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SAMS 14th International Medical Conference
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June 19\textsuperscript{th} – 22\textsuperscript{nd} 2014
Gaziantep, Turkey
SAMS 14th International Medical Conference Schedule
Gaziantep University
June 19th – 22nd 2014

Thursday
June 19th
6PM-9PM

Opening Ceremony:
Gaziantep University Hospital Auditorium

Friday
June 20th
8AM-6PM

Conference Scientific Meeting Plenary Session:
Beyond the Tragedy: How to Respond to Healthcare Challenges in a Crisis

Conference Training Workshops

1. Surgical Workshops
   1a Comprehensive Hands-on Surgical Trauma Workshop
   1b Medical Rehabilitation and Anesthesia

2. Medical Workshops
   2a Internal Medicine Update
   2b Pediatrics Update
   2c PALS
   2d Critical Care and Emergency Medicine for Adults and Pediatrics
   2e Nephrology and Dialysis Update for physicians and technicians

3. Psychosocial Workshops
   3a Comprehensive Psychosocial Training Workshop for physician and counselors
   3b Smoking Cessation counselors training certification course

Saturday
June 21
8AM-5PM

Sunday
June 22nd
8AM-4PM

Gala Dinner and Reception
Saturday June 21st
6:30PM-10PM
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Thursday June 19th 6PM-9PM

Under the auspices of the President of Gaziantep University

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The Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), in collaboration with Gaziantep University, invites you to

The opening ceremony
Of
SAMS’s 14th International Medical Conference

Thursday June 19th 2014 at Gaziantep University Hospital Auditorium
SAMS 14th International Conference
Plenary Session
Beyond the Tragedy: How to Respond to Healthcare Challenges in Times of Crisis
Friday June 20th 8.00 AM - 6.00 PM
Gaziantep University Hospital Auditorium

Morning Session:
Course Directors: Maher Azzouz, MD & Prof. Dr. Levent Elbeyli

8:00 – 9:30 Session 1: Recognizing Emergencies and First Aid
Moderators: Abdulmajeed Katranji & Cuma Yildirim, MD

- 8:00 – 8:30 Thoracic Trauma
  Ahmad Tarakji, MD
- 8:30 – 9:00 Chemical Attacks: recognition and response
  Raphael Pitti, MD
- 9:00 – 9:30 TBA
  David Nott, MD

9:30 – 10:00 Ibn Nafis Lecture and Award
From Practice to Medical Relief, the True Humanitarian
Khaled Diab, MD

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 12:15 Session 2: Managing Epidemics and What We Have Learned
Moderators: Randa Lutfi, MD & Mete Gurol Ugur, MD

- 10:15 – 10:45 The Re-Emergence of Polio: acute management and required international response
  Annie Sparrow, MD
- 10:45 – 11:15 Caring for Patients with Cancer in Times of National Disaster
  Ahmed Absi, MD
- 11:15 – 11:45 Mobile Clinics and Telemedicine Utilization During crisis
  Abdulrahman Zanabli, MD
  Lana Kashlan, MD

12.15 - 1.30 Lunch & Friday Prayers
Afternoon Session:
Course Directors: Maher Azzouz, MD & Murat Taner Gülşen, MD

1:30 – 3:10  Session 3: Logistics and Global Response to Crisis
Moderators: Munzer Kassab, MD & Ahmet Aslan, MD

1:30 – 1:55  Digital Disease Detection  Taha Kass-Hout, MD
1:55 – 2:20  Dealing with Limited Resources during Complex Medical
             Emergencies Based on the Syrian Experience  Zaher Sahloul, MD
2:20 – 2:45  From Relief to Development, the Orient Model  Mohamed Ammar Martini, MD
2:45 – 3:10  ICRC's global Health Care in Danger Project  Michael Markus, MD

3:10 – 3:35  State of the Art Lecture
Digital Humanitarian Tracking and Development  Hend Alhinnawi, MA

