On behalf of the Department of Anesthesiology at the American University of Beirut (A.U.B.), and the Middle East Journal of Anesthesiology (MEJA), I announce with great sadness to the Faculty of AUB, and to our Anesthesiology colleagues in Lebanon and all over the Arab World, the passing away of one of our great pillars of Anesthesiology, Dr. Fouad Salim Haddad.

Dr. Haddad is a graduate of the American University of Beirut 1953, and a Diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiology 1965. He is an Associate Faculty of the Department who had the leading role as Executive Editor of MEJA.

Dr. Haddad has been our historian who published pioneering reports about the history of anesthesia in our area, which qualified him for nomination to the WLM 2008 Laureate of the History of Anesthesia (enclosed). During the World Congress of Anesthesiology 2000, Montreal, Canada, Dr. Haddad presented the history of “Key Contributions of Two Physicians to the Department of Anesthesiology in the Republic of Lebanon.

In appreciation of his important contributions to Lebanon, to the Department and to the MEJA, the Department of Anesthesiology during the graduation ceremony 2009, offered Dr. Haddad the Distinguished Award in recognition of his devotion as Executive Editor of the Middle East Journal of Anesthesiology.

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