ISHAM General Secretary

Dear Prof. Peter Donnelly

It is a great honor and pleasure for the Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences and the Iranian Society of Medical Mycology to announce that we established the First Iranian conference on Medical Mycology and Iranian Society of Medical Mycology which have been held at 3-5th of May 2011 in Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences with 5 keynote speakers from different continent (Prof. G.S de Hoog from the Netherlands; Prof. A. Chakrabarti from India; Prof. M. Askari from USA; Prof. C. Makimura from Japan and Dr. N. Kondori from Sweden). We are pleased to offer you whole programs of highly standard with keynote lectures who presented an oral presentation. Our teams of key note speakers include some of the most competent and internationally recognized experts in the field of Medical Mycology. Moreover all contributions have been displayed in a poster exhibition which were undoubtedly generated a wholesome and fruitful discussion. Our scientific committee, with collaboration and assistance of outstanding and renowned international Medical Mycologist has set a comprehensive program to address current topics in both clinical and basic sciences in the expanding field of mycology. The programs were included educational sessions providing an opportunity to broaden and extend our knowledge and experience concerning current diagnosis including clinical, environmental, mycology. Our program was included a variety of social, cultural events which have been provided the opportunity to explore some of the many attractions of the beautiful province of Mazandaran. We have arranged a full and varied program of social events and excursions to take advantage of many city attractions.
Therefore on behalf of our scientific committee we established our society as ISMM (Iranian Society of Medical Mycology) with following staff and we would like to join the International society. ISMM is an in-dependant society which is non-political and non-discriminatory. ISMM is funded to encourage and facilitate the study and practice of all aspects of medical mycology and we will share all information in field of medical Mycology point of view.

**Iranian Society of Medical Mycology**

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