3:35 – 3:45 Break

3:45 – 6:00  Session 4: Psychosocial Challenges and Resource Management
Moderators: Amjad Bahnasi, MD & Osman Virit, MD

3:45 – 4:10  Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among Syrian
             Refugees, With a Focus on Turkey  Gokay AlPak, MD
4:10 – 4:35  WHO's Psychological First Aid Program, focusing
             on children  David A. Hoffman, Ph.D.
4:35 – 5:00  First Aid Psychiatry for Non-Mental Health Professionals  Mamoun Mobayed, MD
5:00 – 5:25  Psychiatric Manifestation of the Syrian Crisis, SAMS
             Experience in Adapting Psychiatric Tools  Yassar Kanawati, MD

5:25 – 5:55  State of the Art Lecture
Spiritual care in disaster and posttraumatic growth  Khaledoun Marwa, MD

5:55 – 6:00  Closing remarks
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Surgical Workshops

1.a Comprehensive Surgical Trauma

Course Directors: Ahmad Tarakji, MD & Mustafa Isik, MD

Day 1

Saturday June 21st

8:00 – 10:15  Session 1:
Moderators:  Abdulmanan Alo, MD & xxxxx

8:00 – 8:45  Genitourinary Trauma, Rapid Assessment and Surgical Management  Zaid Fadhli, MD
8:45 – 9:30  Damage Control and Pediatrics Trauma  Sabina Siddiqui, MD
9:30 – 10:15  Penetrating Neck Trauma and Management of Open Abdomen  Lou Smith, MD

10:15 – 10:30  Break

10:30 – 12:15  Session 2:
Moderators: Basem Droubi, MD & Sacid Coban, MD

10:30 – 11:15  Vascular Trauma  Loay Kabbani, MD
11:15 – 12:00  Update on Thoracic Trauma  Ahmad Tarakji, MD
12:00  Difficult Cases: Drs. Kabbani, Siddiqui, and Smith

12:15 – 1:00  Lunch

1:00 – 3:15  Session 3:
Moderators: Ahmad Tarakji, MD & xxxxx

1:00 – 1:45  How to Manage Facial Trauma in ED  Behçet Al, MD
1:45 – 2:30  TBA  Ertan Gunal, MD
2:30 – 3:15  Plastic Surgery in Wartime  Salem Samra, MD
3:15  Difficult Cases: Drs. Samra, Gunal, and Behcet

Course attendees will join main conference session after completion of above program where multidisciplinary approach to management of trauma cases will be discussed by our expert faculty
5.30 Closing remarks and End of day 1

Day 2 Sunday June 22\textsuperscript{th}

8:00 – 10:15 Session 4:
Moderators: Abdulmajid Katranji, MD & Orhan Buyukbebeci, MD

8:00 – 8:45 SIGN for fractures (via Skype) Lewis Zirkle, MD
8:45 – 9:30 First Step Orthopedic Care in War Injuries Mustafa Isik, MD
9:30 – 10:00 Reconstructive surgery during war (via Skype) Burt Faibisoff, MD

10.00 - 10.15 Break

10.30 - 12.15 Session 5:
Moderators: Lou Smith, MD & Mustafa Isik, MD

10:00 – 10:30 Transplanation in Turkey Sacid coban MD
10:30 – 11:00 Fluid Challenge Strategy Raphael Pitti, MD
11:00 – 11:30 Anesthesia and Intensive Care Ziad Alissa, MD
11:30 – 12:15 Management of Injuries to Upper Extremities Abdulmajid Katranji, MD
12:15 – 1:00 Difficult Cases: Drs. Isik, Katranji, Alissa, and Pitti

Course attendees will join the critical care and emergency medicine course after lunch

End of day 2
1.b Medical Rehabilitation and Anesthesia

Saturday June 21st

Course Directors: Yahia Bagdalia, MD & Issam Khayata, MD

8:00 – 12:15 Session A: Medical Rehabilitation

8:00 – 9:30 Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation  
Yahya Bakdalieh, MD  

