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Dear Members and friends,

15th September 2009

The 2nd Sir Michael Weir Annual Lecture (3rd December 2009)

You will recall that Sir Michael Weir was the founding Chairman of the British Egyptian Society in 1990 and continued until 2006 when he handed over to The Rt. Hon Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, shortly before his death. The annual lecture is a tribute to a man who was liked and admired by friends in Egypt and the United Kingdom.

The first lecture, "*After the Crash*", was given by The Rt. Hon. the Lord Patten of Barnes, CH, PC last November and Lord Patten's thought provoking talk was very much enjoyed. We are indeed fortunate that this year's lecture, again at the Institution of Civil Engineers, One George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA but on **3rd December 2009**, will be given by the World famous heart surgeon, Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub.

Sir Magdi Habib Yacoub, FRS (Arabic: يعقوب حبيب مجدي) is Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Imperial College London. He was involved in the first UK heart transplant in 1980, carried out the first UK live lobe lung transplant and went on to perform more transplants than any other surgeon in the world. The son of a surgeon, Sir Magdi studied at Cairo University and qualified as a doctor in 1957. He reportedly said he decided to specialise in heart surgery after an aunt died of heart disease in her early 20s. He moved to Britain in 1962, and later taught at The University of Chicago. He became a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at Harefield Hospital in 1973. Having retired from performing surgery in 2001 at the age of 65, Sir Magdi continues to act as a high profile consultant and ambassador for the benefits of transplant surgery. He is also notable for saving many lives by pioneering a technique for 'switching' the heart vessels of babies born with a congenital heart defect, which means they are the wrong way round. In 1995 he founded the charity Chain of Hope in the UK. This charity aims to provide children suffering from life-threatening disease with the corrective surgery and treatment to which they do not have access.

The Society is fortunate that Sir Magdi, despite many pressing commitments, will be giving this important lecture and is keen that the evening is well attended; so do please invite any friends and colleagues who might be interested. The doors open at 6:30 pm, to be followed by a drinks reception after the lecture.

Yours sincerely,
Noel Rands, Honorary Secretary

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I /we shall be able to attend Sir Magdi Yacoub's lecture on 3rd December 2009 at 6:30 pm for 7pm.

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