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Substantial affirmative evidence is currently available to demonstrate that Scam Master Artists and fraudsters (SMAF) have ripped off my borrowed money of \$200 posing as conference organizers. I also have doubt about what I think are the same or similar SMAF people posing as open access journal's (OAJ) Editors/Publishers in order to steal the article processing charge (APC) that has to paid later after acceptance. The objective of this article is to warn conference, congress and summit invited speakers, delegates and attendees as SMAF get away with the registration fees after offering you a discount or even full sponsorship calling you an eminent speaker. Having got hold of your registration money, the fraudsters vanish without a trace. You cannot find the web site (where I paid the money). They will not answer your emails or calls no more. They are after your money only. The damage of their crime on genuine OAJ remains unknown. The OAJ should beware too and do something about it. The idea of this article came to mind and was written after reporting this article last year [1].

My first experience with conference organizers was back in 1992 which I think was a con too. I paid \$1200 as registration fees to the organizers, handed personally to the president of the conference by my wife. I thought this was a chance to let peers know about my new discoveries on which 2 abstracts were accepted for the Cairo Urological Conference [2,3] reported as articles recently [1,4-6]. I said to myself: "There must be some interested audience there who may take notice of my new discoveries [1,5,6]". Both abstracts were oral presentations. One presentation was on Volumetric Overload Shocks (VOS), reported recently in OAJ that do not show up on PubMed Search Engine [5,6] but all my articles show on Google Scholars. The second was on the link between loin pain hematuria syndrome (LPHS) and symptomatic nephroptosis (SN) reported recently [7]. Both discoveries have been recently reported as scientific discoveries in physiology and medicine [8], again in OAJ not listed in PubMed, hence remain invisible to most fellow peer researchers.

The reasons I handed my wife the financial responsibility of the family is that she has more sense than me with money matter, and I wanted to concentrate on my research business. There is also a scam story behind my decision to hand over all my property and money, so I do not deal with money at all neither give nor take; and I have no credit cards either. Except for once a week outing to see friends at a local social club for which I get some pocket money, and having given up driving as well, I no longer want to deal with money either ways. I live much like Grandee or rather like mahatma Gandhi now, content with plate of food/day, lots of tea and cigarettes. The side effects I am suffering now from this regime are: COPD, insomnia, constipation and obesity but stupidly I cannot give up any of my bad habits. At the age of 71 the risk of cancer is already there but does not worry me as it has not happened yet and most unlikely it may. I am dedicated only to my scientific reading and writing and research on scientific medical issues. So, I do not have desire or need to collect millions from anybody or source, hence SMAF cannot excite, entice or lure me with their millions of dollars anymore. I also do not have any conflict of interest, neither money nor career wise, to worry about weather declared or not in future articles to editors of medical journals.

Back to my story with Cairo conference in 1992, the presentation was based on the article reported in BJU in 1990 [9]. I went full of hope and excitement to be a little disappointed finding my two abstracts to be the last on the conference book!? I said perhaps I joined in

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the last minute. I went and had a look at the room where I shall be delivering my oral presentation just 5 minutes before start time. Nobody was there. Most of the attendees were walking home before I started!? I started to get worried and quickly I asked 3 friends of mine to attend my presentation who were there in the conference and were the only audience for my presentation. I think none of the conference attendees knew about my presentations as it was only printed in the copy of the conference book I received!

Before my presentation I meet for the first and last time my correspondence friend Professor Robert Hahn from Sweden [10]. You may hear and know about him in the future, perhaps as a Noble Prize winner for a career life achievements of massive contributions in medical research with publication of > 400 articles. I say that as prediction as he is not even nominated yet. In a fair world I deserve this prize this year for my career life achievements of 15 new scientific discoveries in physics, physiology and medicine [11] with publication of >100 articles and 6 published books, but self-nomination is not allowed. I most humbly request that all scholars peers of professors and doctors in science, physiology and medicine to nominate me for this year's award. This prize is not offered to a deserved candidate after his death and at my age of 71-years there is not much time left to go. I have previously won Princess Alice Memorial Award Eastbourne, UK 1988, the best presentation award and Winner of X-ray Quiz in 1999 in Saudi Arabia.

