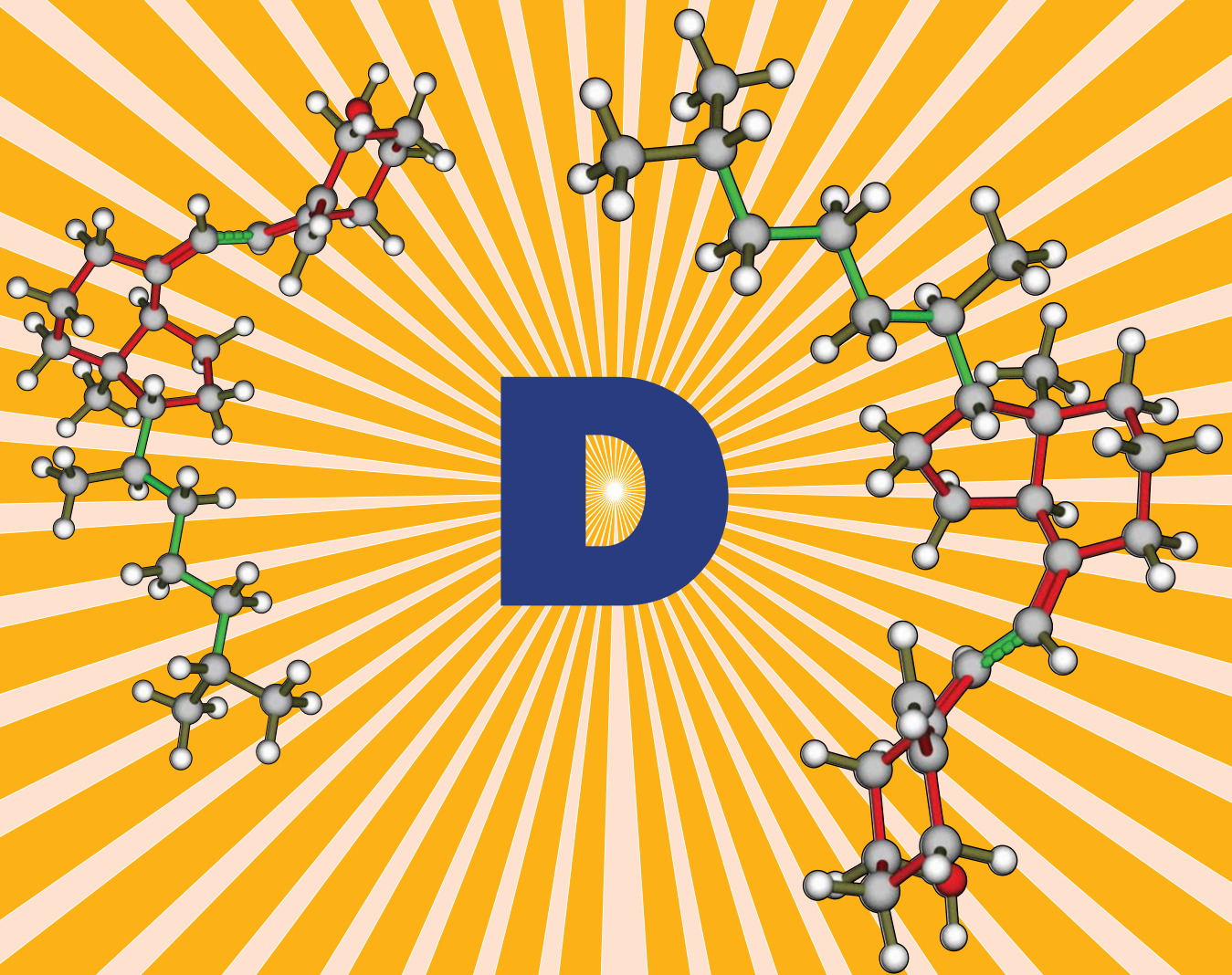


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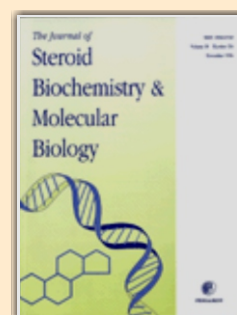
All scientific sessions/lectures will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel Abu Dhabi in Dar El Estiqlal Grand Ball Room, ground Floor.

The registration desk, will open at 7:00 AM at the gate of Dar El Estiqlal Ball Room Thursday March 9th ground floor of the Intercontinental Hotel. Badges and program books for pre-registered attendees will be distributed at the registration desk. Onsite registration will also be available for non-registered delegates.

