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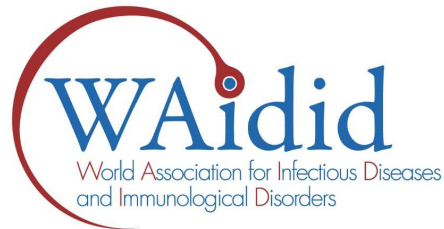
WAIDID LANDS IN AZERBAIJAN: SIGNED IN BAKU A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH SOCIETY OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY (ASSMI)

*WAidid, World Association for Infectious Diseases and Immunological Disorders (www.waidid.org), chaired by Professor **Susanna Esposito**, has signed a new agreement for scientific collaboration with the **ASSMI, Society of Medical Microbiology and Immunology** of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which aims to promote initiatives in scientific research and professional training in the field of infectious diseases both at adult and pediatric age.☐*

Milan, 12th February 2015 - A strong friendship exists between Italy and Azerbaijan, based on years on excellent political and trade relationships and, from now on, characterised by a new partnership project between the two scientific societies, **WAidid** with its headquarters in Milan and **ASSMI** in Baku chaired by **Prof. Zakir Garajev**, Director of Microbiology and Immunology Department of the **Azerbaijan Medical University**.

The aim is to promote initiatives that enhance **scientific research and training of physicians** in the field of **infectious diseases and immune disorders**, and raise awareness about these diseases, which are still widespread in both countries.

*"It's a great honor for me to announce the birth of a collaboration with the ASSMI and Azerbaijan - declared **Prof. Susanna Esposito, President of WAidid and Director of the Pediatric High Intensity Care Unit, Policlinico of Milan** - I am sure that together we will develop great projects which will help to promote scientific research and information in the field of infectivology in the two countries. Among the initiatives we have in mind, are, for instance, specialized training of Azerbaijani medical staff in Centers of Excellence for Health Care, based in Milan and the organization of*



international scientific workshops both in Italy and in Azerbaijan. We will be also really happy to be able to welcome the participation of a Azerbaijani specialist to a WAidid International Working Group that deals with tuberculosis".

*"We are really glad to start this new partnership with WAidid and Italy – added **Prof. Zakir Qarayev** - It is our aim to improve and continue our relations with all states of world especially in the field of health, and namely with Italy. The projects we manage to implement together will certainly contribute to increase the health status of our population to the highest level".*

In February 2016, the first annual conference of WAidid will be held in Milan, bringing together the best world experts in the field of infectious diseases and leading figures in the Azerbaijani health care system.

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