adult Neurologist), Riyadh Military Hospital, Riyadh, Raidah Al-Baradie (Pediatric Neurologist), King Faisal University, Al-Khobar, Suad Yamani (Pediatric Neurologist), King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Riyadh, Shireen Qureshi (Adult Neurologist), Saudi Aramco, Eastern Province, Abdulrahman Al-Sabagh (Neurosurgeon), King Fahad Medical City, Riyadh, Ali Al-Ghatani (Neuropsychologist), Riyadh Military Hospital, Riyadh, Ahmed Al-Rumayan (Pediatric Neurologist), King Abdulaziz National Guard Hospital, Riyadh, Mohammed Jan (Pediatric Neurologist), King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, and Dr. Saeed Kadasa (Psychiatrist), Riyadh Military Hospital, Riyadh.

The first board member meeting was conducted on 24th March 2010 to set plans for the coming 3 years, which is the term for the current board. The first scientific activity under the auspices of the Saudi Epilepsy Society was The EEG course, which was conducted on 28-29th April 2010 in collaboration with the Neurosciences Department of Riyadh Military Hospital, the Saudi Chapter of Epilepsy, the Commission of East Mediterranean Affairs (CEMA) from the International League of Epilepsy, and the Cleveland clinic. The course was successful and attended by over 150 participants. The second scientific activity under the auspices of the Saudi Epilepsy Society was a special course on challenges in epilepsy management conducted in Dammam on 16th June 2010 in collaboration with the Neuroscience Department, King Fahad Specialist Hospital and

the Saudi Chapter of Epilepsy. Experts in epilepsy from various regions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia participated in this course, which was well attended.

The SES is planning a series of national and international scientific activities for the academic year 2011. The current board members of the SES are enthusiastic to conduct their strategic plan to improve the level of epilepsy education and management in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the highest level of excellence. The SES also plans to set strategies with regional and international epilepsy organizations to participate effectively in the international task forces to improve regional and global epilepsy education and management. The Neurosciences journal was selected to be the Official Journal of the SES, to encourage quality epilepsy related publications and research data from Saudi Arabia and the region to be submitted to Neurosciences.

On behalf of my colleagues from the SES, we promise to continue the dedicated mission of the Saudi Medical Council in improving health training and health services. In addition, we will eagerly conduct, *by the blessing of Allah*, the mission of the International League of Epilepsy to improve the local, regional, and global care of epilepsy.

## *Message from the Editor,*

*On behalf of the Editors, Board members, and staff of Neurosciences, I would like to congratulate Dr. Sonia Khan on her recent election to the post of President of the Saudi Epilepsy Society. We wish Dr. Khan, and the Society, much success in this new appointment, and we look forward to actively collaborating with the Society.*

*Saud Al-Omani, Editor-In-Chief*

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