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NASCE's first accreditation visit outside Europe: a milestone for global high level medical training

On May 8th, 2025, Prof. Apostolos E. Papalois from Greece (Secretary of NASCE) and Ass. Prof. Dilek Kitapcioğlu from Türkiye (Head Instructor of TtT Course) representing the UEMS Network of Accredited Skills Centres in Europe (NASCE) visited for NASCE accreditation the Cadaveric Microanatomy Laboratory at Applied Science Private University in Amman, Jordan. It is the very first training centre to be visited for accreditation outside Europe.

NASCE is a Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of the UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists) established in Stockholm in 2014, Prof. Emin Aksoy being current President of the Executive Board and Dr Dara O'Keeffe, the Head of the Accreditation Review Board. The UEMS is a European non-profit organisation representing more than 1.6 million specialist doctors, from all EU countries and beyond.

One of UEMS goals is to promote the highest standards of education for healthcare professionals, ultimately ensuring the best patient safety. NASCE's accreditation system promotes a common framework and harmonisation between skills centres in Europe and around the world, i.e. sharing common values and principles in medical training and among healthcare professionals.

The visit was part of the accreditation review process. It included a comprehensive tour of the Cadaveric Microanatomy Laboratory, and of the Applied Science Private University (ASU). The UEMS NASCE auditors had the opportunity to meet with the steering committee – Prof. Wamidh Talib, Dr Aseel Aburub, Dr Ali Al-Tahayneh, faculty teachers, learners, and administrative staff, all of whom contributed to provide valuable insights that enriched the overall experience and highlighted the strong collaborative spirit within the institution.

The accreditation visit was both fruitful and insightful. As Prof. Wamidh Talib, Director of the Lab highlighted “it inspired us to consider various ways to further develop the Cadaveric Microanatomy Laboratory as a regional as well as an international training centre. In particular, we discussed the significance of increasing the number of research studies conducted within the lab to strengthen its academic and practical value”.