



50th Anniversary of LSPRAS

Lebanese Society of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery

The Lebanese Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery – LSPRAS was established in 1966. From 6 members then, the Society grew to count at present more than 90 members.

For its 50th anniversary, you are all invited to share with us the celebration during the Plastic Surgery Conference to be organized in Beirut on April 26-28, 2016.



This Newsletter is a forum for all Association members to share their knowledge as well as important information about their activities. You are all invited to send your contribution to batyeh@terra.net.lb

Yves-Gerard ILLOUZ

A good friend of LSPRAS-APSLD

You will be missed

Following his participation at the 3rd World Congress of Plastic Surgeons of Lebanese Descent in Beirut, Oct. 23-26, 2014, Yves-Gerard wrote in his last message on Dec. 4

*Thank you, dear, for a good memory of a fantastic meeting
see you soon
Prof. YG Illouz*

Unfortunately, we will not be seeing him as he was planning at our next meeting in Beirut in April 2016. He personally never missed contributing to the Congress when held in Lebanon and his Foundation never missed an APSLD Congress. While in Beirut last October, he made a firm commitment to come back to Beirut in 2016 and to participate at the 4th Congress planned for 2017 in São Paulo.

Ironically, his last scientific paper still ahead of print in the literature, he has co-authored with a Lebanese: **Annals Plastic Surgery 2015 Feb 18. [Epub ahead of print].**

We have met him in 2009 at the 11th ESPRAS Congress, European Society of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery in Rhodes, Greece. When we discussed with him our plans for the 1st APSLD Congress in Beirut and invited him to participate, he did not hesitate to accept. Moreover, he decided to organize the next ILLOUZ FOUNDATION meeting together with



Yves-Gerard in Beirut, Oct. 25, 2014

our Congress in Beirut. Kotaro Yoshimura, now a well known world expert on fat transfer and stem cell research was awarded the First Prize of the ILLOUZ FOUNDATION in Beirut in 2010.

His sincere attachment to Lebanon and to his Lebanese friends kept on growing ever since. Despite serious security concerns in 2014, and despite the French authorities advise for him to cancel his trip to Lebanon, he trusted us and participated whole heartedly contributing greatly to the success of our 3rd Congress.

Dear friend, we may not see you, but you will be among us next April in Beirut, and the following April in São Paulo. You will never be forgotten.

REVIEW ARTICLE

Functional and Therapeutic Indications of Liposuction

Personal Experience and Review of the Literature

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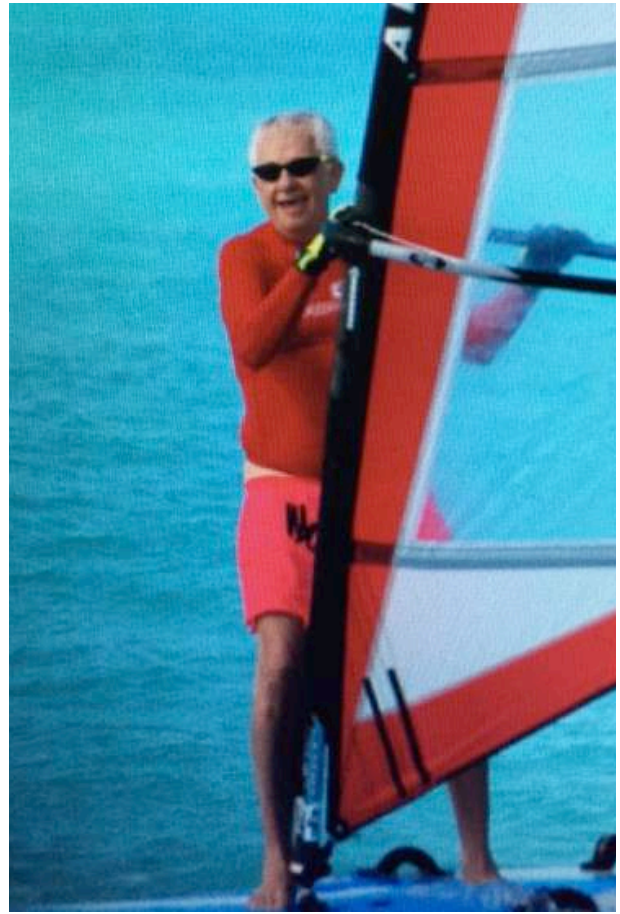
Yves-Gerard in Beirut, Oct. 2010



With Kotaro Yoshimura



With the belly dancers



**The same serious man, wind surfing at the age of 80.
This is Mutaz we know**

Dr. Mutaz Habal is a plastic surgeon in Tampa, Florida and is affiliated with St. Joseph's Hospital. He received his medical degree from the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine then pursued his post-graduate training in the USA at Graduate Hospital - Tenet Healthcare, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Boston Children's Hospital, and Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has been in practice for more than 51 years. He is currently **Director, Tampa Bay Craniofacial Center, Research Professor, University of South Florida, Adjunct Professor of Material Science, University of Florida, and Editor-in-Chief, The Journal of Craniofacial Surgery.** The Journal serves as a forum of communication for all those involved in craniofacial and maxillofacial surgery. Coverage ranges from practical aspects of craniofacial surgery to the basic science that underlies surgical practice.

