



Upon the invitation of IDRAAC, Professor Hagop Akiskal, the director of the International Mood Center, San Diego, USA and the Chief Editor of the Journal of Affective Disorders participated in the Burning Issues in Psychiatry Congress which was held in Beirut on October 27- 28, 2011 at Phoenicia Hotel Beirut, Lebanon.

The President of the Republic of Lebanon, General Michel Sleiman awarded Professor Akiskal, who is of Lebanese origin and one of the leading psychiatrists worldwide, the Medal of Health Merit of the first (golden) degree. Health Minister Ali Hassan Khalil awarded Akiskal the medal during the opening ceremony of the congress.

During this congress, world experts, including Lebanese figures of international fame, addressed the issue of bipolar disorders and temperament.