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Radboud Grand Rounds



You are warmly invited to the 70th Radboud Grand Round and also to the official gathering and Valkhof Lecture on Monday 12 November 2019.

Emerging antimicrobial resistance: can we turn the tide?

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The last two decades have witnessed an emergence of multi-drug resistant pathogens globally and the Arab countries have not been spared. Infections with these pathogens have been associated with increased morbidity, mortality, length of hospital stay, and a marked increase in the cost of care. Unfortunately, the pipeline for new antibiotics is drying out. In the 1990s, serious discussions about antibiotic stewardship programs began as a means to preserve these precious agents. The core strategies for stewardship revolve around the concept of combining effective infection control programs with the use of an antibiotic care bundle. Furthermore, a one health approach promoting a better understanding of health across disciplines including agriculture, and veterinary medicine is highly desirable. All these efforts aim to reverse the further development of multi-drug resistant pathogens as their uncontrolled progress could undermine the foundation of much of modern medicine and public health.



Prof. Souha Kanj studied Medicine in Beirut, Lebanon, after which she was trained in the USA and completed Internal Medicine (1992) and Infectious Diseases (1995) at Duke University Medical Center. In 1998, Dr Kanj joined The American University of Beirut Medical Center Lebanon where she was promoted to Professor of Medicine in 2007. Prof Kanj has succeeded to establish herself as an authority in the field of infectious diseases and infection prevention and control in the region and worldwide. She is a member of several important committees including the Antimicrobial Stewardship Study Group of the International Society of Chemotherapy, the Scientific Affairs Subcommittee of the ESCMID and the WHO Global Infection Prevention and Control. As a testament to her impact on the field of infectious diseases, Dr Kanj was elected as a fellow of numerous prestigious medical organizations including the American College of Physicians, the Infectious Diseases Society of American and the Royal College of Physicians of London.

In 2016, she was appointed as a fellow of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases in a non-solicited way and is among the first ever time-bearers of this title. In 2017, she was elected as a fellow of the European Confederation of Medical Mycology.

What: [Radboud Grand Round & Valkhof Lecture 2018](#)

When: [Monday November 12, 17.00 -18.00](#)

Venue: [Radboud Auditorium, route 296](#)

[Registration](#)

You can also register for the seminar of the International Medical Students' Association the Netherlands Nijmegen (IFMSA-NL) where Prof Kanj will speak about infectious diseases in the Middle East. The seminar starts at 19.00 also in the Radboud Auditorium. Food and drinks are provided during the reception after the Grand Round and drinks after the IFMSA seminar.

Registration for these events: [registration Radboud Grand Round.](#)

Kind regards,

Professor Paul Smits
Dean of the Executive Board
Radboud university medical center