



**Adnan Zaki Alwatban is Head of the Research Unit of the National Neuroscience Institute (NNI) at King Fahad Medical City (KFMC) in Riyadh.** Adnan holds a PhD in Physics with professional training in Diagnostic Medical Physics. His responsibilities as a Consultant Medical Physicist consist of the provision of medical physics services (which includes consultation, preparation of new equipment tenders and specifications), performing acceptance and routine annual testing and last, but not least, the training and education programme activities. Adnan has also served as Acting Chairman of the Biomedical Physics Department at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre where he practiced his profession as a medical physicist. Adnan was elected and served as the President of the Saudi Medical Physics Society (SMPS) – the organisation that represents the entire community of medical physicists in the Kingdom. Among his responsibilities was to bring national and international medical physics professionals together to discuss how to create a more active medical physics community in the Kingdom in support of promoting quality health care. As Head of the Research Unit at NNI, Adnan is responsible, with his team, for several research facilities which include Ultrahigh Field MRI, Zebra Fish Facility and Brain Tissue Bio bank.

Adnan's professional growth is imperative and vital to maintain quality services of the health care system and he was advised, by peers, to submit the details of his professional responsibilities in terms of duties and achievements for evaluation to experts from a leading international body to acquire professional recognition. Adnan felt that IPEM, as the professional organisation representing the workforce of physicists, engineers and technologists in healthcare and medicine, was the most appropriate body to apply to. Adnan points out that IPEM provides different categories of membership in terms of professional level and specialty and that the application process straightforward and easy – just a matter of spending a few hours to compile the required documents.

IPEM recognition, via Fellowship, has provided Adnan with more respect from professionals within his professional community and has provided him with greater and more challenging responsibilities that strengthen his leadership potential as an expert. For Adnan, Fellowship is undoubtedly beneficial to the long-term view of his career in the health care system and reflects the recognition of the credentials he has achieved in his overall field of specialty. Adnan has found IPEM Fellowship to be valuable assets in his career as, increasingly, most institutions demand such certification of all healthcare professionals in providing consulting services. Adnan encourages everyone who is eligible to apply for IPEM Fellowship in order to validate his or her expertise as he did, telling us, 'It is absolutely a rewarding opportunity to be part of and recognized by, this prestigious certifying body'.