

## **Prof. Sonia HAMMAMI, MD**

A pioneer geriatrician in Tunisia that worked as **Professor A of Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine** at the Faculty of Medicine, National graduate School for science and technology of health; University of Monastir. Currently the Chairman of this Department.

Dr Hammami did training in University V Segalen Bordeaux Epidemiology and Medical Statistics . She also obtained a diploma in Internal Medicine and did training in Internal Medicine as clinical assistant in Pitié Salpêtrière Hospital (University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris). It span public health, family and Internal Medicine, and concluded by intensive training in geriatrics through a combined program between Tunisia and Belgium, she completed a Diploma in gerontology.

Her working experience includes working in academic and governmental organizations. She is a consultant for the government on the health care for the elderly program ,at the same time she is a short term consultant with the United Nations Population Fund, and WHO.

Dr Hammami research focuses on on Alzheimer's disease, metabolic disorders in the elderly. She is also involved in epidemiological research and many transcultural studies in gerontology.

She founded the Geriatric Certificate, University of Monastir with the help of dedicated staff. **Currently she is the chairperson of Tunisian Geriatric Association.**

Dr Hammami is a member of a number of committees including the Coordinating Committee of the Tunisian group (Ministry of health) to develop gerontological and geriatric education. At the same time she is a member of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Member Board of MEAMA (Middle East Academy of medicine of Aging), College of Internal Medicine, Tunisian Alzheimer Disease Association..

Finally, she had an extensive list of publications, book chapters, and large number of published abstracts. She had participated in large number of International meeting and has organized some of them in Tunisia.