

LAS Newsletter
April 2010

The LAS started different activities and is planning for more the month to come; the following are the current achievements and planned activities:

1- Board of trustees:

On Friday 26th of March 2010, the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS) founded its' Board of Trustees in the premises of the Society. Prominent and influent personalities have joined the Board to improve and develop LAS' activities and services. The members of the board of trustees are the following (alphabetical order): Mr Hussein Al Uzri, Mr Michel Absi, Mrs. Randa Armanazi, Mrs. Suha Beyhum, , Mr. Wassim Daher, Mrs. Sarah Hakim , Mr. Elie Hourani, Mrs. Joumana Halawi, Mr. Jihad Ibrahim, Mrs. Ghada Kassar, Mrs. Nassim Khansaheb, Mrs. Reem Khoder, Mrs. Colette Massaad, Mrs. Loubna Mansour, Mrs. Ghida Rabbat, Mrs. Mona Safadi, Mr. Bernard Saghbini, Mr. Charles Thoumy, Mrs. Carla Wakim.

2- World Awareness Autism Day: WAAD

In the occasion of the World Awareness Autism Day which has been ratified by the United Nations on the 2nd of April, the LAS launched different awareness campaigns and fundraising event:

- On the occasion of Mothers' day (21st and 22nd of March 2010) , the LAS distributed chocolate with a pamphlet about Autism in the following restaurants: Shogun, Julia's, Le Rouge, Oishi, Talleyrand
- The 1\$ campaign started in restaurants and different outlets through the presence of donation boxes.
- Setting up different check points throughout Lebanon, in coordination with the National Autism Committee grouping more than 20 institutions. These Checkpoints were distributing pamphlet to passengers.
- Awareness campaign in coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs and its' media department.
- TV spot about Autism in all local broadcasting televisions.

3- Lectures:

- The American University of Beirut (AUB) will host a public lecture in the West Hall Auditorium on April 16th, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The speakers Dr Mohammad Itani and Mrs. Arwa Halawi will talk about Autism and the Lebanese Autism Society.
- The Notre Dame University (NDU) will host a public lecture in the Auditorium on April 20th, 2010 from 12h30 to 13h30. The speakers Dr. Mohammad Itani and Mrs. Christina Bellos Diab will talk about Autism and the Lebanese Autism Society.



4. Other activities:

- Participation of Mrs. Arwa Halawi, in a conference in the United States of America, state of New York on April 22nd, 2010. This conference is organized in coordination with Qatar government, United Nations and Al Jazeera International.
- Conference launching the Arab Network for Autism- ANA, in coordination with the UNESCO on _____ in the premises of the UNESCO, Bir Hassan, Beirut.
- Organizing a fundraising event on May 5th, 2010 in Zinc Restaurant and Pub. (for those interested the ticket price is 100\$)
- Participation of Mrs. Arwa Halawi in a conference about Autism “Autism around the World Symposium 2010 ” held in the premises of Zayed University, Dubai, United Arab Emirates on the 6-7-8 May 2010. This conference is under the patronage of his Highness Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahayan organized by Child Early Intervention Medical Center, in collaboration with the Emirates Medical Association and Dubai Community development authority.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Arwa El-Amine Halawi
President of the Lebanese Autism Society (LAS)