Introduction

Rehabilitation Phase of SCI:
- Interdisciplinary Team
- Physical Skill Training
- Wheelchair Skills
- SCI Education
- Home and Environment Education
- Vocational Training
- Body Weight Support Ambulation Training on Treadmill

Medical Management of Common Complications:
- Pulmonary System
- Autonomic Dysfunction (orthostatic hypotension, autonomic dysreflexia, Bradycardia, thermal regulation)
- Bowel Management
- Bladder Management
- Pressure Ulcer
- Pain after SCI
- Spasticity
- Fractures
- Heterotopic Ossification
- Expectation and Recovery Process

9:30 – 10:00 Spinal Cord Injury  
Ziad Kattih, MD

10:00 -10:15 Break

10:15 – 10:45 Wound Challenges in Rehab Medicine  
Abdulmajid Katranji, MD

10:45 – 12:15 Lower Extremity Amputation Rehabilitation  
Yahya Bakdalieh, MD
- General Surgical consideration
- Postsurgical Management (wound care, edema control, pain control)
- Pre-prosthetic Training
- Prosthetic Prescription
- Prosthetic Training
- Level of Amputation and Appropriate Prosthesis
- Complications

12:15 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 5:00 Session B: Regional anesthesia and Pain Management

1:00 – 2:30 Regional Anesthesia and Pain Management  Moustafa Ahmed, MD
  - Brachial Plexus Block
  - Axillary Plexus Block
  - Individual Nerve Block at the Elbow
  - Individual Nerve Block at the Wrist

2:30 – 3:00 Principles of Ultrasound Imaging  Nada Almoujahid, MD

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:45 Utilization of the Art and Science of Regional Anesthesia to Maintain Efficacy and Quality in Suboptimal Environments  Issam Khayata, MD
  - Femoral Nerve Block
  - Popliteal Nerve Block
  - Ankle Block
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Medical Workshops

2.a Internal Medicine Update
Course Directors: Mahmoud Houmsse, MD & Murat Taner Gülsen, MD

Day 1
Saturday June 21st

8:00 – 9:30  Session 1: Cardiovascular Medicine
Moderators: Mounzer Kassab, MD & Murat Sucu, MD
8:00 – 8:30  Resistant Hypertension  Akram Almakki, MD
8:30 – 9:00  Women's Heart Health  Rim Albezem, MD
9:00 – 9:30  Advances in Cardiac Implantable Electronic Device (CIED) Therapy in Cardiovascular Medicine  Mahmoud Houmsse, MD

9:30 – 9:45  Break

9:30 – 10:30  Session 2: Critical Care Medicine
Moderators: Rim Albezem, MD & Suleyman Ganidagli, MD
9:45 – 10:15  Using Technology and Innovation in the ICU during Complex Medical Disasters  Zaher Sahloul, MD
10:15 – 10:45  Surviving Sepsis  Ammar Ghanem, MD
10:45 – 11:15  Approach to Patients with Pleural Effusions  Öner Dikensoy, MD

11:15 – 12:15  Session 3: Neurology
Moderators: Aref Alkali, MD & xxxxx
11:15 – 11:45  Stroke Prevention in Patients with Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation  Mahmoud Houmsse, MD
11:45 – 12:15  Stroke Update  Mounzer Kassab, MD

12:15 – 1:00  Lunch

1:00 – 1:30  Special Contribution Lecture
Patients Coming from Syria and their Problems  Cuma Yıldırım, MD

1:30 – 3:30  Session 4: Joined Session with Pediatrics
Moderators: Abulmajeed Katranji & Mehmet Enes Coşkun, MD

1:30 – 2:00 Update on Vaccination and Primary Prevention Hend Azhary, MD
2:00 – 3:00 Care of the Burn Injured Patient: Principles of Management Hicham Alnachawati, MD
3:00 – 3:30 Resistant Infections: how to recognize and manage Aula Abbara, MD

