



International Conference
**Catholic Higher Education in Lebanon and the Middle East:
Advancing Mission and Leading Innovation**

September 18, 2018

PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony – John Paul II Amphitheater

Presentation: Mrs. Karine Nasr Demerjian, Associate Dean at the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities – USEK

- Address by Mr. Georges Yahchouchi, Provost of USEK
- Address by Rev. Fr. Prof. Georges Hobeika, President of USEK
- Address by His Beatitude and Eminence Bechara Boutros Card. Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Plenary Session – John Paul II Amphitheater

Mr. Michael Galligan-Stierle, President and CEO of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), USA

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presidential Session – John Paul II Amphitheater

Catholic Universities: Challenges and Opportunities

Moderator: Mr. Georges Yahchouchi, Provost of USEK

- Rev. Fr. Prof. Georges Hobeika, President of the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon
- Rev. Fr. Michael Scheuer, Vice President of Saint Joseph University, Lebanon
- Rev. Fr. Michel Jalakh, President of the Antonine University, Lebanon
- Rev. Fr. Pierre Najem, President of Notre Dame University – Louaize, Lebanon
- Rev. Fr. Khalil Chalfoun, President of La Sagesse University, Lebanon
- Rev. Sr. Hilda Chelala, President of Holy Family University, Lebanon
- Mr. Nabil Ayoub, President of the American University of Madaba, Jordan

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Mission and Identity of Catholic Higher Education Universities – Conference Hall

Moderator: Mrs. Rima Mattar, Deputy President for International Affairs – USEK, Lebanon

- Mrs. Hoda Nehme, Deputy President for Cultural Affairs – USEK, Lebanon
L'université catholique : l'inéluctable nécessité de penser un monde nouveau
- Mr. Najib Zakka, Vice President for Academic Affairs and for Research – Holy Family University, Lebanon
L'université catholique et la culture de la paix dans un Moyen-Orient en désarroi
- Mr. Ziad Fahed, Director of the University Mission Office – NDU, Lebanon
Toward Effective Mission Integration: A Reading from Ex Corde Ecclesiae to Veritatis Gaudium
- Mr. Ihab Hanna Salman Sawalha, Dean of Student Affairs – AUM, Jordan
Catholic Education: A Crisis Communications Perspective

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Innovations Opportunities and Challenges at Catholic Higher Education Universities – Conference Hall

Moderator: Mr. Elie Assaf, Dean of the USEK Business School – USEK, Lebanon

- Mr. Antoine Saad, General Secretary of La Sagesse University, Lebanon and Vice President of the Association of Lebanese Universities
Le Liban des universités : un pluralisme singulier
- Mrs. Faten El Hage – Deputy President for Teaching and Learning – USEK, Lebanon
Challenges and Opportunities for Exercising Leadership in Exploring the Use of Technologies in Higher Education: The Case of USEK
- Mrs. Nada Moghaizel Nasr, Honorary Dean, Rector's Representative for Quality Assurance – USJ, Lebanon
Chantier pédagogique pour une formation de qualité dans une université catholique : reflets sur une pratique
- Mrs. Asumpta Aneas, Department of Methods of Research and Diagnosis in Education – University of Barcelona, Spain
Purposes of Catholic Universities: Connexion of the Responsible Research and Innovation and the Encyclical Letters Lumen Fidei and Laudato Si

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Closing Session – Conference Hall

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