The First GCC Conference of Faculties of Medicine on Medical Education

Date April 26-28, 1999
Venue Kuwait University, Kuwait
Main Theme Medical Education

Aim. To identify the means and methods of improving the educational programmes of the GCC Medical Faculties, with appropriate collaborative efforts where feasible.

Objectives. The Conference aimed to review the current systems of education in the Gulf medical schools with the following objectives:

(1) To unify the education systems wherever possible
(2) To evolve future strategies for improving the educational systems with collaborative effort and based on past experience, and
(3) To bring the educational systems to be as cohesive as possible

Scope and Format. The conference activities were planned and conducted for the benefit of medical teachers of undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing education levels, as well as educational planners and administrators.

The academic program commenced with a review of medical education in the GCC countries, presented by the Deans of the Gulf medical schools. This session was followed by an independent assessment of the present status of medical education in the Gulf region, based on the presentations. In addition to a series of lectures on topics of current interest in the fields of selection of students, instruction, assessment and planning medical education, the conference also provided a forum for the dissemination of information on research and development project in medical education, in the form of short communications. The poster display session gave further opportunity for teachers to share their interests and results of studies in medical education.

Topics.

(1) Curriculum Design
   Problem-based Curricula
   Discipline-oriented Curricula
   Issues in Curriculum design
   Course evaluation

(2) Learning
   Learning methods
   Learning skills
   New technologies

(3) Assessment
   Student assessment