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## Two AUB professors receive prestigious Shoman Award for research

Beirut, Lebanon- 23/06/2011 - Two professors from the American University of Beirut (AUB) recently received the prestigious Abdul Hameed Shoman Award for Young Arab Researchers for the year 2010. Dima Jamali, associate professor and chair of the Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship Track at the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business (OSB), and Dr. Habib A. Dakik, professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiology, were recognized by the foundation for their research contributions in the fields of economics and medicine, respectively.

The Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation has awarded young Arab researchers since 1982 with the aim of promoting scientific research in the Arab world. Nominees for the award should submit original research projects of scientific or social value. Research should be conducted during the three years preceding the nomination, and the researcher must be an Arab citizen or bearing Arab ancestry, working in an Arab country, and not older than 45.

Jamali received the award, in the field of economics, banking and financial and management sciences for the year 2010. She was nominated for the award by professor Ibrahim Osman, associate dean for research at OSB. She was asked to submit her entire research portfolio to compete against a strong pool of Arab researchers in the same field.

Jamali is also the recipient of numerous other awards and honors, including the Emerald Literati Network Award for Excellence for being an outstanding reviewer in 2011, the British Academy of Management Fellowship for South Asia/Middle East in 2007, the Best Paper Proceeding Award by the same academy in 2007, and the Teaching Excellence Award from AUB in 2006.

Jamali is an AUB graduate, class of 1993, with high distinction. She received her master's in sociology from San Jose University, California in 1996, and her PhD in social policy and administration from the University of Kent at Canterbury, UK in 2001. Jamali joined OSB in 2002. She is one of the most prolific professors at OSB with over 50 refereed papers in international journals, six of which were published in 2011, in addition to numerous other publications such as, refereed books, refereed book chapters, regional case studies, and refereed conference proceedings. She works mainly in the areas of corporate social responsibility (CSR), as well as gender and careers. Her research is internationally recognized and widely cited.

Dr. Dakik received the award for his research in medical sciences. He received his BS in chemistry, with high distinction, in 1985 and his MD in 1990, both from AUB. He then joined

Baylor College of Medicine in Houston where he completed his residency and fellowship training in internal medicine and cardiovascular diseases.

Dr. Dakik returned to AUB in 1998 as assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiology and was promoted to the rank of professor in 2010. His research interests focus on the risk stratification of patients with acute myocardial infarction and the role of advanced cardiac imaging techniques in the evaluation of patients with coronary artery disease. He has published more than 50 manuscripts in this domain in leading international cardiology journals. His rich research productivity has made Dr. Dakik an international figure in the field of nuclear cardiology, serving on several international committees, including: the International Advisory Committee of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, the Scientific Committee of the International Conference of Nuclear Cardiology, and the Editorial Board of the Journal of Nuclear Cardiology.

Dr. Dakik is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. The excellence he has achieved in clinical research has earned him numerous previous international awards, including the Society of Nuclear Medicine Fellowship Award in Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine, the Baylor College of Medicine Department of Medicine Award for Clinical Research, the Baylor College of Medicine Section of Cardiology Excellence in Clinical Research Award, and the International Conference of Nuclear Cardiology Young Investigator Award.

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Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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