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First HIMSS-Elsevier Digital Healthcare Award in the Middle East Recognizes Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi and SAAD Specialist Hospital's Outstanding Achievements

15 December 2015, Dubai: HIMSS and Elsevier announced the winners of the inaugural Middle East HIMSS-Elsevier Digital Healthcare Award at a dinner at the Hyatt Regency Dubai Creek Heights during the [HIMSS Middle East UAE eHealth Week](#).

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and **SAAD Specialist Hospital, Al-Khobar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** emerged as winners with their projects: Use of Automation for the Safe and Effective Management of Controlled Medications in UAE Quaternary Hospital (Cleveland), and Implementation of Inpatient Electronic Medication Orders & Electronic Medication Administration Record (SAAD).

The two winners were selected from four finalists, which had been chosen from 10 nominated projects.

This Award is the result of a long-standing partnership between HIMSS and Elsevier. Previously held only in Asia, the Award has gone global to the Middle East for the first time this year and will run in Europe come 2016. Open to all public and private healthcare providers, this Award recognizes organizations for outstanding achievements in the implementation and usage of health information and technology.

Gracing the dinner were prominent healthcare leaders, judges and all nominees. Jeremy Bonfini, Executive Vice President, HIMSS International, and Gerrit Bos, Executive Vice President and Managing Director for EMEALA and APAC, Elsevier, gave the welcome addresses before dinner commenced.

"Healthcare providers in the Middle East are constantly pushing to achieve better patient outcomes through the use of technologies," said Bos. "It is our goal – together with HIMSS – to identify the organizations that have achieved significant improvements in care through C-level commitment and diligence in organization-wide implementation.

"Our winners have also demonstrated quantifiable results showing how patients' lives have been improved using technology as a key enabler. I am delighted to be celebrating the firsts of many such achievements at the inaugural Middle East HIMSS-Elsevier Digital Healthcare Awards," Bos said.

The two runners-up were: **King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** with its project, Health Maintenance – The Use of Patient and/or Population Health History to Prevent Illnesses and Promote Health; and **Tawam Hospital, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates** with its project, Central Cancer Registry – SEHA.

"As part of the HIMSS vision to promote using IT for the betterment of healthcare, we are pleased to partner with Elsevier once again to bring this Award to the Middle East. The adoption of healthcare information technology has accelerated in this region over the last few years," said Jeremy Bonfini, Executive Vice President, HIMSS International. "At a national level, there are exciting plans which include the development of a national database of medical records.

"Care is transforming very rapidly here. This Award validates, on an international platform, the hard work of the organizations that have achieved outstanding ICT outcomes. We hope that this will continue to

encourage other organizations in this region to adopt appropriate technologies to improve care outcomes,” Bonfini said.

The entries were evaluated by:

- Dr. Mohammad Abdulqader Al Redha, Director, Health Data & Information Analysis Department, Non-Resident Fellow, Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government;
- Mubarak Mubarak Ali Ibrahim, Director of Health Information Systems at the Ministry of Health, United Arab Emirates;
- Dr. Amer Sharif, Managing Director, Education, Dubai Healthcare City;
- John Daniels, Global Vice President, Healthcare Advisory Services Group, HIMSS Analytics;
- Shiraaz Joosub, Chief Executive Officer, Health-e-Solutions, and
- Dr. Jonathan Teich, Chief Medical Informatics Officer, Elsevier Clinical Solutions.

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