



Holy Family Hospital



An Institution of the Order of Malta

“Where there is always a place in the inn for all”

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The meeting of the International Board of Directors of the Hospital

As usual during the month of May, the International Board of Directors met in Paris. The Medical and Financial Committees met on the 8th May and the Board of Directors met on the 9th. The Administration Committee of the hospital, Dr. Jacques Keutgen, Dr. Robert Tabash and Sr. Sophie Boueri were present at the meetings.

Visitor from Ireland

During this month, Ms. Kathryn MacQuillan, consultant in midwifery and nursing, visited the hospital for a period of two weeks..

Ms. MacQuillan’s visit is the fifth one within a USAID funded continuous education program.

New appointments

- Dr. Salameh Qumsieh has been appointed fulltime consultant gynecologist obstetrician starting 1st June.
- Dr. Nadim Abu Sa'adah has been appointed fulltime consultant gynecologist obstetrician starting 1st July.

Both consultants will be holding their private clinics at the hospital in the afternoons.

Surge in activity

There has been a noticeable surge in the activity of the hospital during the month of May with the number of deliveries reaching 340; the second highest month since 1990.

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EDITORIAL



Dr. Jacques Keutgen
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"Hope is a powerful motivation for Charity"

The first annual meeting of the International Board of Trustees of Holy Family Hospital for 2008 took place in Paris soon after the international pilgrimage of the Sovereign Order of Malta to Lourdes conducted by H.H.E.Fra Matthew Festing, 79th Grand Master of the Order. For the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of the Virgin Maria to Bernadette more than 7500 people related to the Sovereign Order, Knights and Dames from different associations worldwide and sick people entrusted to their care came this year to Lourdes.

For centuries, volunteering, charity, sharing and solidarity are founder values which have been guiding the Order. The time spent in Lourdes was a time of intensive prayer and grace to share with our "lords the sick" their prayers, daily concerns and sufferings. In Lourdes everyone has discovered his meanness compared to the unlimited suffering which surrounded everybody, meanwhile each year we are witness of a greater welfare of many sick and healthy

people imploring the protection of the Virgin Maria. Could our "lords the sick" and their accompanying people return home morally and physically relieved.

In contrast to this atmosphere of hope in a better and more intensive "inner life", we are plunged in Palestine in a world of frustrations and humiliations often being reflected on the human behavior like verbal or sometimes physical violence.

"One would like life if one have the possibility to live" (Mahmud Darwish) This statement remains a topical event and also reminds us in another way to feel one's humility and powerlessness to change the events.

Nevertheless in spite of all difficulties and sometimes feeling justifiably resentful of this situation and the leaders of these countries, we always should stay witnesses and servants of hope, because hope is a powerful motivation for charity.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Monthly Deliveries

The number of monthly deliveries since 1990 is as follows:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
JAN	0	93	128	143	146	148	181	205	217	162	250	158	180	159	238	224	240	230	248
FEB	4	69	97	150	157	130	183	180	192	165	239	155	152	165	220	221	218	228	217
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	259
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	270
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276	
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	
NOV	97	87	150	146	149	203	196	205	161	282	165	145	121	191	221	213	257	224	
DEC	104	105	153	127	163	198	194	240	180	266	175	135	140	203	227	207	268	238	
TOTAL	869	1135	1656	1953	1876	2164	2359	2688	2465	2977	3052	1839	1617	2481	2745	2793	2946	3226	1334

TOTAL DELIVIREIS SINCE 1990

42 175

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