Both Robert Hahn and I communicated by email since our articles [9,10] appeared side by side at the British Journal of Urology 1990 (BJU) then and International to become BJUI now. We had the same interest of investigating a clinical condition named the transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) syndrome that evolved to volume kinetic shock or volumetric overload shocks (VOS) as complication of fluid therapy [12].

The TURP syndrome is a condition induced by gaining large volume of sodium-free fluid overloading the cardiovascular system and the interstitial fluid space. The fluid of 1.5% Glycine used as irrigating fluid gets absorbed during the TURP surgery but intravenous infusion of 5% Glucose contributes to it. It has a characteristic severe drop of serum sodium level causing acute dilution hyponatraemia (HN) with severe clinical symptoms affecting all vital organs causing the multiple organ dysfunction syndromes (MODS), or the acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). The TURP syndrome starts by presenting with shock to anesthetists and surgeons in theatre. By next morning it presents with coma, convulsion and paralysis to physicians, neurologists and ICU specialists. The HN is < 120 mmol/l. We, Robert Hahn and I, became good friends but no correspondence after our hello-goodbye meeting in Cairo till Robert Hahn got in touch in Feb. 2020 after I sent him some of my articles as it does not show on PubMed and he was unaware of my contributions to the field of interest to us both.

We agreed to meet in Cairo in 1992 where he came to give oral presentation on the TURP syndrome at the same mentioned above Urology Conference [9]. Although one of 2 of my presentations was on the same subject, I called the TURP syndrome Hypo-osmotic Shock then but latter rectified and called it appropriately VOS, reported many years later as volume kinetic shock or VOS [5,6,12] as based on statistical significance of volumetric overload with p = 0.0007 and osmolality p = 0.02. I was so excited by this discovery of mine eagerly awaiting to see Robert so I can share with him about not only VOS but also the discovery of the G tube that has just been fully reported in an OAJs after repeated rejection by all top Science, Physics, physiology and medical journals around [1]. To my disappointment I checked for publications on PubMed under my name "Ghanem AN", I was horrified when got (0) returned. Only the old previously reported 24 articles before 2013 in closed access PubMed list of journals were found. I realized that my articles remain invisible to the peers of medical scientific community; hence I sent Robert a sample in full text PDF format and full list of my articles in reference format.

I tried to show Robert Hahn the G tube and wanted to let him know all about it but he shunned it down then. He wrote in an email recently in January 2020 saying he is most impressed. Out of disappointment, upset, and embarrassment I felt during my presentation at The Urology Conference in 1992 in Cairo I had a frozen mind during my presentation. I just could not stop talking while the chairman was shouting at me to stop. The chairman and committee walked out of the room and left me behind still talking until I finished 2 minutes later. I was most upset also by the wasted 1200 Dollars plus the cost of travel and hotel accommodation that was a lot of money 30 years ago. I went up to my hotel room and cried. This is how I gained the immunity against any farther rejections that followed. All of my >100

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articles reported since 2016 till now have been accepted and reported by OAJs after being rejected by all top Science, Physics, Physiological, Medical, Urological and Surgical top rated journals. I said happily to myself OAJs came to risqué me. Now these articles have also been reported in 6 published books [12-17] plus 2 other books that remain unpublished.

My first encounter with SMAF was in also 1992 while I was working in Najran, Saudi Arabia as Consultant Urologist Surgeon. After buying a new computer with Internet connection and using an email with Hotmail an...@hotmail.com. This email has been stolen by internet criminals who changed my password so I no longer can I access it. Even Microsoft could do nothing about it! The account is lost forever. The scam professional sent me an email that said there is a box full of Dollars and Gold in Dubai waiting for me to collect. Stupidly, as I had the usual need and greed then, I nearly fallen for the scam and wanted to go to Dubai but thanks to my wife Nannah who saved me. I did not go and told them 3 people working together to get stuffed with the money and gold. Soon I learned about a young man from my home town El-Mansoura in Egypt who went to an African country in order to collect the box full of Dollars and Gold. He was kidnapped and the criminal SMAF demanded ransom of \$100,000 from his family. His father had to pay in order to release him.