3:30 – 5:30 Course attendees will join main conference session after completion of above program where multidisciplinary approach to management of trauma cases will be discussed by our expert faculty

5:30 Closing remarks and End of day 1

Day 2

Sunday June 22

8:00 – 9:30 Session 5: Oncology
Moderators: Tarek Kteleh, MD & Hakan Hatipoglu, MD

8:00 – 8:30 Cancer Screening: Guidelines and Updates Bassel Atassi, MD
8:30 - 9:00 A New Promising Era for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients: Ammar Sukari, MD
9:00 - 9:30 Myeloid Disease Made Simple: basics and updates in diagnosis and management Aref Al-Kali, MD

9:30 – 9:45 Break

9:45 – 10:45 Session 6: Gastrointestinal Medicine & Hepatology
Moderators: Ammar Sukari, MD & Musa Aydinli, MD

9:45 – 10:15 Viral Hepatitis Epidemic during War, Prevention and Treatment Murat Taner Gülşen, MD
10:15 – 10:45 Acute Pancreatitis Management Update Maher Azzouz, MD

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 Session 7: Potpourri
Moderators: Shadi Latta, MD & Ali Gur, MD

11:00 - 11:30 Update on Rheumatoid Arthritis Tarek Kteleh, MD
11:30 - 12:00 Neurology in the Era of War Maher Saqqur, MD
12:00 - 12.30 Update in the Management of Type II Diabetes Nabeel Jabri, MD

12:30 Closing remarks and End of day 2
2.b Pediatrics Update

Course Directors: Ayman Khiami, MD & Professor Dr. M. Yavuz Coskun

Saturday June 21st

8:00 – 10:00 Session 1: Newborn and ICU

Moderators: Hamad Albiek, MD & Mehmet Keskin, MD

8:00 – 8:30 Respiratory Distress in Newborn & C-PAP in Management
Mohanned Moallem, MD

8:30 – 9:00 Pediatric Shock Causes: Early Diagnosis and Management
Ayman Khiami, MD

9:00 – 9:30 Transfusion Reactions
Ayman Rawda, MD

9:30 – 10:00 Hyperglycemia Hyperosmolar State
Fares Albitar, MD

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 12:15 Session 2: Behavioral Disorders and General Pediatrics

Moderators: Mohanned Moallem, MD & Alper Dai, MD

10:15 – 10:45 Screening for Autism during well-checks
Hamad Albiek, MD

10:45 – 11:15 Attention deficit disorder
Yahia Rahim, MD

11:15 – 11:45 Approach to Childhood Anemia and Nutritional
Mehmet Enes Coşkun, MD

11:45 – 12:15 Asthma, Management, Acute and Preventive
Ayman Rawda, MD

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 Special Contribution Lecture
Unknown Autoimmune Diseases in Child Neurology
Alper Dai, MD

1:30 – 3:30 Session 4: Joined Session with Internal Medicine

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2. Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) training

The Course is intended for healthcare providers who respond to emergencies in infants and children. Training will cover cardiac, respiratory, and shock case discussions and simulations. New changes in PALS according to the American Heart Association Guidelines will be highlighted. Course will focus on the resuscitation team concept and the systematic approach to pediatrics assessment of respiratory emergencies and rhythm disturbances.

8:00 – 11:00  Session 1: Didactics

1. Respiratory Failure (30 min)  Fares Albitar, MD
2. Respiratory Distress in Newborns (30 min)  Mohannad Moallem, MD
3. Shock Cardiac Arrhythmias, IV Access (45 min)  Ayman Khiami, MD
4. Trauma (45 min)  Raphael Pitti, MD
5. Chemical Exposure (30 min)  Ziad Issa, MD
6. Recovery, Weaning off Ventilator, Rehab: (45 min)  Mohannad Moallem, MD, Fares Albitar, MD Ayman Khiami, MD

