

Under the aegis of the Ministry of Health, the National Council of the National Order of Physicians, the Moroccan Society of Endocrinology, Diabetology and Nutrition (SMEDIAN) and with the support of the International Federation of Diabetes MENA Region, **the Moroccan League for the Fight against Diabetes** organizes its 6th edition of the Symposium on Diabetes And Nutrition, **Diabetes Morocco 2017**, on 7 and 8 July 2017 in Rabat at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy.

This year we are honoured to welcome **Professor Shaukat Sadikot, President of the International Diabetes Federation** and **Professor Claude Jaffiol, President of the French Academy of Medicine**, as Honorary Presidents of the Congress.

Following the success of the celebration of the World Diabetes Day, under the **High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI**, which took place in Dakhla on 11th, 12th and 13th November 2016, the Moroccan League for the Fight against Diabetes organizes this Conference on Diabetes and Nutrition in Africa and the MENA Region. Other session will be devoted to **the Rights of Diabetic people and the Observatory for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Diabetics in Africa**, which was established in Dakhla. A continuing education session is planned for paramedic on the subject of diabetes diet. Also, e-poster sessions and symposia are scheduled.

Eminent foreign guests from Asia, Africa, Maghreb, MENA Region and Europe will invited in our meeting. Similarly, national experts from various Universities and Hospital Centers in Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech, Fez, Agadir and Oujda will participate and lead this important event. Besides that the heads of the different departments of the Ministry of Health concerned by the problems of diabetes and Nutrition, CNOPS, ANAM and CNONM will not only be during the session but also will be important participants discussing the issue of diabetes And its recommendations.

The two-day scientific program targets Endocrinologists, Residents in Endocrinology, other specialists, general practitioners and all those interested in Diabetes and Nutrition. It will enable them to tackle the issue of diabetes in Morocco, Africa and the MENA Region using new perspectives.

The fight against the diabetes pandemic is now a global priority. It is even more urgent in developing countries, more particularly in Africa and the Mena Region.

With its ramparts and its history, the beautiful city of Rabat that welcomes you bears the name whose meaning in Arabic means "**Belt or Rampart**". Let us all be "**the Ribat or the Rampart**" and let us lodge against this plague that constitutes Diabetes.

Finally, I wish our guests from Asia, Africa, Europe and MENA Region a pleasant stay in our country and to you all a congress that I hope will meet your expectations.