



Leadership as a Project Manager Award

Ms. Shada Sayegh the recipient of the Leadership as a Project Manager Award was at Seattle for the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) Conference 2011 from April 30-May 3 to receive her award on May 2.

Ms. Shada Sayegh on receiving her award "The ACRP conference in Seattle this year was so enriching and valuable. It was essential to keep me abreast of what is going on in clinical research in the rest of the world. I learned that there were common challenges that we all face and I took away with me practical tools that I would apply them right away in my region to make a difference with my daily work. Best of all was standing in front of hundreds of professional people from the clinical research industry to receive the ACRPs leadership in project management award. It truly will be a memorable conference."

Shada Sayegh has a strong academic background with bachelor's degrees in pharmacy and biochemistry, as well as Master of Science in health sciences. According to her nominators, she had proved her fast learning capabilities when she joined ClinArt International as a beginner-level clinical research associate and digested good clinical practice and regional/local clinical trials requirements at an impressive speed. In just two years, she had passed her ACRP Certified Clinical Research Associate (CCRA ®) exam and managed to build a team of nine researchers who were at the time of recruitment new to clinical trials; several of them are now also CCRAs.

"Shada not only showed strong leadership skills, but also exhibited an innovative approach to project management of our regional clinical trials," her nominators said. "The Middle East and North Africa

In this issue we present to you the experience of Award Winning Project Manager in USA, New chair of ACRP-GCC gulf and the recent training conducted by ClinArt.

Hope you have a good time reading and as always we welcome your feedback.

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ICH-GCP Training

ClinArt organized 2 day training on 13-14 May, 2011 about ICH-GCP sponsored by Hoffman La-Roche (Dubai Branch). This training was attended by physicians.

(MENA) region has the inherent challenges of many emerging regions, as well as challenges that are unique to the MENA population. Shada managed to list challenges that had hindered the progress of clinical trials and evaluated their impact on the progress of research; she had also listed driving forces to clinical trials and evaluated their impact in counteracting the challenges."

For work that has enabled her employer to make positive changes in study management for the betterment of recruitment, retention, and sponsor-site relations, ACRP is pleased to name Shada Sayegh the winner of the Leadership as a Project Manager Award for 2011. As per www.acrpnet.org

ClinArt would like to wish Ms Shada many congratulations on winning this award and wish her good luck for the future endeavors.

GCC-ACRP Chapter Chair

The Association of Clinical Research, head-quartered in North Virginia, USA, has confirmed the appointment of Dr. Satish Chandra as Chairman of the Association's Gulf Cooperative Council (GCC) Chapter.

Dr. Satish Chandra commented, "I am very honored to be appointed as ACRP Chairman of the GCC. There are some exciting, pioneering and much needed clinical research studies currently being conducted in the region and the GCC is emerging as an increasingly important location in terms of medical breakthroughs and clinical research. I hope that in this role I can support further growth and advancements."

Dr. Maha Al-Farhan, CEO ClinArt remains the founder and former chair of GCC-ACRP Chapter. Now she will function as a joint secretary to the chapter chair.

The plan of the GCC-ACRP Chapter is to include the entire gulf, by having a lead clinical research representative in each country. Continuous trainings will be provided to healthcare professionals in clinical research to increase the awareness and help them to carry out research in their respective hospitals/sites.

Established in 1976, the ACRP was founded to address the distinct needs of research doctors, researchers, nurses and others who support the work of clinical investigations. The Association is the primary resource for healthcare professionals in hospital, university, academic medical centers and doctor office settings, in addition to pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. The Association is committed to upholding the highest standards of personal and professional behavior in the conduct of clinical research.

A total of 36 participants were present at the training that was held in Sofitel Dubai Jumeirah Beach hotel. ICH-GCP Training was accredited with **10 CE credit points** by The Center for Healthcare Planning & Quality (CPQ), Dubai Healthcare City.

The purpose of the training was to:-

- Understand the Clinical Trial Design.
- Understand the process of clinical trials and able to resolve GCP related problems.
- Understand organize and analyze data.
- Comply with GCP and the requirements of ethics committees.

The agenda for the training included clinical development plan, measurement of clinical trials, workshops to understand clinical trials, ethics and informed consent form process, and a final test on GCP.