

The 5th International Child and Adult Behavioral Health Conference Abu-Dhabi, UAE



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Proceeding

In its 5th iteration the International Child and Family Behavioral Health Conference was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE on Jan 12-14th, 2017. The conference was chaired by Dr. Ahmad Almai, Head of Child Psychiatry Service at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City in Abu Dhabi under the Arabian Child and Adolescent Mental health Association (www.acamha.com).

The event took place at Abu Dhabi Jumeirah Etihad Towers hotel. The event was held under the patronage of H.E. Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Culture, Youth and Community Development.

The scientific program contained 3 institutes delivered by members of Yale University Child Study Center, University of California, San Francisco and Maudsley Institute of London.



Figure 1:



Figure 2:

The conference, which is now considered the largest Child and Adolescent mental health event in the region attracted more than 1000 attendees, over 120 lectures, 24 workshops,

more than 50 new research papers in oral and poster formats and close to 100 speakers focusing on the theme of the Mental Health from Childhood to adulthood. Speakers and attendees

came from the region in addition to Europe and North America. Speakers represented a variety of disciplines including general physicians, therapists, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, teachers and more (Figure 1).

Workshops covered both child and adult psychiatry topics including Autism, ADHD, CBT and training for Board examination

candidates. In addition, a workshop to train faculty for Arab Board to establish and accredit programs for the newly formed Arab board in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. This board will play a leading role in graduating future generations of qualified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists (Figure 2).



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