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Dear friends and colleagues,

It gives us immense pleasure to invite you to the 16<sup>th</sup> Shaukat Khanum Cancer Symposium from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017 to be held in Lahore, Pakistan. The symposium is now well-established as the largest oncology meeting in Pakistan, attracting more than 3000 delegates and over a hundred guest speakers from all over the world. This year, too, the invited speakers are all experts in their fields and their presence in the conference will not only lead to an exchange of ideas on the latest management and diagnostic guidelines for various cancers but will also serve as a platform to build future research and educational collaborations.

This year, we are honoured to have two highly distinguished plenary speakers, Prof. Derek Bell, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and renowned cancer epidemiologist Prof. Peter Boyle from the International Prevention Research Institute, in Lyon, France. The plenary session promises to be of immense interest to all health care professionals, including researchers and trainees.

To further our commitment to original research we are delighted to introduce "The Ahsan Rashid Memorial Medal" for the best oral presenter of original research at the meeting. The medal is named after the late Mr. Ahsan Rashid, a renowned philanthropist and social activist, and former member of the Board of Governors of the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Trust.

Lahore, known as the city of gardens, is an ancient city, steeped in culture and with a 2,000 year history encompassing the pre-Islamic period, the era of the Great Mughals, and the British colonial period. John Milton, in Paradise Lost, named Lahore as one of the greatest cities of the world. With its beautiful Mughal and colonial period architecture, and its world-renowned cuisine, the city continues to be a source of delight to all who visit it.

Please join us for what will be a very rich academic and cultural experience. We look forward to welcoming you to Lahore.



Haroon Hafeez, FRCP  
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