

# **Kurdistan Medical and Scientific Federation (KMSF) - UK**

## **Report of General Meeting**

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Venue: Abrar House, Edgware Road, London**

**Time: 16.00 – 17.15**

The meeting was chaired by Dr Sarkawt Karim

### **Agenda:**

#### 1. KMSF Board Report by Hiro Khoshnaw (HK)

HK gave a summary of KMSF activities since previous AGM in September 2007. This included social activities (Nawroz and New Years Parties), regular seminars, and contributions to remembrance of Halabja and Anfal, and joint projects with Kurdistan.

#### 2. Up date on SCHEIKUK: Dr Firiad Hiwaizi (FH)

FH gave a summary of SCHEIKUK General Meeting in September 2009 and its new charring committee members. He also announced that at this meeting it was decided that SCHEIKUK would rejoin the umbrella organisation, KMSF, and will be working closely with KuMA and KSA. FH also referred to SCHEIKUK's activities over past two years, and its future plans. It was felt that University of Kirkuk should be included along with other universities in Kurdistan for support in future.

#### 3. Presentation on behalf of Kurdish Medical Society (KMS) in Sweden: Dr Nazdar Ghafouri (NG).

NG gave a background of KMS structure and its activities over recent years. She referred to some difficulties/obstacle in working with institutions in Kurdistan. A discussion took place around how Kurdish medical/academic organisations in Diaspora could have more presence and influence in matters related to health and education in Kurdistan. Close collaboration amongst these organisations and having a unified voice was perceived as a crucial factor.

#### 3. Review of KMSF constitution

HK reminded the audience that KMSF has attracted a number of members from outside the UK (Europe and USA). She proposed removing UK from KMSF title as has been recommended by some members out of UK. At the end of discussions it was agreed to keep UK in the title of the organisation, as it reflects where KMSF is practically based and to continue offering Affiliate Membership to doctors/academics outside the UK. It was also recommended to clarify membership of KMSF for individuals who do not

belong to any of the existing member organisations of KMSF, namely KuMA, KSA and SCHEIKUK.

4. Election of Board Officers: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. It was agreed that Dr Hiro Khoshnaw, Dr Sayah Saied and Dr Kadir Hasan will continue with their roles as chair, secretary and treasurer respectively. Participants also agreed that Mr Nafi Anwar (Webmaster and newly elected KSA Committee member) to become a member of the KMSF Board.

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