11:00 – 1:00  Session 2: Practice Stations

1. Cardiac, Central Lines (45 min)  Fares Albitar, MD
2. Respiratory and Ventilator Management (45 min)  Mohannad Moallem, MD, Yahia Abdulrahim, MD
3. IV, IO Access, Fluids (45 min)  Ayman Khiami, MD
4. Chemical Burns and Trauma (45 min)  Raphael Pitti, MD Khaled Issa, MD

1:00 – 2:00  Lunch

2:00 – 3:30  Session 3: Review

Mohannad Moallem, MD, Fares Albitar, MD, Yahia Abdulrahim, MD, Raphael Pitti, MD, Ziad Issa, MD Ayman Khiami, MD

3:30 – 4:30  Session 4: Test (passing required for certification)
4:30 Closing Remarks and End of PALS

2.d Critical Care and Emergency Medicine Workshop for Adults and Pediatrics

Course Directors: Imad Khadra, MD & Fares Albitar, MD & Cuma Yildirim, MD

1. Critical care update in pediatrics: Fares Albitar, MD (1.5 hours)
2. Overview of Efast ultrasound exam in trauma: Wael Hakmeh, MD (1 hour)
3. Airway Emergencies: Imad Khadra, MD & Ammar Ghanem, MD (1 hour)
2.e Nephrology and Dialysis Update for Physicians and Medical Technicians

Course Director: Mouhammad Sekkarie, MD

The workshop is intended for providers caring for Syrian patient with renal disorders. It is planned as an interactive program mixing didactics, hands-on experience and open discussion. Our expert faculty has vast knowledge of the needs on the ground and the resources available in the field. They have been instrumental in the establishment of The Syrian National Kidney Foundation.

Faculty:
- Akram Almakki, MD
- Lina Murad, MD
- Oussama Rifai, MD
- Mohamed Sekkarie, MD
- Abdul Rahman Zanabli, MD

Lectures topics:
- Acute Kidney Injury
- Common Problems in the Chronic Kidney Disease Patient
- Fluids and Electrolytes Disorders
- Dialysis Access Care
- Dialysis Complications
- Medical Care of the Transplant Patient
- Peritoneal Dialysis
- Conservative Non-Dialysis Therapy in ESRD

Practical sessions:
- Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy
- Peritoneal Dialysis
- The Hemodialysis Machine
- Care of the Renal Patient
- Access Procedures on Dialysis Patients in OR and Radiology Suites
- Infection Control in Dialysis
- The Renal Diet
- Hemodialysis Labs and Order
3.a Comprehensive Psychosocial Training Workshop for Physicians and Councilors  
Course Directors: Amjad Bahnasi, MD & Gokay AlPak, MD

Day 1  
Saturday June 21th

8:00 – 10:00  Session 1: EMDR  
Mamoun Mobayed, MD

Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy (EMDR) is an information processing therapy that uses an eight phase approach in the treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Review of the concept and its potential application in management of Syrian patients with PTSD.

10:00 – 11:30  Session 2: CISM in Disaster Part 1  
Khaldoun Marwa, MD

Critical Incidence Stress Management in disaster is a training program offered by the International Critical Incident Foundation ICISF and approved by the University of Maryland and the UN.

Trainees are expected to meet the following objectives:
1. Stress Reaction and PTSD
2. Assessing Crisis and Disaster
3. Strategic Intervention Planning
4. Psychological Crisis Intervention
5. Stress Management
6. Crisis Communication Skills
7. Psychological First Aid (Basics)
8. Large and Small Group Crisis Intervention

11:30 – 12:15  Session 3: When Society Is the Victim  
Steve Olweean, MD

Dr. Olweean developed and currently directs the Catastrophic Trauma Recovery (CTR) treatment model for treating large populations of trauma victims. He recently adapted it to create an innovative Social Health Care (SHC) training and treatment program for local capacity building to treat massive communal trauma.

