

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

NEWS RELEASE

DR. HAROUTUNE ARMENIAN IS APPOINTED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF AUA

The Board of Trustees of the American University of Armenia Corporation in Oakland, California, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia, announces the appointment of Dr. Haroutune Armenian as president-elect of the American University of Armenia (AUA). He will assume his responsibilities effective January 1, 1997.

Dr. Armenian is Professor of Epidemiology and Director of the Master of Public Health Program at Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health, in Baltimore, Maryland. He has held these positions since 1988. Prior to joining the faculty of Johns Hopkins University he was Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Through an agreement with the Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Armenian has also served as the Coordinator of the Public Health studies program at the American University of Armenia since 1993. He developed the curriculum of the Master of Public Health program and has been the academic leader and administrator of this very important department at AUA.

Dr. Armenian has an M.D. (1968) from the American University of Beirut and a Dr.P.H. (1974) from the Johns Hopkins University. He is a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology and member of the American Public Health Association as well as other scientific societies. In 1993, he was appointed to the Scientific Advisory Board of the National Institute of Health of Armenia. He is the editor of the American Journal of Epidemiology and author of more than 60 scientific papers.

As president of AUA, Dr. Armenian will be the chief executive officer of the university and an ex-officio member of the Board of the AUA Corporation in the United States and the AUA Board in Armenia.

The Board of Trustees believes that Dr. Armenian's intimate knowledge of Armenia's needs in education and research, and his experience in Lebanon and in the United States, will uniquely qualify him to lead the next phase of the university's service to Armenia and the surrounding region.

The AUA Corporation Board of Trustees took further action in appointing the founding president, Dr. Mihran Agbabian, as President Emeritus of the university, effective January 1, 1997, and a member of its Board of Trustees.

The University of California, with whom AUA is affiliated, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, the founding sponsor of the university, and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia welcome Dr. Armenian as AUA's second president and wish him well as he undertakes this responsible position.
