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A Journey of 150 Years of Success

**‘Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the American University of Beirut 1866-2015’, A Book by Dr. Ghazi Zaatari**

Dr. Ghazi Zaatari, Chairman of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine and the Medical Center of the American University of Beirut, and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, launched his book entitled “Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the American University of Beirut 1866-2015”, in a signing ceremony that took place on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at professor Jaber I. Sawaya lecture hall.

The book highlights the history of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at AUB and its medical center. It acknowledges the contributions of the pathology and laboratory medicine faculty members over the past 150 years to teaching service and research.

In his book, Dr. Zaatari describes the role played by the founding fathers of the Syrian Protestant College in establishing a structured medical curriculum based on strong foundations in basic medical sciences including pathology.

Shedding light on AUB’s leading role in medical education and medical curriculum in Lebanon and the region, Dr. Zaatari said, “Going through the files and archives of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine was an inspiration to explore its history. This journey over the past 150 years showed how the department evolved and transformed during this period of glorious record of AUB in the Middle East.” He added, “The timing of publishing this book could not have been better as the university observes its 150th anniversary.”

The ceremony was attended by AUB and AUBMC faculty and staff, in addition to physicians in the laboratory medicine and pathology fields, and scholars interested in the history of medicine.

The signing ceremony presented an opportunity to discuss the historical achievements related to pathology and laboratory medicine and the importance of multidisciplinary approach in advancing knowledge, patient care, and research.

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**About AUB**

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