The 6th International Vitamin D Deficiency, Nutrition and Human Health Conference will start with the welcome reception which is scheduled for 7:50-7:55 AM on Thursday March 9th in the Dar El Estiqlal Grand Ball Room, ground Floor of Intercontinental Hotel.

The meeting will close on Friday March 10th by 6:00 PM.

All the abstracts submitted to the "6th International Conference on Vitamin D deficiency, Nutrition and Human Health" will be published in the special issue of the Journal of Steroid Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (JSBMB).



15 CME Hours accredited by Health Authority – Abu Dhabi



Welcome Message



"6th International Conference on Vitamin D Deficiency, Nutrition and Human Health"

The World's largest conference on Vitamin D

Dear Colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the scientific committee, it gives us a great pleasure to invite you to the "6th International Conference on Vitamin D Deficiency, Nutrition and Human Health," which will be held in Intercontinental Hotels & Resorts, Abu Dhabi, March 9-10, 2017.

Vitamin D is an essential vitamin and a hormone for human growth potential and for survival. It may prevent many bone disorders, such as rickets in children and osteomalacia in adults, osteoporosis, and osteopenia. Vitamin D deficiency is thought to be a widespread, global public health problem. While it is highly widespread in countries with limited sun light, it also prevalent in sunny countries like the United Arab Emirates and the whole of Middle East and South East-Asia.

There are numerous studies reported with associations between vitamin D and many health outcomes. However, controversies continuing regarding defining the adequate vitamin D status, daily intake, the potential beneficial health and adverse consequences of its deficiency and excess, etc. The key areas that will be covered in this Congress include, the impact of vitamin D deficiency in autoimmune processes, cancer, cardiovascular diseases, obesity, metabolic syndrome, neurological disorders, memory, and pregnancy.

Congress will focus on the latest research and clinical practices of vitamin D and its impact on human health throughout the life cycle. The program will also include state of the art lectures on updates related to guidelines applicable outside North America; role of vitamin D in human health; early detection, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of vitamin D deficiency.

We believe this event will be an important meeting point to inspire and connect leaders, decision makers, scientists, technologists, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, public servants and academics to enhance the awareness, quality and safety practices, and to understand and prevent vitamin D deficiency. Scientific sessions also provide evidence-based guidance on how best to bring it to fruition in policies and practices, for government and private sector.

Please take this opportunity to disseminate the information to all those who are concerned with vitamin D and human health, and to create and strengthen the awareness and collaborations among the national and international academic and clinical professionals.

Your participation will contribute immensely to the success of the 2017, 6th International Conference on Vitamin D. Congress is creating a unique atmosphere, where you can directly interact and collaborate with the world-renowned scientists in this field and have constructive discussions. Organizing Committee warmly welcome you to Abu Dhabi, the Scientific, Cultural, and Sports Capital in the Middle East.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Afrozul Haq
Founding President of the conference

Mrs. Jamal Kaddoura
Vice President of the conference

Conference Objectives

The objectives of the conference will be to discuss the classical and non-classical roles of vitamin D in the following areas:

- The role of vitamin D in respiratory infections
- The importance of vitamin D in allergic diseases
- The involvement of vitamin D in diabetes
- The role of vitamin D in cardiovascular disease
- Vitamin D toxicity
- The genomic aspects of vitamin D
- The molecular aspects of vitamin D action
- The status of vitamin D in juveniles
- The guidelines for vitamin D in the Middle East and Europe
- The role of vitamin D and nutrition in human health

The conference will also discuss the importance of nutrition in:

- Public health
- Pediatrics / Health
- Clinical care.

Highlighted Topics Include:

- Vitamin D and diabetes
- Vitamin D and lungs
- Vitamin D and skin
- Vitamin D supplements & treatment
- Vitamin D and cancer
- Vitamin D toxicity
- Vitamin D in rickets, and osteoporosis
- Vitamin D in women's health
- Vitamin D and autoimmune diseases
- Vitamin D and genetics
- Vitamin D in mothers and neonates
- Vitamin D and human reproduction
- Vitamin D molecular biology
- Vitamin D metabolomics
- Vitamin D physiology and biochemistry
- Vitamin D immunology
- Vitamin D epidemiology
- Public Health nutrition
- Nutrition and cancer prevention
- Current research in nutrition and food sciences
- Role of nutrition in disease prevention
- Nutrition, obesity and diabetes

Posters & Abstracts

“6th International Conference Vitamin D Deficiency, Nutrition and Human Health”

Poster Presentation:

