

Eng. Dana Kamal selected as Global Leader of the Year in Healthcare Engineering & Life Safety by IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Eng. Dana Kamal at their Annual Awards Gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is proud to announce that [Eng. Dana Kamal](#), who has been leading the International Development[DK2.1] of NFPA in MENA, has been selected as [DK3.1]Global Leader of the Year in Healthcare Engineering & Life Safety for 2026. This prestigious honor recognizes her exceptional leadership, outstanding achievements in healthcare engineering, unwavering commitment to advancing fire and life safety, and her lasting impact on healthcare infrastructure and public safety across the Middle East and North Africa.

Inclusion with the International Association of Top Professionals is an honor in itself; only a few members in each discipline are chosen for this distinction. These special honorees are recognized based on their professional accomplishments, academic achievements, leadership abilities, longevity in the field, affiliations, and contributions to their industries and communities. She will be honored for this distinction at IAOTP's annual [awards gala](#) at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York City this December. www.iaotp.com/award-gala

With more than 20 years of professional experience, Eng. Kamal has established herself as one of the region's foremost experts in healthcare engineering, facilities management, business development, and life safety. Dana has been leading the International Development of NFPA in MENA [DK4.1]), she leads strategic regional initiatives that promote the adoption of internationally recognized fire protection, building, and life safety codes and standards throughout the Middle East and North Africa. Working closely with Government Authorities, regulatory agencies, healthcare organizations, and industry leaders, she champions policies and



training and education solutions for professionals[DK5.1] that protect lives, strengthen healthcare infrastructure, and improve public safety.

A key milestone in her career was playing an instrumental role in establishing NFPA's first International Regional Office in the MENA region, significantly expanding the organization's global presence[DK6.1] and building successful strategical partnerships with Government and Private Key industry players in the region setting the foundation for a sustainable relationship that helps promoting culture of safety and emergency preparedness for safer communities. Through her leadership, she has cultivated strategic partnerships, strengthened stakeholder engagement, and advanced the implementation of internationally recognized

life safety standards, helping organizations throughout the region improve resilience, regulatory compliance, and operational excellence. Her innovative business development strategies have also contributed to significant regional growth while fostering collaboration between government agencies, healthcare institutions, and industry stakeholders.

Prior to joining NFPA, Eng. Kamal spent more than a decade with Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, where she served as Senior Manager of Facilities Systems & Programs Support. She played an integral role in supporting one of the region's premier healthcare institutions from construction and commissioning through full operational readiness. She successfully developed and implemented numerous hospital-wide initiatives, including Fire-Life Safety, Emergency Preparedness, Business Continuity, Hospital Occupancy, Wayfinding, Asset Management, Facilities Training, and Utility Systems Management programs while collaborating with government authorities to uphold the highest international healthcare and safety standards[DK7.1], And was a instrumental in the operations team, in achieving the Joint Commission International JCI - hospital accreditation.

Earlier in her distinguished career, Eng. Kamal held leadership positions with Emaar Healthcare, Dubai Healthcare City, and Gulf Medical Equipment Company, overseeing clinical engineering operations, biomedical engineering projects, healthcare facility development, commissioning, and one of the UAE's largest Hospital Information System (HIS) Project (WAREED) implementation projects connecting more than 13 government hospitals and over 80 ambulatory care centers.



Before embarking on her career, Eng. Dana Kamal earned a Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering from Ajman University and a Master's Degree in Healthcare Management from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). She further strengthened her expertise by completing Cornell University's Healthcare Facilities Planning and Design Program, earning a Certified Executive Director Diploma, and obtaining certifications in NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, Healthcare Safety, Emergency Management, and Fire Safety through the International Board of Certification of Safety Managers (IBFCSM). She is also an active member of the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) and the American Hospital Association (AHA).

Throughout her illustrious career, Eng. Kamal has received numerous awards and accolades and has been recognized worldwide for her outstanding contributions to healthcare engineering, fire and life safety, and international business development. She has been nominated as a Women Trailblazer in Security and Fire Safety and was recognized as a Highly Commended Award Winner at the prestigious Intersec Dubai Awards 2024.

In 2025, Dana was nominated for 2 distinguished awards, Global 200 Women Power leaders 2025 - as a profound influence and exceptional achievement in the industry and the region, by White Pages International - UK, which was held in Leadership conclave in Riyadh in Sep. 2025 and, in Nov. 2025 as a Distinguished Leader in Fire and Life Safety Innovation - by Prime Awards in Dubai - UAE for her commitment to the leading innovation in the industry and the region. This year, she will be considered for inclusion in TIP (Top Industry Professionals) Magazine. In December, she will be honored at IAOTP's annual awards gala at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York City, where she will receive the prestigious Global Leader of the Year in Healthcare Engineering & Life Safety award.

Stephanie Cirami, President of IAOTP, stated, "Selecting Eng. Dana Kamal for this recognition was an easy decision for our panel. She is an exceptional leader whose expertise, vision, and dedication have elevated healthcare engineering and life safety standards throughout the MENA region. Her commitment to innovation, collaboration, and protecting lives has made a lasting impact on the industry. We are honored to welcome her to IAOTP and celebrate her achievements at this year's awards gala."

Looking toward the future, Eng. Kamal remains committed to advancing healthcare engineering, promoting international fire and life safety standards, and fostering strategic partnerships that strengthen healthcare systems and protect communities worldwide. Her passion for innovation, excellence, and public service continues to inspire professionals across the globe while helping shape a safer future for healthcare facilities and the communities they serve.

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IAOTP's experts have recognized and credentialed thousands of top-tier professionals worldwide, helping them strengthen their personal brands and expand their influence. The organization prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique network that handpicks only the most exceptional individuals and brings them together on a premier platform designed to foster meaningful connections and professional growth. IAOTP remains one of the most elite and highly respected professional recognition organizations in the world.

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