

Building Consortium of Egyptian Universities

Recognizing the importance of building capacities in Aging studies, The SRC and the IGHHE of the American University in Cairo agreed that building capacities among Egyptian academic would have a long lasting effect and they can function as trainers of the future trainees. The consortium included five universities namely Menoufiya University, Suez Canal University, Beni Seuf University, Delta University and American University in Cairo. Five coordinators were selected from these universities to help in the development, implementation and wide outreach of the EM-age activities.

The coordinators team includes from the Faculty of Medicine, Menoufiya University, **Dr. Taghreed Farahat**, Chair of the Egyptian University Promotion Committee (EUPC) and Chair of Egyptian Family Medicine Association (EFMA). She is also a member in the Executive board of WONCA /EMR and Head of the research committee of WONCA /EMR. Dr. Farahat is also an Ex. Chairman of Department of Family Medicine and Ex. Vice Dean for Environmental & Social Affairs & Head of the dep. of Community Medicine.

From Suez Canal University, **Dr. Hesham El Sayed**, have joined the EM-age activities as an esteemed coordinator. **El-Sayed** is Professor Emeritus of clinical epidemiology, human genetics and pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Suez Canal University (SCU), Egypt. He is the Director of the Clinical Epidemiology Unit of SCU. He is member of the Research and Ethics Committee of the Suez Canal Faculty of Medicine and Former member of the CITI Organization, USA. He is the president elect of the African Clinical Epidemiology Network (INCLEN-Africa) and of the Injury Prevention Initiative for Africa (IPIFA). He was the Former Chairman of the Family Medicine and Pediatrics Departments, Faculty of Medicine, SCU. He is Member of the executive Committee of the Egyptian Pediatrics Medical Board.

Dr. Yasser Saif Dean of National Institute of Longevity Elderly Sciences (**NILES**) and Professor of Ophthalmology from Beni-Suef University. The NILES was established in 2016 to be a national and regional center of excellence in research and services of elderly. It is the first institute specialized in all Elderly Sciences in Egypt and the region. The NILES award postgraduate

certificates in areas of geriatric and gerontology, nutrition and psychological and social rehabilitation care. Also Niles provides several certified training courses that include Care Giver training, Elderly sibling training, Elderly rehab, Management of Elderly Homes and Elderly information.

Dr. Mohamed Abdelhalim Eltantawi Assistant lecturer of Neurology, Delta university for science and technology. He has started the participation in the SHARE study since September 2020. Later on, He was nominated as the coordinator of the Delta group in the pilot study. El-Tanatawei has participated in a number of SHARE activities including: 1) RECAP study which was an observational study to evaluate caregiver preference and treatment outcome in patients with Alzheimer disease treated with oral or transdermal medication, I was responsible for survey recruitment and medical data recording, 2) Environment-Gene interaction in Parkinson's disease (EGI-PD), and 3) Kicking off the Egyptian Network of Neurodegenerative diseases (ENND), in addition to, other related studies and scientific research.

Sara Ayman Immunization Supervisor at Egyptian MOH/PhD candidate at the I-GHHE, AUC. Sara comes from Pharmaceutical background with Master's degree in Nanotechnology and currently a PhD candidate at the Global Public Health Program at the AUC. Working as a senior vaccination supervisor at the Egyptian ministry of Health and Teaching assistant at the Chemistry department at AUC. Joined various biomedical research projects ranging from biosensors, therapeutics, microbial fuel cells for wastewater treatment and currently focusing

on brain health related research through investigating healthy ageing in the Egyptian population and the effect of various environmental factors on health in Egypt.



Coordinators took the lead in the partner universities to, mainly:

- 1- Nominate participants for the capacity building activities
- 2- Coordinate with SRC the online training delivery and all relevant activities
- 3- Monitor participants' attendance (not less than 80%)
- 4- Secure a place for face to face training of the fall school
- 5- Secure the data collection from a purposive sample of 75 individuals in each university
- 6- Oversee evaluation of the assessment of trainees' satisfaction and skills acquisition.