1. Vitamin D research work for Poster submission will be encouraged and a special session is allocated for Posters. There is no abstract submission fee for Posters.
2. Submitting Abstract: (author's name and contact info, abstract title and subject category)
3. Abstracts are accepted for review till 25th February 2017. Two best posters will be selected for oral presentation. All accepted posters will be displayed both days of the conference.
4. Create your abstract using Microsoft Word format (Doc), using the following guidelines in the attached template. All accepted abstract will be printed in the conference program book. Submit your abstract by e-mail directly to Ms. Fathima: fathima@vitamindinternational.com or haq2000@vitamindinternational.com
5. If you are submitting more than one abstract, please submit each one separately, in an individual email, send to Ms. Fathima.
6. All abstract presenters must be registered at the “6th International Vitamin D Deficiency, Nutrition and Human Health Conference” using the website. If any difficulty in registration or need special information, please contact Ms. Fathima by email: fathima@vitamindinternational.com or haq2000@vitamindinternational.com
7. **All the abstracts submitted to the “6th International Conference on Vitamin D deficiency, Nutrition and Human Health” will be published in the special issue of the Journal of Steroid Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (JSBMB).**

Abstract Template

(Title)Vitamin D Bioavailability and Bioequivalence Studies

Name: xxxxxxxx

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(TEXT)

Encyclopedia of Bioanalytical Methods

(between 200 and 250 words)



Biography (3 to 4 sentences only; less than 50 words)

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Why to attend?

All healthcare professionals, clinicians, scientists, researchers, technologists, nutritionists, nurses, professors, pharmacists, business delegates interested in improving the general health status of the population should attend this conference on Vitamin D: Deficiency, Nutrition and Human Health -2017. This conference will feature many leading keynote speakers and session speakers, including: Prof. Michael Holick, U.S.A., Prof. Carsten Carlberg, Finland, Prof. Sunil Wimalawansa, U.S.A., Prof. Nasser Al-Daghri, K.S.A., Prof. Mohammed S. Razzaque, U.S.A., Prof. Pawel Pludowski, Poland, and Ms. Nighat Y. Sofi, India, Many more international researchers, scientists and professors will be delivering lectures on recent advances in our understanding of the role of Vitamin D deficiency and nutrition in human health.

Who should attend:

- Young and brilliant researchers
- All healthcare professionals
- Clinicians
- Family physicians
- Pediatricians
- Gynecologists
- Obstetricians
- Scientists
- General practitioners
- Orthopedics
- Surgeons
- Midwives
- Technologists
- Pharmacists
- Nutritionists
- Dieticians
- Nurses
- Professors
- Business delegates
- Business Delegates from allied industries and companies

Exhibition and Poster

6th International Vitamin D Conference-2017 provides an ideal platform to showcase your novel technologies and products in the field of vitamin D and nutrition research. It is added to our regular conference and developed to offer comfort to delegates while maximizing exhibitor exposure, the coffee breaks and poster sessions will all take place in the exhibition area promoting frequent repeated opportunities for delegates to visit the exhibits.



Chief Guest

Prof. Dr. Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain, Ph.D., DSc (h.c.), DMedSc (h.c.), FNA, FTWAS, FAAM, ML

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Professor Seyed E. Hasnain Ph.D. (JNU, Delhi), D.Sc. (h.c.), D. Med. Sc. (h.c), is a Padma Shri and received Germany's Highest Civilian Award - The Order of Merit (Das Verdienstkreuz, 1.Klasse), from the President of Germany, equivalent of India's Bharat Ratna, the only Indian so far and one of the very few persons globally. The prestigious American Academy of Microbiology, USA elected him as Fellow. He was recently conferred with the ICMR's B.R. Ambedkar Award, the highest award for excellence in Biomedical research.

Dr. Hasnain was a Member (2004-2009, 2009-2014) of Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM) and was a Member of Scientific Advisory Committee to the Union Cabinet. He was Chairman of Biotech Advisory Council, Government of Andhra Pradesh for several years and a Member of Biotech Advisory Council of many other State Governments, including Gujarat.

He received Humboldt Research Prize (Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation, Germany); the very exclusive Robert Koch Fellowship (the ONLY Indian so far), of the Robert Koch Institute, Berlin; is the first Indian elected as a Member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and youngest to be elected as a Fellow of the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Trieste, Italy.

Dr. Hasnain is also recipient of many prestigious Indian Awards such as G.D. Birla Award, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, FICCI Award, J.C. Bose National Fellow Award, Ranbaxy Research Award, Goyal Award, Bhasin Award etc. And is an elected Fellow of all the major Science Academies of India (FNA, fasc, fnasc). He is a recipient of honorary Degrees from Universities in India and abroad and is the 3rd Indian to receive an Honorary Doctorate in 2011 from the Queen's University, UK.