Luiggi Fayad

Lebanon has long been known as the Switzerland of the Middle East for its banking sector, education, and civilization. Now, this country is claiming another proud nickname. Lebanon now has the reputation as being the Brazil of the Middle East. The well-known image of meticulously preened and beautiful Lebanese women has endured, and in recent years it has become one of the country's hottest tourist draws. The appeal of the "Lebanese Scalpel" stems from the fact that many Lebanese surgeons have decided to travel to Europe, North and South America, particularly Brazil, to do residency or fellowships in plastic and reconstructive surgery.

In order to enhance the exchange of knowledge between the plastic surgeons of Lebanese Descent, Congresses were being held in many countries including Lebanon to share the new techniques and the results of research conducted in the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery field. So far, the Association of Plastic Surgeons of Lebanese Descent (APSLD) in collaboration with the Lebanese Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (LSPRAS) has organized three world Congresses; the last one held in Beirut in October 2014. During this congress, we have noticed an increase in the number of world renowned colleagues which reflects the confidence and appreciation it has gained since its establishment in 2010 in Beirut. Despite all the odds, the congress was able to host plastic surgeons from North, Central and South America as well as Europe, Australia, North Africa and the Middle East.

In the third world Congress of APSLD, I was honored to be a guest speaker where I represented IIP (Instituto Ivo Pitanguy) and discussed the Pitanguy techniques of breast



reduction. Besides exchanging knowledge, experience, innovative ideas and techniques with my fellow colleagues, I was able to build friendship above all and connect back to my ancestral roots. I was really amazed by the enormous influence and notoriety plastic surgeons of Lebanese descent have worldwide, and took this opportunity to further enhance the connections with my fellow colleagues in Lebanon where we were able to form a group; members of which represent a specific country and try to set pages on social media to show the activities of APSLD along with LSPRAS.

Although the APSLD is still new born, we can say that it has done great and enormous efforts in forming a network between plastic surgeons of Lebanese Descent worldwide and has set forth the path for further medical, surgical and cultural merging, and in turn for further Congresses.

Looking forward to meet new world-renowned surgeons in the coming Congress in Sao Paolo.



The Euro-Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters – MBC

*19th MBC Meeting to be organized in Beirut
April 26-28, 2016.*

Since its founding, the general policy of MBC at promoting burn care and prevention in the Mediterranean region as well as beyond in Low and Middle Income Countries has been pursued despite the unstable political and security situation and despite the growing economical difficulties.

A Lebanese Plastic Surgeon, Dr. B. Atiyeh, has been MBC General Secretary from Oct. 2004-June 2012. Since June 2012 he is MBC President. Dr. Atiyeh is also Executive-Editor of *Annals of Burns and Fire Disasters*, the official Journal of MBC.

Though several Burn Courses have been already organized in Beirut in collaboration with MBC, the bi-annual MBC meeting will be organized for the first time in Beirut by invitation from Dr. Georges Ghanimeh, LSPRAS President and MBC National Representative of Lebanon. The 19th MBC Meeting will be organized jointly with the LSPRAS 50th Anniversary Conference. It will be the occasion to gather in Beirut the representatives of all 23 member countries in addition to representatives of the European Burns Association – EBA and

the Société Française de Brûlologie – SFB.

Once again, Lebanon is proving to be a leader not only by organizing and hosting scientific meetings of international standards but by presiding over an important regional organization with a European and International out-reach as well as managing a main scientific publication listed in Scopus and PubMed.

You are all invited to contribute to the 19th MBC meeting in Beirut.



Dr. Atiyeh at the 18th MBC Meeting in Turin, 2014, with M. Nathan Cherian, Director of WHO Emergency & Essential Surgical Care Program, S.W. Gunn, MBC Honorary President, M. Masellis, MBC General Director, and M. Stella, MBC General Secretary.

St. Jude Research Hospital from Memphis to Beirut

“no child should die in the dawn of life.”

St. Jude Research Hospital was born from a promise that Dany Thomas, (**Amos Muzyad Yakhoob Kairouz**), had made several years ago.

One of 10 children, Danny Thomas was born in Deerfield Michigan, to Lebanese immigrant Charles Yakhoob Kairouz and his wife Margaret Taouk. In 1932, Thomas began performing on radio in Detroit at WMBC on the *Happy Hour Club*. He first performed under his Anglicized birth name “Amos Jacobs Kairouz”. After he moved to Chicago in 1940, he did not want his friends and family to know he went back working in clubs for better salary, so he came up with the pseudonym “Dany Thomas” (after two of his brothers).

