

## IOF WORLD CONGRESS ON OSTEOPOROSIS Opening Ceremony - June 2, 2006

### Transcript of the speech of Her majesty Queen Rania of Jordan, IOF Patron



Bismillah irahman irahim  
Ahlan Wa Sahlan

Professor Delmas, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and  
Gentlemen, Good morning.

It is a pleasure to join you from Jordan and add my voice  
to another landmark World Congress on Osteoporosis.

As a doctor's daughter, I know that the medical  
profession is full of challenges. But I often think that the  
challenges all of you are facing, are greater than most.  
The disease you are fighting has few visible symptoms.  
There are no rashes, no coughs, no headaches – which is

why so many people take strong and healthy bones for granted until it is too late; until  
bones break, pains cripples, disability limits daily life.

At IOF, you are leaders in bringing this hidden disease to light. As a backbone in the  
fight against osteoporosis your vision, knowledge, research, and resolute spirit combine  
to provide a prescription of hope for patients and potential patients of all ages and all  
backgrounds around the world.

By increasing understanding on osteoporosis, spearheading for medical research,  
lobbying for changes in legislation, you are ensuring that people across all segments of  
society and in every country, can become bone-aware.

As they do, the chances of them and their families living happy, healthy and productive  
lives, multiply.

Thank you for continuing to rise up to the challenge of osteoporosis; and for striving for  
a world without broken bones; where all citizens stand straight and strong and safe.

I wish you all a successful conference with even greater insights and milestones.  
Thank you very much.

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