Message from the President of the SHA

The Saudi Heart Association has undergone a significant and dramatic evolution in the last 2 years where a lot of the activities which have been planned in the first year of my tenure as Saudi Heart President have started to materialize into real tangible actions. The Saudi Heart Association has branch into all the areas of its responsibility and explored the options for progress and developments of which have all culminated into the Scientific Sessions in February 8–11 2010 where more than 80 international speakers have been invited to share their latest research into the country and in addition over 150 local speakers have participated in this symposium run for 3½ days attended by over 2000 delegates and has been a resounding success, it is with our pride that the SHA21 is the first Scientific meeting held by the Saudi Heart Independent of the other Health Institutes giving the independence of this ever expanding Association, this clearly does not come easy except for the collaboration of not only the Saudi Heart Association Staff but many individuals who contributed to the Scientific Program and the organization of such a mega large conference.

During this conference we had six joint sessions with reputable world cardiac associations where an exchange of information has been delivered as well as further business collaboration with these associations have been initiated through the discussion with their Presidents or Executive Council members.

The Saudi Heart continuous to strive for a presence in a Gulf as well as in the region being the leader of Cardiac Services and continue to have an international relations with the major Scientific Associations across the world, at the national level we have achieved milestones with collaboration with the Ministry of Health through the development of the Cardiovascular disease prevention program as well as with the Saudi Council for Health Specialties for the systematic implementation of the CPR of the resuscitation, a new support system which will allow expansion of this resuscitation branch of the Saudi Heart to serve all the health practitioners.

The launch of the Cardiac-Surgery national database has begun, the contract has been signed with Dendrites who will provide the engine and platform for the Cardiac-Surgery database which will produce a yearly book for establishing a robust database for the Cardiac-Surgery performance in the country which will be benchmark and risk adjusted with world outcomes.

At the level of the Saudi Heart Journal as you have see it in a new format there is a lot of enthusiasm for development and we are collaborating with Elsevier to index this journal to become one of the regional journals index and we strive and look to recruit manuscripts locally and internationally and in the near future this journal hopefully will become the leading journal of the region for publishing a peer reviewed Cardiovascular Scientific articles. I look forward for contributions of all the leaders of this journal, the Saudi Heart Association and all the areas of their interest.