Another friend of mine who was a Consultant Obstetrics and Gynecology died of a heart attack being most upset and coerced by losing \$70,000 to the SMAF. At the time of editing and updating this article on June 12 - 20th, 2021 4 stories related to scam and fraud occurred in my home town El-Mansoura, Egypt. One involved the tragic murder of a18-year old girl who went out over 10 days ago and has not returned home. She was communicating secretly with scammers over the Internet who lured her to go to them where they kidnapped her for a ransom of \$50,000 demanded from her family. The family paid the money 5 days ago against the police's advice who wanted the mobile calls to continue to detect the fraudsters' location and arrest them. She has not been released and now feared murdered. A close family relative of the murdered girl who is currently painting our kitchen has just informed me that there are other 3 identical stories of 2 girls and one boy that happened during the last 20 days in El-Mansoura, Egypt. The boy's body has been found murdered and the other 2 girls are feared murdered too. There are other 10 cases being investigated in a nearby police station. I hope the policemen, who now has the mobile number and the bank account where the cash was paid, will catch the criminals, take them to court where they should get an execution sentence by hanging. It is believed that the gang is part of international operating criminals.

The 2nd story concerns this currently circulating email that has been repeatedly landing in my spam folder. When I told my wife about it she affirmatively said it is a scam and fraud. I can also affirm that as based on the following 2 emails, one received and one sent as reply.

"Dear Delegate,

There is a summit taking place from August 9th to 14th 2021 in Dallas Texas USA, the conference is being organized by The Global Health and Social Rights Foundation and it is our pleasure to invite you.

The theme of the conference is "The impact of covid-19, human trafficking, political instability and immigration ban on economic growth". The sponsors of this event shall cover your round-trip flight tickets from your country to the USA and back to your country and we shall also provide visa assistance with the U.S Embassy in your country of residence. The hotel accommodation booking cost will be your responsibility.

Please contact the conference secretariat for more information and registration for participation: ghsrf.contact@zohomail.com

Respectfully Yours,

Dr. Joyce Carter,

Program Coordinator. ffibanco@ua.es"

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I replied to the 3 copies of the email above by sending he following email to which I have not received an acknowledgement or reply, affirming it is scam and fraud:

"Dear Dr. Joyce Carter

Thank you for the invitation to speak at your conference.

It would be a great delight and honor to speak at your conference but the USA is exhaustingly far away to travel for me and the cost of hotel accommodation I cannot afford.

Would you like me to join you as Webinar presenter so I can send you at least 2 abstracts on subjects most suitable for your conference attached here? (The titles of the articles are shown below [18,19]). Or, would you sponsor me for all the cost to attend and I shall bear the hardship of travelling to the Dallas, Texas, USA on your invitation?

Kind regards.

My recent encounters with general scammers were via emails but never paid any money until lately for research purposes. Examples of SMAF stories are: A man or woman who says he works for a bank that holds an account with 10.3 million that belong to a man who was killed with entire family in an airplane crash, sent as an email. The deceased may have a similar or different surname to mine, and the fraudster banker promises to help to recover it as next of kin for a 50:50 benefit. When they asked for 3,200 dollars in order to reactivate the bank account that belongs to me I refused to pay. Another example came from a widow whose husband died and she is about to die with cancer and she has 5.6 million she wants you to donate to charities to help the orphans and poor in my country and she needs my help. Intrigued by them having so much money for me in my bank account, how will they ask for other money from me, I went along with some correspondence. They created a fake web site with account of my name that holds the funds of \$5.6 million displayed as "Inactive" imitating Mandiri Bank in Indonesia. They wanted \$840 USA Dollars for a 0.015% taxes on the funds of \$5.6 million for re-activation, I said to one of the two SMAF acting as a banker to either take the money they want from the account held by them or to lend it to me from his bank to repay it later with interest as I have no money. I never heard from them again. The genuine reputable Mandiri bank replied to my email affirming it as fraud. Many more examples will be presented in the second of this series of 3 articles. Hopefully with a few more articles, it should complete my next future book on: "Money, Fraud, and Stupidity".

