# MINISTRY HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH; REGIONAL CULTURAL ATTACHÉ'S OFFICE; LONDON.

Proposal for liaison work between Medical Education Liaison Group-UK (MELG) and the Iraqi Board for Medical Specialisation.

#### Background

UK health education is one of the best in the world; Iraqi doctors contribution to the health system and education is very well recognised; therefore the Iraqi Medical Diaspora has a wealth of expertise in the field of medical education and training.

The idea of establishing the Medical Education Liaison Group-UK (MELG) was discussed with his Excellency the minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Dr Hussain AlShahreistani during his visit to London on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015. His Excellency welcomed the initiative and confirmed the ministry's commitment to high quality medical education. The group was established in on 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2015 at the Iraqi Cultural attaché's office in London.

The MEL group is a group of recognized UK Medical educators and trainers from Iraqi origin/ or non-Iraqis who support Iraq. The group should be led by Iraqi consultant; and will be linked to the Ministry of Higher Education and scientific research through the Iraqi Attaché's office in the UK (Honorary position).

#### REMIT

**1.** To work closely with Iraqi medical trainers and educators at under graduate and postgraduate levels to develop medical education in Iraq

**2.** To act as liaison between Iraqi Board of Medical specialization in Iraq and the Royal Colleges; and between UK Universities and medical schools in Iraq.

**3.** The group will report to MOHESR through the Iraqi Cultural Attaché's office London. The minutes of the group meetings will be made available to MOHESR, the Iraqi Cultural Attaché's office and the relevant institutions and professionals in Iraq.

- **4.** The Group will meet four times a year on dates approved in advance.
- **5.** The term of office for the group will be limited initially to three years.

#### **Administration**

The Cultural Attaché will provide the following:

1. A suitable venue for the meetings.

2. The facilities required facilitating the work of the group such as typing, correspondence, videoconference, communications, etc...

3. Appointment of one or more employees to carry out the necessary work required by the group.

4. Sending the minutes of meetings to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and following up their approval.

5. Liaison between the group and the ministry, and between the members of the group.

6. Conducting any additional tasks required by the group.

#### MEMBERSHIP

MEL G chair Dr Saleh Dhumad

List of working groups per specialty and facilitators (attached)

We have so far, 40 Consultants and trainers from a wide range of specialties have offered their support and commitment; the group is open to all trainers who are committed to supporting Medical Education in Iraq.

MEL-G can offer liaison work with the Iraqi Board for Medical Specialisation in the following areas;

- a. Curriculum review
- b. Training and assessments
- c. Examinations
- d. Educational placement, clinical attachments, MTI (medical training initiative)
- e. Research/audit supervision and training
- f. Support for the medical education Unit

Each area will have a detailed proposal with clear objectives, Scope, Time frame; logistics, and monitoring and evaluation to be identified by the working groups (Iraq/UK)

# Working groups / facilitators

### Anaesthesia

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