

Welcome to the AI4PEP Bi-weekly News Brief.

This week we bring you some exciting updates from Team MENA: **Lebanon, Tunisia, Morocco, and Palestine & Jordan.**

## Lebanon

- The team reported that they had managed to submit their Literature review for publication with a high-profile Journal. The paper is on **Potential Pandemic Pathogens.**
- A representative of the team (Mrs. Cynthia Abi Khalil) was invited to speak at the 6th Annual Congress on November 17th under the theme: **“the Use of AI for Management and Innovation in Infection Control and Patient Safety.”**
- The event was scheduled for the 15th to 18th November 2023, at Haykel Hospital in Lebanon.
- Dr. Elie Sokhn also reported that he had met with a representative of the global Health Institute (Nour EL Arnaout) and discussed the prospects for future collaboration.

A promotional poster for the 6th Annual Haykel Hospital Congress. The poster features the Haykel Hospital logo at the top right. The main text reads "6th ANNUAL CONGRESS SAVE THE DATE". Below this, it specifies the dates: "6th Annual Haykel Hospital Congress | 17 & 18 Nov 2023" and "Precongress Workshop | 15 & 16 Nov". The topics listed are: "Emergency Medicine & Skills Workshop | 15, 16 & 17 Nov", "Infection Control & Patient Safety | 17 Nov" (with sub-points "Management and innovation"), and "Parallel sessions | 18 Nov" (with sub-points "1. Novelties in emergency medicine & critical care (neonatal, pediatric and adult)" and "2. Novelties in surgical therapeutics (advanced laparoscopy, bariatrics, plastic, gynecology & fetal)"). At the bottom, there are two circular images: one showing surgeons in an operating room and another showing medical staff attending to a patient. The website "elhospital.com" is visible at the bottom left.



## Morocco

- The team reported that their clearance was in progress. They just needed AI4PEP's funding document. (an official document declaring that AI4TB had won the grant and the amount of funding to be dispatched).
- The team reportedly met with representatives of the MoH in preparation for an upcoming meeting with the Minister. They were looking forward to eventually meeting with the MoH.
- Prof. Yahya was interviewed by the MEDI1TV on his latest integration into the World Academy of Science.
- The team shared their Youtube Chanel and invited their fellow cohort members to follow them and support the channel.  
<HTTPS://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKtwgHXzkPs>

## Tunisia

- The team reportedly had a successful meeting with the technical team from the MoH who were supporting the sampling process.
- A preliminary test was scheduled for the following week to determine the microbial survival of the sample if kept for 24 hours without refrigeration.
- The DNA extraction kits were set to be ordered before the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.
- Additionally, the team submitted that they were planning to have their literature review completed by the end of December 2023.
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