Presently, Prof. Dr. Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain is the Vice Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard (Hamdard University); located in New Delhi, India. Hamdard University is known for its strong research base in health and basic sciences and is recognised both nationally and internationally.

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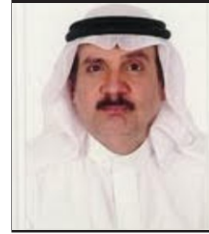
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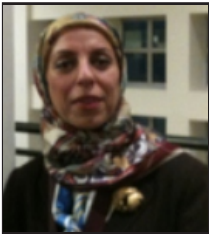
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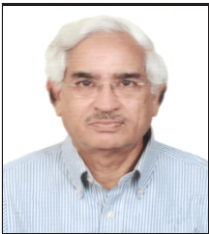
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

6th International Vitamin D Congress

DAY 1: THURSDAY, March 9, 2017

Time	Speaker	Topic
07:00 – 07:50	Registration	
07:50 – 07:55	Dr. Afrozul Haq	Welcome & Introduction

Speech by the Chief Guest

Introduce by	Dr. Afrozul Haq
07:55 – 08:00	Prof. Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain , India

Keynote Lecture:

Introduce by	Prof. Sunil Wimalawansa
08:00 – 09:45	Prof. Michael Holick : Sunlight, skin, vitamin D, and human health
09:45 – 10:00	Question and Answer Session

SESSION I: Vitamin D and Bone

Moderators:	Prof. Sunil Wimalawansa & Dr. Shereen Atif
10:00 – 10:30	Prof. Mohammed S. Razzaque : FGF23-vitamin D axis in systemic regulation of phosphate homeostasis
10:30 – 10:45	Dr. Jaishen Rajah : Inhaled corticosteroids in children: effects on bone mineral density and health
10:45 – 10:55	Question and Answer Session

Coffee Break: 10:55 – 11:05

SESSION II: Vitamin D and Clinical Applications

Moderators:	Prof. Nasser Al-Dahghri & Dr. Gehad ElGhazali
11:05 – 11:20	Dr. Shereen Atef : Vitamin D: A biomarker of wellness
11:20 – 11:35	Dr. Saicharan Bodi : Update on Vitamin D's role in respiratory diseases?—An evidence based review
11:35 – 11:50	Dr. Kalpana M. Krishnareddy : Vitamin D deficiency- Does it matter in critically ill patients?
11:50 – 12:00	Question and Answer Session

SESSION III: Vitamin D and Lifestyle

Moderators:	Dr. Fatme Al Anouti & Dr. Laila Abdel-Wareth
12:00 – 12:30	Prof. Mohammed S. Razzaque: Lessons learned from the experimental models with high & low vitamin D levels
12:30 – 13:00	Dr. Mona Fouda Neel: GDM and vitamin D
13:00 – 13:10	Question and Answer Session

13:10 – 14:00 Prayers & Lunch

SESSION IV: Vitamin D and Genetics

Moderators:	Dr. Riyad Sulimani & Prof. Pawel Pludowski
14:00 – 14:15	Dr. Gehad EIGHazali: Genetic determinants of vitamin D status
14:15 – 14:45	Prof. Carsten Carlberg: The vitamin D response index: molecular basis and applications
14:45 – 15:00	Dr. Fatme Al Anouti: Investigating the association of vitamin D metabolism genes with vitamin D status among young adult Emiratis
15:00 – 15:10	Question and Answer Session

SESSION V: Vitamin D and Nutrition

Moderators:	Dr. Laila Abdel-Wareth & Prof. Carsten Carlberg
15:10 – 15:25	Dr. Jane Angelina: Correlation of vitamin D deficiency towards nutrients and overall health
15:25 – 16:05	Ms. Nighat Y. Sofi: Vitamin D and nutritional needs in women with breast cancer
16:05 – 16:20	Ms. Sara Adel Dawood: Defining pharmaceutical care issues in relation to vitamin D deficiency
16:20 – 16:30	Question and Answer Session

SESSION VI: Measurement of Vitamin D

Moderators:	Dr. Poonam Chandra & Dr. Abubaker M. Elfatih
16:30 – 17:00	Dr. Rana Nebulsi: Recent update on vitamin D laboratory testing
17:00 – 17:30	Dr. Berthold Hocher: What to measure: Free or total 25-hydroxyvitamin D
17:30 – 18:00	Dr. Haider M. Al- Attia: Reliability of measurements of serum total and ionized calcium, phosphate, alkaline phosphatase and PTH in diagnosing hypovitaminosis D
18:00 – 18:15	Question and Answer Session

