TOP LUNG HEALTH EXPERTS GATHER IN CAIRO FOR THE 29TH CONFERENCE OF THE UNION MIDDLE EAST REGION

The 29th Conference of The Union Middle East Region, in conjunction with the 59th International Congress of the Egyptian Society of Chest Diseases and Tuberculosis (ESCT), assembled a broad coalition of lung health experts in Cairo with over 1000 participants.

The conference featured a wide range of scientific symposia, case-solving interactive sessions, plenary sessions and workshops. Topics covered included tuberculosis (TB), multidrug-resistant TB, TB in children and adolescents, and diabetes-TB, as well as asthma and pulmonary infections. Topical issues such as air pollution, air quality and sleep disorders also featured.

Prof Mohamed Awad Tag El Din, President of the ESCT, and member of The Union’s Board of Directors, said:

“This annual meeting is the biggest event for pulmonologists in Egypt and the Arab World. It is critical that we have this platform to update chest physicians with the latest expertise and I am delighted that this year’s event attracted so many highly experienced experts in the field.”

Speaking recently about the value of The Union’s Region Conferences, Dr Jeremiah Chakaya Muhwa, President, The Union, said:

“The Union’s Region Conferences are an essential platform for raising critical issues and connecting the science community with broader networks and audiences. They are what make The Union unique and truly impactful. Thank you to everyone who attends, inputs, collaborates and travels, often long distances, to make these meetings matter.”
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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REGION IN 2018 INCLUDE:

• The first International Management Development Programme (IMDP) course of 2018, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, focused on ‘Performance-Oriented Project Management’. The IMDP courses have been developed by The Union to address challenges faced by national programme managers and healthcare administrators in limited-resource settings and to help countries improve the management of health programmes.

• The Union provided technical assistance and training to a number of countries across the region including Djibouti, Morocco and United Arab Emirates.