International Society for Social Pediatrics & Child Health

2019 Annual Meeting

Children in Armed Conflict: Rights, Health and Well-being

In collaboration with
The American University of Beirut, The Lebanese Pediatric Society, The International Pediatric Association and The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

PRE-CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
VENUE: ST JOSEPH UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Child Protection and Promotion in Armed Conflicts: Every child - All children!

08:00-09:00  Registration
09:00-09:30  Opening Ceremony
09:30–10:15  Morning Sessions

Plenary
- ISPCAN and the WHO INSPIRE strategies: The example of Child Protection Teams in Lebanon and the Arab region within the UN Global Partnership to #EndViolence
  Speaker: Bernard Gerbaka
- ISSOP and the Position Statement on Ending Violence against Children: What can Paediatricians do?
  Speaker: Shanti Raman

Capacity building for multidisciplinary child protection teams in conflict zones
- From case-management to policies; Tertiary Prevention, emergent protection and CPT intervention
  Speakers: Marianne Majdalani, Pamela Zgheib, and Miryam Amm-AbiGhosn

Strategies of Child Protection within the SDGs
- WHO INSPIRE adapted to children in armed conflict
  Speakers: Samar Tawm, Alissar Rady, Serop Ohanian, and Howard Karaghuesian

14:00-18:00:  Afternoon Sessions
- Tools for psychosocial assessment of children exposed to conflict
  Speakers: Saleh Al Salehi and Karen Zwi
- Early identification of children with developmental disabilities
  Speakers: Joseph Haddad and Donald Wertlieb
- Clinical assessment of gender-based violence and sexual assault using a trauma-focused lens
  Speakers: Barbara Rubio and Shanti Raman
CONFERENCE DAY 1: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

VENUE: FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, AUB

08:00-09:00   REGISTRATION

09:00-09:30   OPENING REMARKS

- Iman Nuwayhid, M.D., Ph.D., Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB
- Miguel Abboud, M.D., Chair of Pediatrics, AUB Medical Center
- Jeff Goldhagen M.D., MPH, President of ISSOP

09:30-10:30   KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Determinants of armed conflict. Can war and its impact on children be prevented?
Chair: Tony Waterston
Speaker: His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal

Protecting Children in Conflict Zones
Chair: Jean Bowyer

10:30-11:00   COFFEE BREAK

THEME 1. Understanding the Effects of Armed Conflict on Children

11:00-11:15   Introductory Keynote: Joop de Jong

11:15-12:30   PLENARY 1 - Physical Health of Children Exposed to Armed Conflict
   Chairs: Margaret Lynch & Raya Saab

- Direct and indirect effects of armed violence on children
  Speakers: Ayesha Kadir
- Children with chronic and disabling conditions
  Speaker: Nahla Ghandour
- Care of Children with Cancer in Conflict Zones
  Speaker: Miguel Abboud

12:30-13:45   PLENARY 2 - Mental Health of Children Exposed to Armed Conflict
   Chair: Joop de Jong

- Prevalence of mental health problems in conflict zones
  Speakers: Mina Fazel
- Strengthening Mental Health Systems
  Speaker: Rabih El Chammay
- Resistance and Resilience
  Speaker: Bernard Gerbaka

13:45-14:45   LUNCH
THEME 2. Child Rights-Based Approach to Ending Violence Against Children

14:45-15:45 PLENARY 3: Child Rights: Principles, Standards and Norms

Chairs: Gonca Yılmaz & Charles Oberg

- *Armed Conflict as a Violation of Child Rights*
  Speaker: Gerison Lansdown

- *A CRBA to the Response to Humanitarian Emergencies*
  Speaker: Ana Isabel Guerreiro

15:45 -17:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS

1. *Humanitarian Responses in Conflict Zones: Médecins Sans Frontiers*
   Chair: Ayesha Kadir
   Speakers: Médecins Sans Frontiers (MSF)

2. *Psychosocial Assessments: Innovative global tools for health professionals*
   Chair: John Eastwood
   Speakers: Marit Sijbrandij and Kelly McBride (Save the Children)

3. *Engaging the Voice of Children: Generating Resilience and Resistance*
   Chairs: Aimee Shalan & Gerison Lansdown
   Speakers: Youth Peer Educators for Beit Atfal As Somoudi (MAP program in Lebanon – Director of Programmes: Dr Ali Dakwar)

17:15-17:30 TEA BREAK

17:30-18:45 PARALLEL FREE PAPER SESSIONS (ORAL)

Chair: Gulbin Gökçay

Featured Speakers:

**Salman Mroueh** (AUBMC): *The environment and lung health in children.*

**Khalid Yunis** (AUBMC): *Maternal health and prematurity in conflict settings*
CONFERENCES DAY 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

08:00-09:15  KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

- **Personal & Professional Reflections: Living and Practicing Pediatrics in a Conflict Zone**
  Chair: Joseph Haddad
  Speaker: Motee Ashhab  Palestinian Paediatric Society

