

## **Fadheela Al-Mahroos (Bahrain)**

**Date and place of birth:** 10<sup>th</sup> November 1954, Bahrain

**Working languages:** Fluent in written and spoken Arabic and English

### **Current positions/functions**

- Member of the Supreme Counsel for women, Bahrain
- Consultant Pediatrician, Sulmaniya Medical Complex, Ministry of Health (MOH), Bahrain
- Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical School, Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain
- Chairperson of Child protection Unit, MOH, Bahrain
- Chairperson of Health Research committee in secondary care, MOH, Bahrain
- Chairperson of Board of directors of Bahrain Centre of Child Protection
- Member of the National Childhood committee, Bahrain
- Member of the Arab Network for the prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect
- Member of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect

### **Educational Background**

- Sept, 2004 – Master of Health Professions Education – AGU, Bahrain
- Dec, 1997: Diploma in Health Care Management, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland and MOH, Bahrain
- June, 1988: Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics
- Jan, 1983: Diploma of Child health, National University of Ireland, Dublin-Ireland
- July, 1979: Medical Doctor, Faculty of Medicine – Aleppo University – Syria

### **Main Professional activities**

- Child rights advocate, Worked on drafting Bahrain's Child Protection Act
- Expert Physician in child abuse and neglect, Drew public attention to the problem in the beginning of the 90s and lectured extensively to various professionals in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, Warsaw, Morocco, Doha, and UAE & to lay people about the magnitude of the problem, its recognition, management & prevention.
- Sample of presentations:
  1. Coordinated "Multidisciplinary response to child abuse and neglect" workshop 5 days in Riyadh – Saudi Arabia Nov 2007 and May 2008. Similar course done in Bahrain April 2008.
  2. "Responding to Child Abuse in Gulf Cooperation Council Countries: Realities & Challenges" given in Feb. 2004 in Amman and in Riyadh Expert Meeting in April, 2004. Saudi Arabia.
  3. "Recognizing Sexual Abuse of Children Workshop" Amman, April 2004.
  4. "Sexual Exploitation of Children" National Cultural Forum, Bahrain. 2003.
  5. Child Abuse: Bahrain's Perspective" at the "9<sup>th</sup> Moroccan National Conference on Children's Rights" Casablanca-Morocco, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June 2002.
  6. "Bahrain's Experience in Child Abuse" "Diagnosis and Management of Child Abuse in Saudi Arabia Conference" Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. March 2002.
  7. "Child Abuse, Bahrain's Experience" and "Responding to Child Maltreatment" Two Presentations given at "The 14<sup>th</sup> International Child Health Conference" Sultan Qaboos University and the Ministry of Health, Oman 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2001.
  8. "Child Abuse Status in Bahrain" and "Child Protection: can we achieve it?" Two presentations given at the First Arabian Gulf Medical Association Conference" Bahrain 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Nov 1998

### **Other relevant activities**

- Human rights activities & women rights advocate: Participated as an Organizer and facilitator and lecturer in Workshops related to "Arab Women's Rights in the context of CEDAW" and "Women in Society: Social Equity and rights".
- Member of several organizations: Bahrain Medical Society, Bahraini Society for Child Development, Physicians for Human Rights- USA 86-94, Amnesty International, USA 1988-1996 and International Society for the prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

- Examiner at the Pediatrics Arab Board of Medical Specialization, Damascus-Syria. Expert in Children Rights. Arab Counsel for childhood and development, Cairo- Egypt

#### **Most recent publications in the field**

- Al-Mahroos F et al. Child abuse, Bahrain's Experience. 2005, Child Abuse & Neglect, International Journal. 29:187-193.
- Al-Mahroos FT and Bandaranayke RC. Teaching Ethics in Medical Schools. Annals of Saudi Medicine. 2003, 23 (1-2):1-4.
- Al-Mahroos FT. Responding to Child Abuse in Bahrain: critical look at the present situation and future vision. Chapter in the book "Protecting Children from Abuse" Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research, 2002. In press.
- AL-Mahroos FT. & Al-Saleh F. Umbilical Cord Blood Lead Level of Newborns in Bahrain. Current Pediatrics Research; 2000, 4(1): 7-12.
- Contributed to four chapters in "Textbook of Clinical Pediatrics". Chapter 192: Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Chapter 197: The Pancreas, Chapter 203: Metabolic Liver Disease and Chapter 207: Chronic Hepatitis in Children. Publisher: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2001.
- Al-Mahroos FT. Corporal Punishment and Psychological Maltreatment of School Girls in Bahrain. Bahrain Medical Bulletin. 1997, 19 (3): 70-73.