Thomas was struggling to get a break in his career and living paycheck to paycheck. When his first child was about to be born, he attended Mass in Detroit and put his last \$7 in the offering bin. He prayed to St. Jude Thaddeus for a means to provide for his family, and about a week later, he obtained a gig that paid 10 times what he had put as an offering. Thomas promised St. Jude that if he made him successful, he would one day build him a shrine. Years later, Thomas became an extremely successful comedian.

He fervently believed “no child should die in the dawn of life.” In 1957, Thomas founded the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC) and with help from Dr. Lemuel Diggs and close friend, Anthony Abraham, an auto magnate in Miami, he fulfilled his promise by establishing in 1962 St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Memphis was chosen at the suggestion of Cardinal Samuel Stritch, a Tennessee native who had been Thomas’ spiritual leader.

Since its inception, St. Jude has treated children from all 50 states and around the world, continuing the mission of finding cures and saving children.



Dany Thomas
Jan. 6, 1912 – Feb. 6, 1991

Danny’s wish was to open a similar institute in his home country; thus in April 2002, the Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL) was inaugurated with a mission to save children’s lives.

The CCCL is a result of an agreement among the St. Jude Research Hospital, the Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon Foundation and the American University of Beirut. In April 2002, St. Jude delegation and the CCCL founders, with representatives from the AUBMC, inaugurated the Children’s Cancer Center, after 4 years of visits to the Lebanon, with an objective to establish an affiliate regional medical center in Beirut.



The Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL) is a not-for-profit regional center pioneering in the treatment of children with cancer. It is affiliated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (SJCRH) in Memphis, and works in close coordination with the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC). Over 1000 children with cancer have already been treated free of charge at CCCL, with around 4,000 consultations provided to patients referred from Lebanon and the Region.



Though Romeu Fadul came to Lebanon for the first time in 2010 and that he does not understand nor speak the local language, he does not seem to be able to stay away from Lebanon any more. **Romeu at Indigo, the Gray's roof-top restaurant, Down Town Beirut, during his short visit to Beirut last June with B. Atiyeh, S. Saad and N. Papazian, June 2016.**

Lebanon's path to the stars

Charles Elachi

Director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Vice President of the California Institute of Technology

"We and the moon are neighbors", once chanted Fayrouz. Had she known Charles Elachi then, she would have sang loudly "we and the stars are neighbors".

Born April 18, 1947 in Rayak, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon, Elachi studied at Collège des Apôtres, Jounieh from 1958-1962, then at the Ecole Orientale, Zahleh, where he graduated in 1964 first in the Lebanese Baccalaureate. He received a bachelor's degree (1968) in physics from Joseph Fourier University, Grenoble, France; a first master's degree (Diplôme d'Ingénieur - 1968) in engineering from Grenoble Institute of Technology; and a second master's degree (1969) and doctorate (1971) in electrical sciences from the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. He also has a master's degree (1983) in geology from the University of California, Los Angeles, and an MBA (1979) from the University of Southern California. He joined the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 1970.



Elachi has been a principal investigator on a number of research and development studies and flight projects sponsored by NASA. These include the Shuttle Imaging Radar series, the Magellan imaging radar at Venus, and the Cassini-Huygens Titan radar. He is author of more than 230 publications in the fields of active microwave remote sensing and electromagnetic theory. He taught the physics of remote sensing at Caltech. As JPL's director for space and Earth science programs from 1982 to 2000, he was responsible for the development of numerous flight missions and instruments for Earth observation, planetary exploration, and astrophysics. In 1988, the Los Angeles Times selected him as one of Southern California's rising stars. In 1989, asteroid 1982 SU was renamed 4116 Elachi in recognition of his contribution to planetary exploration.

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Did you Know?

In 2005, **UNESCO** registered the Phoenician alphabet into the Memory of the World Program as a heritage of Lebanon

Phoenician alphabet		
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𐤃	𐤄	𐤅
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Keanu Reeves

Famous actor, producer and director, was born in Beirut, Lebanon in 1964 and was raised in Toronto, Canada.



Gabriel Yared

Born in Beirut in 1949. He is a French-Lebanese composer best known for his work in French and American Cinema. His work in France included the scores for Betty Blue and Camille Claudel. He later began working on English language films, particularly those directed by Anthony Minghella. He won an Oscar and a Grammy Award for his work on The English Patient (1996) and was also nominated for The Talented Mr. Ripley (1999) and Cold Mountain (2003).



Paul Anka

Canadian singer, songwriter, and actor; born in Ottawa in 1941. Anka's father was Syrian, his mother was Lebanese. Anka became famous with hit songs like "Diana", and "Put Your Head on My Shoulder". He wrote well-known music and one of Tom Jones's biggest hits, "She's a Lady", as well as the English lyrics for Frank Sinatra's signature song, "My Way". He was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame in 2005.



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