Back to my experience with conferences, I attended a cardiovascular conference in London in March 2017, when I was sponsored by my wife Nannah and daughter Salma. There were 6 people in the audience room. That was an improvement to what I faced in Cairo 1992! I was disappointed again but my daughter Salma was annoyed for the spent money on registration fees and travel. I declined to go for a conference in Japan, USA and other countries since. The last Conference will cost me \$200 reduced registration fees after telling the organizers about my financial difficulty. The last ever conference I shall attend on the family's expense will be a "Scholars World Heart Summit" held by Scholars conferences in London 13 - 14 July 2020, when I shall deliver 2 presentations on the subjects of VOS and G tube. After negotiations, I shall also be paying the registration fees of \$200 only on arrival to the event not before. This conference was cancelled because of Covid-19 pandemic. The |American Urological Association of Urologists have ripped me of \$75 that has not been refunded after cancellation due to Covid-19 in 2020. This \$75 was demanded just to consider the abstract!

The above reported experience with SMAF and OAJ is education to all interested people to beware of scam masters fraudsters after authors' loss of money and threatening to destroy open OAJ reputation. All authors and OAJs should write a feedback on PubMed to tell them to place OAJ on the search engine. That is the only way to recover my buried alive >100 article which, are a lifetime efforts on contributions to scientific physics, physiological and medical research. All those concerned together with OAJ should send feedback to PubMed on the website making your complaint about it.

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As far as I am concerned I do not particularly want anybody's millions, hence it does not excite and lure me anymore whether donated by genuine kind hearted people that want to give their money for charity or scammers who use it to extort money from people. If I get a million or more I cannot think of a better way to spend it other than charity on needy children and orphans, on friends and acquaintances who are poor, needy and in debt and to satisfy my legitimate inheritors' for securing happier lives. Hence, when ventured into investigating scam and fraud deliberately and intentionally I have been fully protected and prepared.

I believe the money I have spent on researching this subject is justified and well spent though unfortunately it might have gone to a possible scammer. The results of this research will be published in 2 further forthcoming articles. The 2nd article is titled: "Internet Scam War on Humanity: What can be done about it and how to beat the fraudsters on their own game? The second title is: "Scam and Fraud the Problem and the Solution, can it be eradicated? Is this lady a scammer or savior, and is Nigeria Africa the World capital of scam?

Surprise, surprise the conclusion and results of my investigations on SMAF indicate that there is a very simple solution to the huge Internet pandemic scam and fraud problem: All methods of payment that depend on Pay In Advance (PIA) should change to Pay On Delivery (POD). A clear leader genuine remarkable retailer business is souk.com in Egypt that is a subsidiary of the international amazon.com. The scheme for payment by POD should extend to be adopted by all money's genuine offering organizations, authorities, banks, retailers and individual donators as well as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) of Africa for International fraud victims and in the USA for Americans only should follow and use POD. This should get the approval and cooperation of the United Nations (UN), the FBI, and the scam fighting authorities in the UK and all over the World. All should implement POD and abandon PIF on collecting its fees, expenses, legal dues and taxes...etc. This PIA is the loophole scammers and fraudsters use for getting people to part with their money. Scam and fraud can be eradicated in this world as SMAF cannot do that and will not accept POD- as they have nothing to deliver in the first place. My research results and conclusion indicates that I have won this solo self-financed war against SMAF assault on humanity as I did in another scientific medical war that aimed at eradicating ARDS. These are my charity contributions to humanity.

Stay safe from Covid-19 and SMAF.

Important Addendum

Most of the genuine reputable banks do not display an email on its web site that allow sending or responding to them by an email with attachments that are necessary for investigating and reporting a possible SMAF. The emails they use are "no reply" and unattended emails that returns any email I send them. That is absurd and stupid and has been most annoying and dismaying to me.

I strongly recommend that all banks should change such absurd and obscured practice into one that allow victims of scams to report their stories with it substantial evidence of supportive documents as email attachments.

Among the UK most reputable banks that I have not been able to communicate with them via emails that are non-existing are my own bank NatWest and Santander (that acquired Alliance Leicester Bank) with whom I need to report 3 possible SCAM stories with evidence that can only be sent as attachments. Please, rectify this serious defect immediately. Anyone who may be able to find such usable emails for any bank may kindly send the copy of this article and please, let me know.

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