Greetings!
Welcome to 2015 from everyone at the ACGME-I - we're looking forward to another productive year! As part of our ongoing efforts to meet the needs of our community and accredited organizations, we're launching a quarterly e-newsletter to encourage dialogue and engagement. Enclosed you'll find news updates, resources, and highlights of our global efforts to improve health care worldwide.

If you have any suggestions or content you'd like to share, please e-mail us at acgme-i@acgme-i.org.

The ACGME-I Review Committee invites comments on the major revisions of the following International Advanced Specialty Program Requirements:

- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Diagnostic Radiology

The proposed International Advanced Specialty requirements are provided as a tracked document with additions underlined and deletions crossed-out. The proposed requirements, a summary and rationale of the proposed changes, and an electronic form that can be used to provide comments are available here.

The ACGME-I Review Committee encourages comments from any Designated Institutional Official (DIO), program director, faculty member, and resident. The Review Committee also encourages comments from governmental officials and professional groups or societies. Please note that the comment period will end May 22, 2015.

At their June 2015 meeting, the ACGME-I Review Committee will carefully consider all comments received by the deadline to determine the final revisions to the above requirements. Following the meeting, the revised requirements will be posted to the ACGME-I web site with an effective date of July 1, 2017.
News & Notes

We have a new online look! Visit the re-designed ACGME-I website - complete with a revamped layout, more robust content and increased functionality for mobile and tablet use.

Joining Our Ranks
American University of Beirut
Accredited July 2014

Accreditation Spotlight: American University of Beirut
Attaining a much sought-after ACGME-I accreditation for the Graduate Medical Education Program at the American University of Beirut (AUB) required much patience and literally involved traveling half way across the world. However, the yeoman efforts by the school's
staff and the flexibility afforded by ACGME-I helped the institution achieve its goal when accreditation was issued in 2014.

"For nearly 150 years, the AUB School of Medicine has been known as the leading center for medical education in the Middle East, and its Graduate Medical Education long dedicated to training medical graduates in high-quality and cost-effective patient care," said Salah Zeineldine, MD, FACP, assistant dean for Graduate Medical Education.

"ACGME-I accreditation significantly exhibits how we meet this mission and adhere to the highest of standards to educate and help residents and interns attain optimum performance in their chosen fields," Dr. Zeineldine added.

The journey to accreditation began a decade ago, and Dr. Zeineldine himself was one of the catalysts. After first attending AUB, he completed in 2004 his education in pulmonary and critical care at Boston's St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, which was ACGME-accredited.

Dr. Zeineldine felt so strongly about the value of ACGME accreditation in advancing the quality of resident physicians' education that he assisted AUB to apply for this prestigious recognition upon his return to Beirut in 2005. Yet, because AUB is not located in a U.S. territory and ACGME had not yet established an international arm, the Graduate Medical Education Program could not be certified.

For more on the American University of Beirut's accreditation journey, visit our website.