

Middle East Conference Tentative Schedule

Day 1 – PM	
1:00 – 2:00pm	Introduction and Welcome
	Topic A: Biological basis of mood and anxiety disorders: A clinical and basic science overview
	<i>Session 1: Clinical overview: how common are these disorders & what's new in how we define them</i>
2:00 – 2:45pm	Dr. Elie Karam, prevalence of psychiatric disorders in the Middle East
2:45 – 3:30pm	Dr. Benjamin Greenberg: Overview of mood & anxiety disorders
3:30 – 4:15pm	Dr. Ziad Nahas: TBA
4:15 – 4:35pm	Coffee break
4:35 – 5:15pm	Free communications – 2-20 minute talks
5:15 – 6:15pm	Discussion
7:00pm	Dinner
Day 2 – AM	
	<i>Session 2: Common circuits and pharmacology that underlie mood and anxiety disorders</i>
8:00 – 8:45am	Dr. Suzanne Haber: Neurocircuitry of depression and anxiety
8:45 – 9:30am	Dr. Huda Akil: The biology of stress and depression
9:30 – 10:15am	Dr. Roger Pitman: Stress, anxiety, and trauma
10:15 – 10:35am	Coffee break
10:35 – 11:15am	Free communications – 2-20 minute talks
11:15 – 12:15pm	Discussion
12:15 – 1:30pm	Lunch

Day 2 - PM	
	Topic B: Biological basis of mood and anxiety disorders: New advances
	Session 2: Human studies: imaging and behavior
1:30 – 2:15pm	Dr. Darin Dougherty: Neuroimaging, what we know and what we need to know
2:15 – 3:00pm	Dr. Wayne Goodman: Overview of depression
3:00 – 3:45pm	Dr. Mohammed Milad: Fear and extinction
3:45 – 4:05pm	Coffee break
4:05 – 4:45pm	Free communication – 2-20 minute talks
4:45 – 5:45pm	Discussion
7:00pm	Banquet
Day 3 – AM	
	Session 3: Animal models: systems
8:00 – 8:45am	Dr. Emad Eskandar: Reward and cognition
8:45 – 9:30am	Dr. Gregory Quirk: Neurobiology of fear learning
9:30 – 10:15am	Dr. Gary Aston-Jones: Locus coeruleus: A system with multiple levels of behavioral function
10:15 – 10:35am	Coffee break
10:35 – 11:15am	Free communication – 2-20-minute talks
11:15 – 12:15pm	Discussion
12:15 – 1:15pm	Lunch
Day 3 - PM	
	Session 4 Animal models: microcircuits
1:15 – 2:00pm	Dr. Anthony Grace:
2:00 – 2:45pm	Dr. Bitá Moghaddam: Impact of stress & anxiety on cognition & coordinated prefrontal cortex activity
2:45 – 3:30pm	Dr. Barry Connors:
3:30 - 3:50pm	Coffee break
3:50 – 4:30pm	Free communication – 2-20-minute talks
4:30 – 5:30pm	Discussion and conference conclusion