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The Sudanese Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons
6th Annual Conference Summary 28-30th of March 2014

Introduction
The Sudanese Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (SSPRS) 1st scientific conference took place in 2008. Since that time the society has annually organizing this activity on regular basis. Being scanty during the 1st conference, Plastic Surgeons in Sudan expanded in number and geographical distribution. Now, a total of 19 plastic surgeons inside the country are providing this crucial service for patients in Central, Western, and South East of the country.

Objectives
The 6th Annual Conference of the SSPRS has taken place in the period 28-30 March 2014. Aims of this meeting included:

a. To initiate formulating a comprehensive national guidelines for reconstructive approach following major trauma.
b. To discuss and strengthen the national training program of Plastic Surgery Fellowship.
c. To distribute the tongue of Plastic Surgery to other specialties, junior medical staff, and community.
d. To reinforce young Plastic Surgeons in district hospitals through reflecting their efforts and provision of necessary support.
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e. To maintain the strong relations with similar regional societies.

**Scientific Program**
The Conference scientific talks incorporated enriched presentations from 27 speakers covering a wide spectrum of Plastic and Reconstructive issues. The program at a glance in addition to an opening ceremony speech and a guest lecture contained 8 scientific sessions on Trauma, Plastic Surgery in district hospitals, Breast Reconstruction, Burns, Head and Neck Reconstruction, Congenital Malformation, Soft Tissue Tumors, and Miscellaneous Topics. A variety of Emergency and Elective Plastic Surgery conditions management were presented beside updated literature, advances, and new techniques. All generations of Plastic Surgeons have fingerprints in the meeting presentations including senior, junior surgeons, and fellows. Most of the talks were from the major Plastic Surgery Centers in Omdurman Teaching Hospital, Soba University Hospital, Khartoum Teaching Hospital, Military Hospital, and Al Ribat Hospital. Of special interest were the presentations from the newly established Plastic Surgery units in Khartoum North, El Ginina, Zalingi, El Obied, and Damazin Hospitals. As an example, Dr Elbadawi Hassan MD has presented a one year experience of Plastic Surgery in Darfur states. He reported a total of 240 patients received plastic surgery services in the period from Mar 2013 to Feb 2014 with 159 emergency plastic procedures. He presented various clinico-pathological patterns of plastic problems treated in Darfur and discussed the challenges he was facing during his one year experience.

**Guest Speakers**
Two Guest Speakers from the Egyptian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons has been attended the conference.

Dr Hassan Badran, a professor of plastic surgery, Ain Shams University, and Dr Amir Elbarbary, an associate professor of plastic surgery, Ain Shams University. They have contributed energetically through four standardized inclusive talks and knowledgeable involvement in plenary discussions.

**General Assembly**
The Conference has ended up with a general assembly to elect a new administrative office for the SSPRS. Dr Abdelsamie Abdalla, Associate Professor, University of Khartoum has been elected as President together with Dr Ali Idris as Secretary General, Dr Mohamed Al Amin as Treasurer, Dr Talal Jaragandi as Academic Secretary, and other members.

**Conclusion Recommendations**
After very prosperous fruitful discussions and at the end of the conference, the panel has reached a conclusion of the following:

1. The Sudanese Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons is to start publishing guidelines on different Plastic Surgery common problems. A committee is nominated for this purpose.

2. A half annual peer reviewed Journal is to be published. Selected abstracts from this conference will be reviewed to be included in the first edition.

3. National Training Program is to be boosted by upgrading the persisting training units, establishment of new national and international training avenues.

4. Plastic Surgeons in the peripheries are to be supported through updated training programs, upgrading their setup, and visiting missions.

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