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2: FRIDAY, March 10, 2017

Keynote Lecture:

Introduce by	Dr. Afrozul Haq
08:00 – 08:45	Prof. Carsten Carlberg: (Epi) genome-wide effects of vitamin D
08:45 – 09:00	Question and Answer Session

SESSION VII: Vitamin D Guideline/Status

Moderators:	Dr. Afrozul Haq & Prof. Michael Holick
09:00 – 09:30	Prof. Michael Holick: Perspectives on the vitamin D deficiency pandemic
09:30 – 09:45	Prof. Sunil J. Wimalawansa: IOM recommendations vs. vitamin D guidelines applicable to the rest of the world
09:45 – 10:00	Question and Answer Session

SESSION VIII: Vitamin D Status in Middle East and Europe

10:00 – 10:15	Prof. Pawel Pludowski: Vitamin D status in Europe- west, central, east
10:15 – 10:30	Dr. Yousef Al-Saleh: Saudi national guidelines for vitamin D
10:30 – 10:45	Prof. Pawel Pludowski: Vitamin D status among immigrants
10:45 – 11:00	Question and Answer Session

Coffee Break : 11:00 – 11:10

SESSION IX: Vitamin D and Epidemiology

Moderators:	Dr. Shereen Atef & Ms. Nighat Y. Sofi
11:10 – 11:25	Dr. Saeed Akhtar: Low Vitamin D Status in Asian Populations-An Unattended Public Health Issue
11:25 - 11:40	Dr. Shahzad Hussain: Prevalence of vitamin D deficiency in Pakistan; implications for the future
11:40 – 11:55	Dr. R.K. Marwaha: Multi-prong strategy to combat vitamin D deficiency in India
11:55 – 12:00	Question and Answer Session

12:00 - 13:00 Prayers & Lunch Break

SESSION X: Vitamin D and Metabolic Disease

Moderators:	Dr. Yousef Al-Saleh & Dr. Gehad ElGhazali
13:00 – 14:00	Prof. Sunil J. Wimalawansa: Vitamin D and its role in obesity
14:00 – 14:30	Prof. Riyad Sulimani: Vitamin D and cardiovascular disease
14:30 – 14:45	Dr. Haider M. Al- Attia: Impact of skin-melanin content on hypovitaminosis D in a Middle Eastern population
14:45 – 14:55	Question and Answer Session

SESSION XI: Vitamin D in Children and Young Adults

Moderators:	Dr. Jaishen Rajah & Dr. Rana Nabulsi
14:55 – 15:25	Prof. Nasser Al-Daghri: Sex-Specific Vitamin D Effects in Blood Coagulation
15:25 – 15:55	Prof. Nasser Al-Daghri: Effects of various vitamin D correction strategies in children and adults
15:55 – 16:10	Dr. Afrozul Haq: Vitamin D status among the juvenile population: A retrospective study
16:10 – 16:20	Question and Answer Session

Coffee Break : 16:20 – 16:30

SESSION XII: Vitamin D in Children and Young Adults

16:30 – 16:45	Dr. Najj Jameel Aljohani: Vitamin D: Case discussion related to reproduction
16:45 – 17:15	Dr. John Osuku Opio : Stereochemistry of vitamin D
17:15 – 17:45	Dr. Laila Abdel-Wareth: Vitamin D deficiency: What have we learned so far?
17:45 – 18:00	Question and Answer Session

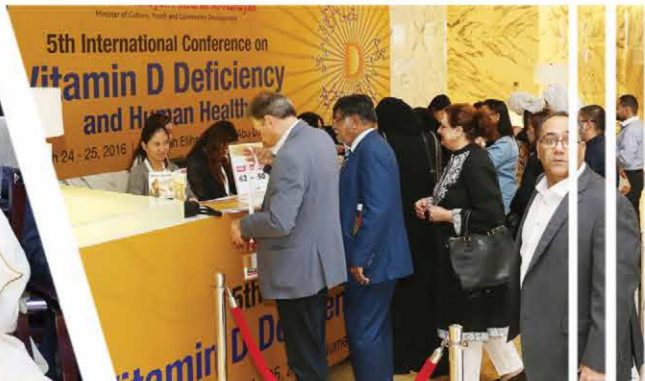
Closing words

Thank you note by **Dr. Afrozul Haq**

END OF DAY 2



Highlights from Last Year



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This conference has a limited seating capacity, pre-registration is required.

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The organizing committee reserve the right to make any modifications to the programme in occurrence of any unforeseen circumstances.

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