

**Welcome Message**  
**From the Chairman of the Organizing Committee**  
**SCCS 2010 Jeddah**

Under the patronage of **HRH Crown Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz Al Saud**, Deputy Premier, Minister of Defence and Aviation and Inspector General. I welcome you to the **Saudi Critical Care Conference & Scientific Meeting (SCCS 2010-Jeddah)**. SCCS 2010 Jeddah will be held at the Jeddah Hilton Hotel from April 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Jeddah was chosen because it is the nearest hop to the Holy City of Makkah where Islamic civilization began.

Saudi Arabia is a continuum of Islamic civilization with a connection to modern world and advanced medicine. Saudi Arabia has the largest medical infrastructure in the region and the largest collection of highly qualified physicians and intensivists.

The Saudi Critical Care Society was founded in 2007. Over the past three years the society has conducted more than fifty courses, has participated in five international conferences, established a national critical care database and formulated both a National Critical Care Policy & Procedure Manual and National Critical Care Clinical Guidelines. The Saudi Critical Care Society is the fastest growing and the largest medical society in the region with a membership of over a 1000 members from multi dispensary specialties.

The Organizing Committee also wishes to invite you to attend the largest (more than 2500 attendees expected) and most varied collection of pre-conference critical care courses ever presented in the Middle East. We have invited a total of over a hundred speakers with more than twenty international and ten regional speakers. The pre-conference courses are scheduled to be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the conference venue. SCCS 2010 Jeddah will contain more than twelve pre-conference courses, three hundred scientific sessions, more than ten sponsored workshops and “Meet the Professor” sessions.

SCCS 2010 Jeddah will be largest critical care educational event ever held in the Middle East. Our goal is to build a foundation on which future critical care educational events can be modeled. Additionally, we hope to make our annual conference an educational cornerstone for the critical care community of Saudi Arabia, the Middle East and the world.

The success of the **Saudi Critical Care Society Sessions** at **Critical Care Canada Forum 2009** has enabled the society to attract world leaders in the critical care community to participate in our conference.

We have worked hard to design a scientific program with speakers who are the world leaders in not only in Critical Care Medicine but also in related fields.

The conference will also showcase critical care exhibitors from countries around the globe. Conference participants will be given an opportunity to view the latest in medical technologies and attend numerous sponsored symposia and workshops.

We welcome you to Jeddah, one of Saudi Arabia's most attractive travel destinations during the ideal season for visiting. SCCS 2010 Jeddah will be held amid the beautiful scenery and charming culture that is Jeddah. Jeddah is in close proximity to the nearby holy sites of Mecca and Medina which will provide an excellent backdrop for this educational event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yasser Mandourah', is written over a solid horizontal line.

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