

Medical Publishers Send over 3,000 Much Needed Books to 20 Medical Colleges in Iraq

The American Medical Publishers Committee (AMPC) of the AAP has a Philanthropy division which is always looking for opportunities to spread the salve of good medical information around the world.

Recently, a very noble opportunity arose.

Dr. A. Hadi Al Khalili, MD, Cultural Attaché to the Iraqi Embassy in Washington, DC asked the AMPC to help relieve the acute shortage of quality medical references at the twenty medical schools in Iraq.

As the Chairman of Neurosurgery for many years at Baghdad University, Iraq's leading medical school, Dr. Khalili gave firsthand testimony to the shortage of current information, specifically books. This shortage has comprised the quality of medical education, and made it more difficulty for Iraqi physicians and scientists to enter into discourse with the global medical community. And the shortage has grown far worse in recent years.

With the help of Doody Enterprises, a core list of medical titles was compiled to serve medical students and residents in the medical school setting.

We received over 3,000 books from 16 publishers. Below is a list of publishers that contributed to this endeavor:

- ❖ American Academy of Pediatrics
- ❖ American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc.
- ❖ American Public Health Association
- ❖ American Society of Microbiology Press
- ❖ Elsevier
- ❖ F. A. Davis
- ❖ Hogrefe & Huber Publishers
- ❖ informa Healthcare
- ❖ Intl Associate for the Study of Pain
- ❖ John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- ❖ Jones and Bartlett Publishers
- ❖ Lexi-Comp, Inc.
- ❖ McGraw-Hill Companies
- ❖ New England Journal of Medicine
- ❖ Oxford University Press, Inc
- ❖ Sinauer Associates, Inc.
- ❖ Thieme Medical Publishers, Inc.

The books were shipped to the warehouse of Brothers' Bother Foundation (www.brothersbrother.org) - an award winning, Pittsburgh-based non-profit (501 C-3) organization with expertise in shipping books into trouble zones around the world.

The books will travel by ship to Iraq where they will be received and distributed by staff of LIFE for Relief and Development (www.lifeusa.org) – a Muslim charitable group with offices in the US and in Iraq. LIFE is fully approved by the US Government. Dr. Khalili's colleagues from the Iraqi medical community will also assist in delivery of the books in Iraq.

Medical colleges in Iraq

1. Baghdad University, Baghdad College
2. Baghdad University, Kindy Medical College
3. Nahrain University
4. Mustansiryah University
5. Mousel University
6. Muthana University
7. Basrah University
8. Erbil University
9. Dhuk University
10. Sulaimani University
11. Babil University
12. Kufa university
13. Anbar University
14. Karbala University
15. Tikrit University
16. Kirkuk University
17. Diala university
18. Maysan University
19. Qadisaya University
20. The Qar University

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