Trainees will meet the following objectives:
1. Similarities and difference between individual and communal trauma, and the
Implications of unresolved trauma

2. The failure of traditional approaches to disaster health care practices in meeting massive communal trauma, and the necessity for creating new innovative models and methods to adequately address trauma on the large societal scale. One such model is presented.

3. The necessity of active collaboration as the most effective model of sustainable intervention and healing when dealing with unprecedented human catastrophes.

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 Session 4: Pharmacology
Amjad Bahnassi, MD
Update in the Pharmacological Treatment of Depression

1:30 – 5:30 Session 5: Child Psychocology Intervention

Directors: David Hoffman, PhD & Yassar Kanawati, MD

1. War Affected Children
David Hoffman, PhD

2. Stress and Post-Traumatic Stress in Children after Disaster
Ammar Traboulsi, MD

3. Psychological Needs of Children and Adolescents Under Stress
Atif Genawi, MD
Azzam Kurdi, MD
Presentation will allow participants to get practical information about child and adolescent psychiatric disorders, provide the audience with the techniques of assessment and intervention in children and adolescents in crises, and share information about organizing and building the net of child and adolescent psychiatric services in camps and cities with limited resources.

4. Meeting the Challenges of Traumatized Children
Yassar Kanawati, MD

End of day 1

Day 2

Sunday June 22th

8:00 – 9:30 Session 6: CISM in disaster Part 2
Khaldoun Marwa, MD
Critical Incidence Stress Management in Disaster Course: Part 2
9:30 – 10:00  Session 7: Refugees Psychology  
Saleem Al-Nuami, MD

Psychiatric Morbidity among Syrian Refugees: review of refugee mental health disorders and discuss the psychiatric morbidity prevalence. Highlight a few cases and review treatment and management (focus on depression and PTSD). Explore the development of models of care to address Syrian refugee mental health needs including: screening, assessments, intervention, and evaluation measures.

10:00 – 12:00  Session 8: Crisis Intervention in Sexual Assault  
Khalidoun Marwa, MD
Yassar Kanawati, MD

A Bio-Psycho-Social & Spiritual Approach for intervention in sexual assault cases. The course will help participants understand the basics of normal and pathological crisis response including PTSD. The attendees will acquire the skills necessary for psychological emergency intervention and preparing for the crisis before, during and after the incident. Course will cover communication skills with sexual assault victims and the proper approach to physical exam including issues of pregnancy, abortion and the long-term social and legal implications.

12:15 – 1:00  Lunch

1:00 – 2:25  Session 9: Future Psychological Missions and Research  
Round table moderators: Gokay AlPak, MD & Mamoun Mobayed, MD

Conference expert faculty will join in a discussion covering the future of psychological intervention focused on the victims of the Syrian crisis and the long term objectives of different missions. Organizations involved in psychological medical relief will discuss potential collaboration on future missions for a more efficient use of the limited available resources. Intervention based research projects and available resources will be reviewed.

2:25 – 2:30  Closing remarks

End of day 2
3.b  Smoking Cessation (non-CME)  Saturday June 21st 10.00 – 12.00

The role of healthcare providers in helping patients quit tobacco

Course Director: Othman Shibley, MD

The workshop will cover the epidemiology of tobacco use, the chemical makeup of tobacco products, the role of nicotine in addiction, and the effect of tobacco use on general and oral health. The workshop will outline the role of health professionals in helping tobacco users quit. Also, the workshop will cover the guidelines for tobacco counseling that have been presented by the Surgeon General. Course attendees will acquire the skills needed to counsel tobacco addicts on smoking cessation and how to increase the chance of a long term tobacco free environment.
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Conference Training Workshops

Medical Training in the US

Course Directors: Bassel Atassi, MD & Shadi Latta, MD

Target Audience:
Medical Students and residents interested in pursuing training in the US

Course Faculty:
Drs. Atassi and Latta have been helping foreign graduate medical students and residents prepare for obtaining residency in the US for few years. They have given similar courses, sponsored by SAMS, which were very highly reviewed and appreciated.