- **Reducing the Threat of War**
  Chair: Tony Waterston
  Speakers: Sam Perlo-Freeman (Campaign Against Arms Trade - CAAT), Tilman Ruff (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons - ICAN)

THEME 3. Conducting Research in Conflict Zones: Challenges, Methods and Ethics

09:15-09:30  Introductory Keynote: Elif N. Özmert

09:30-11:00  PLENARY 4: Research in Conflict Zones
  Chair: Nick Spencer

  1. **Ethics of research:** Involving youth, families, the community & community researchers. Speaker: Anna Chiumento
  2. **Selection of research methods:** RCTs, quasi-experiments, prevalence studies, mixed methods (quantitative and qualitative), systematic and narrative reviews. Speaker: Dr Usman Hamdani (HDR Foundation)
  3. **Challenges and barriers:** Access/identifying respondents & populations/consent (issues of fear of speaking out) & safety of researchers. Speaker: Fouad M. Fouad

11:00-11:30  COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00  PARALLEL SESSIONS

1. **Research Methods in Conflict Zones**
  Chair: Karen Zwi
  Speakers: May Aoun: EASE an RCT in progress funded by War Child
  Trudy Mooren: Multi-Family approach and Education:

2. **Pilot Study in Yemen. Save the Children**
  Chair: Stella Tsitoura
  Speakers:
  - Kelly McBride - Understanding direct impact and coping mechanisms of children to inform MHPSS program interventions
  - Andrew Clarke - Development and evaluation process of a crisis modifier framework in southern Yemen

3. **Identifying Torture and Abuse Among Children in Conflict Zones (Part 1)**
  Chair: Jeff Goldhagen
  Speaker: Colleen Kivlahan
4. **Public Health Response in Conflict Zones**
   Chairs: Shanti Raman & Fouad M. Fouad
   - Vaccine Delivery Programs and Vaccination Hesitancy in Conflict Zones
     Speakers: Naveen Thacker (IPA)
   - Dealing with infectious diseases epidemics in humanitarian settings
     Speaker: Daniel Martinez (MSF)
   - Responding to Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health and nutrition in humanitarian settings.
     Speaker: Egmond Evers (WHO)

13:00-14:00  LUNCH

**THEME 4. Systems, Education and Advocacy**

14:00-14:15  Introductory Keynote: Margaret Lynch

14:15-16:00  PLENARY 5: International Advocacy
   Chair: Nick Spencer
   - *The role of UN agencies and NGOs: Panel Discussion*
     - MAP: Aimee Shalan
     - MSF: Florencia Romero
     - Save the Children: Kelly McBride/Andrew Clarke
     - World Vision International: Bill Forbes/Amanda Rives
     - UNICEF: TBA
     - UNHCR: TBA
     - WHO: TBA
   - *The Role of international Pediatric Organizations. Panel Discussion*
     - IPA: Joseph Haddad & Naveen Thacker
     - AAP: Colleen Kraft
     - RCPCH: Russell Viner
     - ISSOP: Jeff Goldhagen

16:00-17:30  PARALLEL Sessions

1. **Why and How Children are still being recruited into armed groups and conflict.**
   Chair: Geir Gunnaugssoon
   Speaker/s: World Vision International

2. **Regional Issues: Similarities and Differences: How to manage post conflict challenges. Bringing science to hope**
   Chairs: Barbara Rubio & Olivier Duperrex
   - **Middle East:** Rabih El Chammay
   - **Africa:** To be announced
   - **Pakistan:** Usman Hamdani
   - **Latin America:** Raul Mercer / Ernesto Duran
   - **Balkans:** Milivoj Jovancovic
3. **Preparing Pediatricians to Respond to Humanitarian Emergencies**  
   Chair: Shanti Raman  
   Speaker: Dr Saleh al Salahi

4. **Identifying Torture and Abuse Among Children in Conflict Zones (Part 2)**  
   Chair: Luis Martin  
   Speaker: Colleen Kivlahan

17:30-19:00   TEA BREAK + AGM  
19:30   EVENING – CONFERENCE DINNER

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**CONFERENCE DAY 3: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**

08:00-09:00   PARALLEL FREE PAPER SESSIONS  
   Chair: Anna Battersby

09:00-10:00   KEYNOTE ADDRESS
   
   *Mental Health and the War on Children*  
   Chair: Joop de Jong  
   Speaker: Theresa Betancourt

10:00-10:30   COFFEE BREAK

**THEME 5. Engaging Pediatricians in the Global Response to the Impact of Violence and Armed Conflict on Children**

10:30-13:00   PLENARY 6  
   Chair: Jeff Goldhagen

   *Strategic Planning Panel Discussion*  
   - WHO; UNICEF; UNHCR; ISPCAN; World Vision; War Child; AAP; RCPCH; IPA; UNRWA; MSF; SAVE THE CHILDREN, WHO

13:00-13:30   CLOSING REMARKS

14:00   VISITING TOUR

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