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## **AUBMC Dr. Marwan Refaat Honored with the Abdul Hameed Shoman Award for Arab Researchers**

Dr. Marwan Refaat from the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) has recently received the prestigious 2019 Abdul Hameed Shoman Arab Researchers Award in the Medical and Health Sciences category. In that regard, AUB President, Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri addressed the University community with the message below: “Dr. Refaat was selected from more than 380 outstanding nominees for this award”.

“For 37 years, the Abdul Hameed Shoman Arab Researchers Award has been presented annually to outstanding Arab men and women conducting research in six main fields including Medical and Health Sciences, Basic Sciences, Agriculture and Technology, Engineering Sciences, Literature and Humanitarian, Social and Educational Sciences, Economics and Administration Sciences. The award has been modified since 2013 to include nominees without any age restriction”.

Khuri added: “An international recognized expert in the field of cardiology and cardiac electrophysiology, Dr. Refaat has conducted important research and published on numerous topics in this field. His main research focus has concentrated on the genetics of sudden cardiac arrest/death and arrhythmogenic hereditary syndromes and has helped in the identification of novel variants which increase the risk of sudden cardiac arrest. Dr. Refaat’s work on sudden cardiac arrest has been of significant impact, from understanding the epidemiology and risk factors, to public awareness, prevention, and management of the disease. Dr. Refaat has published more than 120 papers in international peer-reviewed journals. In addition to being on the editorial board of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology (JACC), Dr. Refaat is an associate editorial team lead for the cardiac electrophysiology section of ACC.org (American College of Cardiology) and a member of the International Advisory Board of JACC Heart Failure. He is also an associate editor of Pacing and Clinical Electrophysiology (PACE)”.

“Dr. Refaat graduated from the AUB Faculty of Arts and Sciences (BS in Chemistry with High Distinction) in 1999 and from the AUB Faculty of Medicine (with Distinction) at the top of the class in 2003 and was the AUB Faculty of Medicine’s Stephen Penrose award recipient. He pursued residency in the Harvard Mass General Internal Medicine Program, cardiology fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and cardiac electrophysiology fellowship at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center. He joined the American University of Beirut Medical Center as Assistant Professor of Medicine in 2012 and was promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine in 2016. Dr. Refaat has six American board certifications in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Echocardiography, Nuclear Cardiology, Advanced Heart Failure & Transplant Cardiology, and Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology. He was the Chairman of the Lebanese Society of Cardiology Electrophysiology Working Group.” In addition to his appointment as Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Dr. Refaat is also Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics at the Faculty of Medicine at AUB”, Khuri said.

President Khuri concluded in congratulating Dr. Refaat on this well-deserved recognition.

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