



Celebration of World Diabetes Day Dakhla, 11th – 13th November 2016

Under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, the Moroccan Diabetes League, a member of the International Diabetes Federation, celebrated World Diabetes Day 2016 from 11th to 13th November 2016 in Dakhla with the support and the active involvement of the IDF MENA Region, the African Francophone Society of Diabetes and the African Society of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Nutrition.



We were very honored by the participation and personal involvement of the President of the French Academy of Medicine Claude Jaffiol and the President of the International Federation of Diabetes MENA Region Pr Nizar Elbach as well as Pr Pierre Lefebvre, Honorary President Of the International Diabetes Federation and former President of the World Diabetes Foundation.



Famous guests from Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Congo Brazzaville, Egypt, Lebanon, France, Belgium, Portugal, the Maghreb and eminent national experts from the various University Hospital Centers Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech, Fez, Oujda and Agadir, officials from the various departments of the Ministry of Health and the University, the National Fund for Social Welfare Organizations (CNOPS), the Agence Nationale de l' Assurance Maladie (ANAM), honored us to participate in this celebration and raised the level of debates and recommendations.



On the other hand, alongside the Congress and in coordination with the Ministry of Health, the Regional Directorate and the Provincial Delegation of Health in Dakhla, the Regional Academy of Education and Training of the Dakhla - Oued Eddahab, diabetes education, awareness and screening, as well as an influenza vaccination campaign for diabetics and the general population of the Province and its Region took place on Friday The Hassan II hospital in Dakhla and benefited more than 350 people. Similarly, a coloring workshop was organized for the young people of Dakhla under the pedagogical direction of the League and the teachers of school in Dakhla.



In addition, a major session on the Right of Persons with Diabetes with the support of the National Council for Human Rights and the active participation of the Dakhla Oussred Regional Commission for Human Rights was crowned by:

- **the Dakhla Call 2016** for the mobilization for the implementation of the "International Charter of the Rights and Responsibilities of People with Diabetes" in Africa:

- in French: <http://www.lmlcd.com/index.php/appel-dakhla-menu/appel-dakhla2016-menu-2>

- in English: <http://www.lmlcd.com/index.php/appel-dakhla-menu/call-dakhla-2016-menu>

- **Encouragement of the initiative** of the Moroccan League for the Fight against Diabetes and its African partners, with the support of the Moroccan National Council for Human Rights, for **the creation of an African Non-Governmental Observatory in Dakhla, Dedicated to the protection and promotion of Diabetic Rights in**

Africa.

By the richness and the density of the scientific program, the quality and the notoriety of the participants, this Congress was a great success. We are proud to see that this Diabetology event, the first of its kind in Dakhla in southern Morocco, is a modest contribution to our country's reputation, forging links with specialists working with diabetes in African countries and in the MENA Region. We hope that it can give a more positive image of Medicine and especially of Moroccan Diabetology.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this celebration, and in particular the Wali of the Dakhla Region, Oued Eddahab, Governor of the Province of Oued Eddahab, the Territorial Communities of the Region, our African partners and The Ministry of Health, the CNOPS, the ANAM, the National Council of the National Order of Physicians, parliamentarians, the media and the local associations of Dakhla.