Course description:
Course attendees will participate in an interactive session with expert faculty discussing future plans for pursuing training in the US. Role play and case presentations will be part of the activities targeted at giving students and resident the skills needed to master the CSE and the interview process.

Objectives:
1. Opportunities and steps to find electives, observership or research in the US
2. What you need to know about the USMLE and Clinical Skills exam CSE
3. Steps to obtain residency
4. Navigating through the residency match program
5. Residency interview skills
6. What specialties are available and how to increase your chances obtaining the more competitive positions
At our upcoming international conference, SAMS will offer a unique social program to allow family members of conference attendees the opportunity for meaningful dialogue and interaction with Syrian refugee families and children. The four day program includes diverse group activities, such as visits to schools, orphanages, rehabilitation centers, bazaars selling Syrian-made handicrafts, and kitchens run by Syrian women. In addition, a trained psychosocial team from Insan will instruct us on how to give back while delivering much-needed psychosocial support.

SAMS’s Social Activity Program:
*In coordination with Hadia Zarzour from the Insan organization*

**Day one: June 19th**
Arrival day and opening ceremony
1. Prepare participants to meet refugee families
2. Discussion and advice about positive interaction with Syrian refugees
3. Possible visit to the Mosaic Museum or to the Gaziantep Old Bazaar

**Day two: June 20th**
Trip to the adventure park with Syrian orphans (10:00am-3:00pm)
1. Activity is open to all participants, including families, kids, visitors, etc.
2. Lunch (to be prepared by orphanage kitchen)
3. While children are enjoying the park facilities, parents and older siblings will attend an educational discussion concerning child development stages, in which parents and teachers will learn about physical vs. psychological life stages. The goal is to indicate whether or not their child is having a problem. The discussion will devote special attention to children’s psychological health in times of crisis. Following the discussion, the floor will be open to a question and answer period. Leaflets describing children’s development stages will be distributed to parents.
4. Dinner in the old city (Imam Daghdash)

**Day three: June 21st**
Visit to the Nizeb Refugee Camp
1. Visit to the bazaar featuring products hand-made by Syrian women
2. Educational presentation on dental hygiene plus interactive games for kids in school classes
3. Workshop for teachers:
   • Teaching about child development stages. We will distribute leaflets explaining key concepts.
   • Children’s issues during times of crisis
   • Open discussion
   • Relaxation techniques (if time allows)

**Day four: June 22nd**
1. Visit to the rehabilitation clinic in Killis
   • Provide hygiene packages and physical therapy equipment (if possible)
   • SAMS will show a video and host a discussion about stages of loss and adjustment.
   • We will distribute leaflets to the injured at the rehabilitation center.
2. A visit to the artificial limbs center (Khitwat Amal).

- At this time participants can arrange a visit to a summer school for those not attending the rehabilitation center. At the conclusion of all activities, organizers will conduct a program evaluation and discussion on what to do next, and how to continue their involvement.
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Additional Information

1. Conference Logistics
   Official Conference Travel Agent: Manal Mashal from Noor Travel
   Contact information: phone (708) 717-3961 email: noortravel@rocketmail.com
   Contact Manal to book airfare or to reserve a room at one of the conference hotels, the Teymur Continental or the Anatolian.

2. Medical Missions:
   Medical missions are scheduled for June 13-18 and June 23-28. Volunteers will contribute their services to pediatrics, primary care, and multispecialty clinics at various locations along the border of Turkey and Syria. Participants can volunteer for as many or as few days as they wish.
   
   Contact information for medical missions:
   Dr. Aref Alkali: dr_alkali@hotmail.com
   Dr. Ayman Khiami: stephkhiami@yahoo.com
   Dr. Basel Termanini: btermanini@msn.com

3. Dental Mission:
   Contact Information for Dental Missions: Dr. Nahas at nahas54@hotmail.com
   Dental missions will be held before and after the conference, and participants can volunteer for as many or as few days as they wish.
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