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Egyptian Students participate in medical research programmes

Doha, 11 December 2005: Egyptian students from Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q), Marwa Ahmed, Amira El Sherif and Nancy Zaki (pictured), present the findings of their summer research projects at WCMC-Q's 2nd Annual Medical Student Research Forum recently held at the college.

Marwa and Amira undertook their research at the American University in Cairo (AUC), while Nancy Zaki undertook her research study at Cornell University in Ithaca in the United States. Marwa Ahmed explored the molecular basis of aging; Amira El Sherif assessed the coral biodiversity in Ain El Sokhna, Red Sea; and Nancy Zaki studied the characterization of the Drosophila gene Taz (CG3221) during mitosis. All three students are now enrolled in the four-year medical program at WCMC-Q.

Summer research projects and research forums are built into the medical course curriculum at WCMC-Q. This reflects Cornell's vision that research and the advancement of medical knowledge are not only ends in themselves, but are integrated into a thorough medical education. The research forum was conducted under the guidance of WCMC-Q Senior Associate Dean for Research Dr. Gary Schneider, who visited AUC last year to brief the Board of Trustees, faculty and students on the evolving programs in education and research at WCMC-Q. The medical college in Doha offers a six-year integrated program of study leading to the Cornell University M.D. degree. Teaching is by Cornell faculty and standards are identical to those of the main campus in the U.S.

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Established in partnership with the Qatar Foundation, WCMC-Q is a part of Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York, the first American institution to offer its M.D. degree overseas. WCMC-Q offers a complete and integrated educational program, comprising the two-year Premedical Program, followed by the four-year Medical Program, with teaching by Cornell faculty. There are separate admission processes for each Program, guided by the standards of admission in use at Cornell University in Ithaca, and its Medical College in New York.

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