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Subject: EMMIT@ (Euro-Mediterranean Medical Informatics and Telemedicine Association)  
**1<sup>st</sup> International Nursing and Healthcare Informatics Training Course in the Eastern Mediterranean Region**  
Beirut, Lebanon: 7-12 May, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you and your esteemed colleagues to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> International Nursing and Healthcare Informatics Training Course in the Eastern Mediterranean region. This groundbreaking event will be held at the kind invitation of the American University of Beirut, Hariri School of Nursing, Lebanon and in close collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing during the period of 7-12 May, 2010.

This course has been organized as a direct response to the recommendations arising during the last Medical Informatics International conference which was held in Beirut, 16-18 October, 2009. EMMIT (Euro-Mediterranean Medical Informatics and Telemedicine Association) has been charged with organizing this course in Beirut during the spring of 2010 to fulfil the increasing needs of nurses, educators, and other healthcare personnel in the region regarding healthcare informatics and computer science.

The training course will be a joint effort of a group of specialized entities, including the EMMIT Association; the American University of Beirut (AUB); the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, USA; the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean; the Ain Wazien Hospital, Jabal, Lebanon, and other esteemed partners.

The main objective of the course is to increase the awareness of nurses, educators, and other care providers with regard to healthcare information technology (HIT) and to prepare them to work in information technology-enabled health care settings. The course will run in English language and will include theoretical lessons, practical exercises and applications, and interactive discussions.

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This course is recommended for educators, graduate nurses, and other care providers with beginning level of competency in Health IT and good command of English. Faculty and new nurses, particularly those who are working in HIT, E-health, and/or telemedicine projects are encouraged to attend. This inaugural training course is the first in a series, with the goal of holding a similar course every year, in other countries and in other languages. It is expected that approximately one hundred nurses and others will participate in this first basic course in May, 2010.

Websites where information about this important meeting can be found including registration information, sponsorship opportunities, organizing and scientific committee membership, focal points, available accommodations, meet and assist information, transportation details, and planned social events will be available by mid-February, 2010. Informational websites will be found at:

EMMIT: [www.emmit.aitim.it](http://www.emmit.aitim.it)

American University of Beirut, Hariri School of Nursing: <http://staff.aub.edu.lb/~webson/>

Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing:  
[http://www.ijhn.jhmi.edu/aboutIJHN\\_Class.asp?id=About\\_NI\\_Mtg](http://www.ijhn.jhmi.edu/aboutIJHN_Class.asp?id=About_NI_Mtg)

Ain Wazien Hospital: [www.awh.org.lb](http://www.awh.org.lb)

World Health Organization Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean: <http://www.emro.who.int>

We encourage interested national, regional and international entities and companies to consider co-sponsoring this event. We welcome you and encourage you to contact one of the below mentioned focal individuals for sponsorship information.

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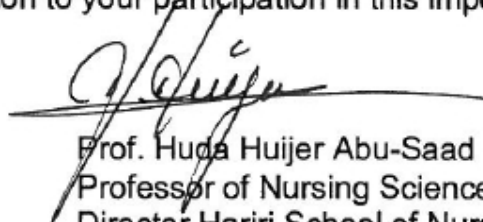
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The above mentioned individuals are also available to answer any additional questions you may have.

**We are looking forward with great anticipation to your participation in this important event.**



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