



Children in Armed Conflict

"Rights, Health and Wellbeing"

American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Saint Joseph University in Beirut (preconference)

International Society for Social Pediatrics & Child Health

2019 Annual Meeting

Open to ALL professionals committed to the rights, health and wellbeing of children in armed conflict

Children in Armed Conflict: Rights, Health and Well-being

In collaboration with

The American University of Beirut, The Lebanese Pediatric Society, The International Pediatric Association and The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

PRE-CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

VENUE: ST JOSEPH UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Child Protection and Promotion in Armed Conflicts: Every child - All children!

08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Opening Ceremony

09:30-10:15 Morning Sessions

Plenary

- ISPCAN and the WHO INSPIRE strategies: The example of Child Protection Teams in Lebanon and the Arab region within the UN Global Partnership to #EndViolence
Speaker: **Bernard Gerbaka**
- ISSOP and the Position Statement on Ending Violence against Children: What can Paediatricians do?
Speaker: **Shanti Raman**

Capacity building for multidisciplinary child protection teams in conflict zones

- From case-management to policies; Tertiary Prevention, emergent protection and CPT intervention
Speakers: **Marianne Majdalani, Pamela Zgheib, and Miryam Amm-AbiGhosn**

Strategies of Child Protection within the SDGs

- WHO INSPIRE adapted to children in armed conflict
Speakers: **Samar Tawm, Alissar Rady, Serop Ohanian, and Howard Karaghueusian**

14:00-18:00: Afternoon Sessions

- Tools for psychosocial assessment of children exposed to conflict Speakers: **Saleh Al Salehi and Karen Zwi**
- Early identification of children with developmental disabilities Speakers: **Joseph Haddad and Donald Wertlieb**
- Clinical assessment of gender-based violence and sexual assault using a trauma-focused lens
Speakers: **Barbara Rubio and Shanti Raman**



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CONFERENCE DAY 1: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

VENUE: FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, AUB

08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION

09:00-09:30 OPENING REMARKS

- Iman Nuwayhid, M.D., Ph.D., Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB
- Miguel Abboud, M.D., Chair of Pediatrics, AUB Medical Center
- Jeff Goldhagen M.D., MPH, President of ISSOP

09:30-10:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Determinants of armed conflict. Can war and its impact on children be prevented? Chair: **Tony Waterston**

Speaker: **His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal**

Protecting Children in Conflict Zones

Chair: **Jean Bowyer**

Speaker: **Bill Forbes** (World Vision International. Global Lead, Child Protection and Participation).

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

THEME 1. Understanding the Effects of Armed Conflict on Children

11:00-11:15 Introductory Keynote: Joop de Jong

11:15-12:30 PLENARY 1 - Physical Health of Children Exposed to Armed Conflict

Chairs: **Margaret Lynch & Raya Saab**

- *Direct and indirect effects of armed violence on children*
Speakers: **Ayesha Kadir**
- *Children with chronic and disabling conditions*
Speaker: **Nahla Ghandour**
- *Care of Children with Cancer in Conflict Zones*
Speaker: **Miguel Abboud**



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12:30-13:45 PLENARY 2 - Mental Health of Children Exposed to Armed Conflict

Chair: **Joop de Jong**

- *Prevalence of mental health problems in conflict zones*
Speakers: **Mina Fazel**
- *Strengthening Mental Health Systems*
Speaker: **Rabih El Chammay**
- *Resistance and Resilience* Speaker:
Bernard Gerbaka

13:45-14:45 LUNCH

THEME 2. Child Rights-Based Approach to Ending Violence Against Children

14:45-15:45 PLENARY 3: Child Rights: Principles, Standards and Norms

Chairs: **Gonca Yilmaz & Charles Oberg**

- *Armed Conflict as a Violation of Child Rights* Speaker:
Gerison Lansdown
- *A CRBA to the Response to Humanitarian Emergencies*
Speaker: **Ana Isabel Guerreiro**

15:45 -17:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS

1. *Humanitarian Responses in Conflict Zones: Médecins Sans Frontiers*

Chair: **Ayesha Kadir**

Speakers: Médecins Sans Frontiers (MSF)

2. *Psychosocial Assessments: Innovative global tools for health professionals* Chair: **John**

Eastwood

Speakers: Marit Sijbrandij and Kelly McBride (Save the Children)

3. *Engaging the Voice of Children: Generating Resilience and Resistance*

Chairs: **Aimee Shalan & Gerison Lansdown**

Speakers: **Youth Peer Educators for Beit Atfal As Somoudi (MAP program in Lebanon – Director of Programmes: Dr Ali Dakwar)**

17:15-17:30 TEA BREAK



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17:30- 18:45 PARALLEL FREE PAPER SESSIONS (ORAL)

Chair: **Gulbin Gokcay**

Featured Speakers:

Salman Mroueh (AUBMC): *The environment and lung health in children.*

Khalid Yunis (AUBMC): *Maternal health and prematurity in conflict settings*

CONFERENCE DAY 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

08:00-09:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

- **Personal & Professional Reflections: Living and Practicing Pediatrics in a Conflict Zone**

