



## RI District 2452 Polio Conference Program

*Beirut, Lebanon 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015*

*-Hilton Beirut Habtoor Grand Hotel-*

***Theme: "The last 0.1% of Polio cases"***



**Dr. Michel P. Jazzar, Chairman Organizing Team, Rotary District 2452 Polio Conference.**

Sabah El Kheir! Good morning! Bonjour!

It is in a Rotary District, such as 2452 formed of nine countries, spread over three continents, bringing together different cultures, languages, religions, traditions, mythologies, land of prophets, miracles, inventions, alphabet, philosophy, hospitality and passion, that challenges and hatred can be transformed into Service and Hope!

It is, by serving their communities, listening to them, communicating with them and addressing their most pressing needs that Rotary Clubs have earned respect around the world and that Rotary International has become essential in the global choice of credible, truthful and effective partner. The most telling example is the flagship of our organization that is the PolioPlus program! : Polio is a **Rotary-initiated** worldwide eradication effort. Polio eradication is **Rotary's top priority**.

We gather today on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in Beirut, at the 1st Conference on polio for District 2452, to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PolioPlus Program, as Rotarians as asserting their unwavering support for the global campaign for polio eradication through volunteerism, media access, community outreach, support from government authorities and local governance, as well as financial support in partnership with BMGF and in alignment with the 2015-2016 RI theme "Be a Gift to the World".

It is through training seminars, discussions, planning and implementing sustainable development projects in the six RI areas of focus aligned with the SDGs of UN that we can invite others to join us!

Now it is our chance to change the world, to make sure that no child is disabled by polio ever again. Thus we should ask non-Rotarians to join us, Rotarians to be informed, to speak out, to donate, to advocate, to volunteer, to be part of history!

It is not a time for fatigue! We are this close to ending Polio to rid our planet earth of polio in collaboration with RI international partner vaccines' provider, Sanofi Pasteur, the main sponsor of this event, and the GPEI's partners: WHO, CDC, UNICEF, BMGF and Ministries of Public Health.

If you are lucky enough to have participated in this conference, then wherever you go, throughout the rest of your Rotary life, it will stay with you!

Because of this Magical Team, called the Organizing Team, we hope that your stay in Beirut, Capital of a “country-message”, will be a continuous celebration of Rotary’s achievements!

I would like to express my deep and sincere thanks to all of you and namely to RI PE John and his charming wife Judy, to RID Safak and Deniz, to DG Mustafa and Ghada, to PE’s Aides Ignace and Maud. Thanks to all our sponsors, RCs, RACs, IACs, Districts and advertizing companies.

May I ask you please, to give, A STANDING OVATION, to John and Judy and a big hand to the highly deserving Organizing Team!

**Dr. Michel P. Jazzar,**

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