

# Congrès AMHE Discours principal

CONGRÈS ANNUEL AMHE

Nous prenons grand plaisir à partager avec vous le texte du Discours Principal prononcé par le docteur Ducarmel Augustin au gala de clôture du 51e Congrès Annuel de l'Association. Nous espérons que allez revivre avec nous ce moment fort de notre existence en tant qu' association. Nous vous en remercions.  
L'éditeur

Dear Dr Roosevelt Clerismé, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and members of the board,

Dear Dr Rony Jean-Mary , President of the Central Executive Committee of the Association and members of the committee,

Dear Dr. Yves Manigat, President of AMHE Foundation ,

Mrs. Raymonde Fabienne Sajous , Haitian ambassador to Guatemala,

Members of the 2024 Convention Committee ,

Distinguished guests ,

Dear colleagues and friends ,

I am humbled but honored as I stand before you tonight to deliver the AMHE 51st Annual Convention Keynote Speech. My heartfelt thanks go to the President of the Central Executive Committee of AMHE, Dr Rony Jean-Marie and his committee for their kind invitation.

AMHE, the French acronym of Haitian Medical Association Abroad took birth in New York in August 1972. Then , a group of Haitian Physicians in training at Harlem Hospital , led by Dr Lionel Lainé , created AMHE , Association des Médecins Haitiens à l' Étranger , which is today the oldest professional organization outside the motherland.

The primary goal of AMHE was to regroup the Haitian Physicians scattered over the world as Chapters to better organize their professional lives and work together to improve the health of our community.

Ce pari a-t-il été gagné?

What did AMHE have done over the years?

Over the years , the association has imprinted its footmarks and expended its borders from New York to Boston , from Philadelphia to Chicago , from Montreal to Miami , bringing the most needed medical care to the underserved fellow citizens.

To the newly arriving physicians from Haiti , basic courses in medicine, biochemistry, anatomy , physiology etc.. have been offered to help them better prepared for their board exam.

AMHE has also helped the Haitian physicians master the English language , going through the residency program, passing their specialty board and State board exams, and opening their private practices. Both here in the US, and Canada and in the Caribbean, Haitian physicians have offered and continue to offer free medical services to our brothers and sisters, answering to the call of founding fathers.

AMHE has helped as well in the reconstruction of the “ Cafeteria des étudiants “ de la Faculté de Médecine et de Pharmacie d’Haiti and in providing a daily hot meal to the less fortunate students, thanks to an annual fundraising led by Dr Fritz Apollon.

Another patent exemple of AMHE past and ongoing involvement is what we commonly called the “ Dr. Paul Nacier Program “ which consists of flying medical residents from the motherland Haiti into the US and Canada to help them improve their medical knowledge and education . This at no cost to them!

We ought to be thankful and grateful to our founding fathers Drs. Lionel Lainé, Laurent Pierre Philippe , Emmanuel François , Roger Dérosena, Wesner Fleurant, Remy Obas et cie qui ont porté l’ association sur les fonds baptismaux.

Plus près de nous, il y a aussi toute cette pléiade de membres qui continuent d’œuvrer jour après jour avec passion pour rendre l’ association plus forte.

I would like to mention 2 names:

Dr Éric L Jérôme who has been at the helm of the Scientific committee for the past 20 years and as such had brought to the congress top notch speakers and delivered to the participants much needed CMEs for their licence renewal.

Dr Fritz Apollon who for 15 years has been in charge of the fundraising for the “Cafétéria des étudiants de la Faculté de Médecine et de Pharmacie de l’ Univversité d’ Etat d’ Haiti. “ His passion was rewarding, raising more than \$ 15000 a year for this program into the coffers of the association. The leadership should revive this program as soon as possible.

These two members Drs. Jerome and Appllon are role models and have proven their Passion for the Association. Dr Elizabeth Philippe, the chairperson of the convention a été probablement infectée par leur énergie contagieuse en délivrant un congrès plus que réussi. Nous disons à elle et à toutes et à tous du comite du congrès : MERCI pour un congrès vraiment mémorable .

Dear colleagues,

Have AMHE done enough in the past?  
Let be proactive instead.  
Let look at the road ahead.

What is the challenge for AMHE in the years to come?

A lot has been done.  
Still a lot needs to be done.

Revitalisation of the dormant chapters is a must.  
Involvement in Comprehensive heath care system in motherland is incontournable  
Heath care for all  
Vaccination for all  
Preventive Care medicine for all.  
We need better equipped and more functional clinics and hospitals.  
So infantile mortality, maternal death , unnecessary death due to lack of care can be drastically curtailed.

This new crop of Haitian physicians who graduated in the States , Canada , Europe , Latin America , the Caribbean that we have seen during this convention should get more involved in the delivery of medical care in Haiti.

This prestigious group of talented physicians who presented state of the art lectures at our annual convention should be included in the curriculum of a much needed new Healthcare module for Haiti.

AMHE needs to revitalise its chapters. We need the involvement of our new and younger physicians to tackle the challenges to come.

Delivery of healthcare is rapidly evolving, and Haiti cannot miss the boat.

This is our sincere wish that with the help of all of us, his sons and daughters Haiti will survive.

We shall continue to cultivate our love for our AMHE, be passionate about the Association and Haiti , our motherland , so future members will inherit from us a much stronger and healthier AMHE.

Vive Haiti Thomas ,  
Long life Haiti chérie !

Merci  
Thank you

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Immediate past chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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