Chair: **Joseph Haddad**

Speaker: **Motee Ashhab** *Palestinian Paediatric Society*

- **Reducing the Threat of War**

Chair: **Tony Waterston**

Speakers: **Sam Perlo-Freeman** (Campaign Against Arms Trade - CAAT)

Tilman Ruff (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons- ICAN)

THEME 3. Conducting Research in Conflict Zones: Challenges, Methods and Ethics

09:15-09:30 Introductory Keynote: **Elif N. Özmert**

09:30-11:00: PLENARY 4: Research in Conflict Zones Chair: **Nick Spencer**

1. *Ethics of research: Involving youth, families, the community & community researchers.*
Speaker: **Anna Chiumento**
2. *Selection of research methods: RCTs, quasi-experiments, prevalence studies, mixed methods (quantitative and qualitative), systematic and narrative reviews.* Speaker: **Dr Usman Hamdani (HDR Foundation)**
3. *Challenges and barriers: Access/identifying respondents & populations/consent (issues of fear of speaking out) & safety of researchers.* Speaker: **Fouad M. Fouad**

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK



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1. *Research Methods in Conflict Zones*

Chair: **Karen Zwi**

Speakers: **May Aoun**: EASE an RCT in progress funded by War Child

Trudy Mooren: Multi-Family approach and Education:

2. *Pilot Study in Yemen. Save the Children*

Chair: Stella Tsitoura Speakers:

- **Kelly McBride** - Understanding direct impact and coping mechanisms of children to inform MHPSS program interventions
- **Andrew Clarke** –Development and evaluation process of a crisis modifier framework in southern Yemen

3. *Identifying Torture and Abuse Among Children in Conflict Zones (Part 1)*

Chair: **Jeff Goldhagen**

Speaker: **Colleen Kivlahan**

4. *Public Health Response in Conflict Zones*

Chairs: **Shanti Raman & Fouad M. Fouad**

- *Vaccine Delivery Programs and Vaccination Hesitancy in Conflict Zones* Speakers: **Naveen Thacker** (IPA)
- *Dealing with infectious diseases epidemics in humanitarian settings* Speaker: **Daniel Martinez** (MSF)
- *Responding to Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health and nutrition in humanitarian settings.*
Speaker: **Egmond Evers** (WHO)

13:00-14:00

LUNCH

THEME 4. Systems, Education and Advocacy

14:00-14:15 **Introductory Keynote: Margaret Lynch**

14:15-16:00 **PLENARY 5: International Advocacy**

Chair: **Nick Spencer**

- *The role of UN agencies and NGOs: Panel Discussion*

- MAP: **Aimee Shalan**
- MSF: **Florencia Romero**
- Save the Children: **Kelly McBride/Andrew Clarke**
- World Vision International: **Bill Forbes/Amanda Rives**
- UNICEF: TBA
- UNHCR: TBA
- WHO: TBA



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- *The Role of international Pediatric Organizations. Panel Discussion*
 - IPA: **Joseph Haddad & Naveen Thacker**
 - AAP: **Colleen Kraft**
 - RCPCH: **Russell Viner**
 - ISSOP: **Jeff Goldhagen**

16:00-17:30 PARALLEL Sessions

1. *Why and How Children are still being recruited into armed groups and conflict.*

Chair: **Geir Gunnlaugsson**

Speaker/s: **World Vision International**

2. *Regional Issues: Similarities and Differences: How to manage post conflict challenges. Bringing science to hope*

Chairs: **Barbara Rubio & Olivier Duperrex**

- *Middle East:* **Rabih El Chammay**
- *Africa:* **To be announced**
- *Pakistan:* **Usman Hamdani**
- *Latin America:* **Raul Mercer / Ernesto Duran**
- *Balkans:* **Milivoj Jovancovic**

3. *Preparing Pediatricians to Respond to Humanitarian Emergencies*

Chair: **Shanti Raman**

Speaker: **Dr Saleh al Salahi**

4. *Identifying Torture and Abuse Among Children in Conflict Zones (Part 2)*

Chair: **Luis Martin**

Speaker: **Colleen Kivlahan**

17:30-19:00 TEA BREAK + AGM

19:30 EVENING – CONFERENCE DINNER



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CONFERENCE DAY 3: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

08:00-09:00 PARALLEL FREE PAPER SESSIONS

Chair: Anna Battersby

09:00-10:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mental Health and the War on Children

Chair: Joop de Jong

Speaker: Theresa Betancourt

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK

THEME 5. Engaging Pediatricians in the Global Response to the Impact of Violence and Armed Conflict on Children

10:30-13:00 PLENARY 6

Chair: Jeff Goldhagen

Strategic Planning Panel Discussion

- WHO; UNICEF; UNHCR; ISPCAN; World Vision; War Child; AAP; RCPCH; IPA; UNRWA; MSF; SAVE THE CHILDREN, WHO

13:00-13:30 CLOSING REMARKS

14:00 VISITING TOUR



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