

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

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To all Arabic-speaking
Bahá'ís in the United States

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

We fully share the eager anticipation many of you are feeling contemplating the prospects of the upcoming Arab American Conference, scheduled to take place in the Chicago area during the long weekend of August 4–7. In February, you received a letter with details about the conference, including information about registration, and, as a convenience to you, we have attached that letter here. We are pleased now to provide you with additional details about the event.

The theme of this year's conference is "In Pursuit of Lasting Peace" (السعي نحو سلام دائم), and its program will be conducted in Arabic by prominent speakers from both the United States and the Arab world. Among the distinguished presenters already on the program roster are Ms. May Rihani, Dr. Abdulhamid Al-Ansari, Ms. Shireen Ghareeb, Dr. Nasreen Akhtarkhavari, Dr. Ghanim Al-Najjar, and Ms. Tahani Helmi.

We are pleased to note that, following the conference's completion on Sunday afternoon, a special program honoring the memory of Dr. Suheil Bushrui—whose erudition and contributions to the study of Arabic literature were vast and whose role in the founding and in the conduct of these conferences was central—will be held at the Bahá'í House of Worship in Wilmette, on Chicago's suburban North Shore. The gathering will begin with devotions in the Temple Auditorium at 4:30 p.m., followed by a program in Foundation Hall (on the Temple's lower level) concluding at 6:30 p.m. All attending the conference are warmly invited to attend.

Registration for the conference will remain open until July 29 and can be completed at the event's official website, arabconference.bahai.us. Should you have any questions, contact the conference committee by email at arabamericanconference@gmail.com.

We strongly encourage your participation in this conference—the latest in an evolving series of annual gatherings increasingly strengthening bonds of friendship among the Arab American community and providing new and welcome opportunities for Arabic-speaking Bahá'ís and their friends to meaningfully contribute to the social and cultural life of Arabs everywhere.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



Kenneth E. Bowers
Secretary

Attachment