

ESANA Newsletter

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Breaking News

ESANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROACHING FAST:

ESANA GA for the union year 2007 will be held at the Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau, Washington DC from January 18-21, 2008. All applications from unit representatives have been granted. ESANA President sent invitation letters to representatives from Canada in a timely manner to get their US visa. *Additional information about the GA Preparation can be found in page 7*

AFTERMATH IN BANGLADESH:

ESANA EC and project managers on behalf of the entire ESANA family share sympathy with the Bangladesh government for their loss resulted from the devastating cyclone hit their country few days ago. Cyclone Sidr has left behind a trail of devastation affecting the lives of at least 4 million people, and leaving a path of damaged houses, uprooted trees, destroyed schools, flattened crops, dead livestock, contaminated streams and ponds, and disrupted road links. The storm left more than 3,000 dead – a number that rises with every passing hour. ESANA EC is encouraging ESANA members to help relieving the suffering of the people affected by the cyclone through donations via the legitimate donating organizations.

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ESANA News at A Glance

- The English version of the ESANA constitution, after the last GA approval in January 2007, was prepared by the ERS project manager, Tamer Awad, and will be posted to the ESANA website soon.
- The ESANA EC and project managers prepared two stances about the Egyptian workers strikes and the water pollution problem in Egypt. The ESANA president, Mohamed Ibrahim, wrote the two stances and after the approval of the EC and PMs, they were faxed it to both the Egyptian president and the Egyptian pre minister.
- The ESANA president, on behalf of ESANA EC and PMs, sent congratulations letters to the ESANA members, the ECEB's in Washington DC and Montreal and the Egyptian embassies in both the USA and Canada for the occasion of the blessed month of Ramadan and Eid El-Fetr.
- ESANA president sent the invitation letters for the next GA in ECEB at Washington DC from January 18-21, 2008 to Dr. Hany Hilal, Dr.

Ahmed Khairy and the cultural counselors in the ECEB's in Washington DC and Montreal to attend the meeting.

- The GA meeting agenda was prepared by the ERS project manager and modified by the ESANA's EC. The meeting agenda will be posted to the ESANA website soon.
- The ESANA EC and project managers agreed on the proposal offered by the ERS manger for ESANA website automation. The project, when finished should facilitate many aspects of daily activities of ESANA including, member registration and members data base, membership fees collection, application to social fund benefits, online units election and many more. This project will be accomplished on four consecutive phases with anticipated completion date before the next GA. EC has appointed Engineer Yasser Soliman to be the automation project executing engineer and he already finished phase 1, in the mean time phase 2 will be done shortly.
- The ERS project manager organized in cooperation with volunteered units' presidents, the establishment of the Egypt Day in their universities. Events dates were October 15 at University of West Virginia, November 10 at Colorado State University and November 13th at Purdue University. The events were enormous success.

Ramadan Contest Winners

ESANA EC and Project mangers would like to congratulate the following members for winning the first three places of ESANA's 2007 Ramadan Contest

1- **Mostafa Shahin**, Edmenton –AB, Canada (First Place, US\$100)

2- **Sherien Elagroudi**, Toronto-ON, Canada (Second Place, US\$75)

3-**Eman Abdou**, Montreal –QC, Canada (Third Place, US\$50)

The Contest was totally organized by ERS project manager, involving the preparation of the questions for three rounds, preparing the model answer, evaluating participants answers and announcing the winners. ESANA president mailed the checks and acknowledgement certificates to the winners.

Members' Achievements

ERS manger would like to extend sincere congratulations, on behalf of the ERS project, to ESANA member Lamia Youssef, who received the best paper award at a conference in Italy for one of her publications. Please, find the announcementposedather department home page here:

<http://www.cs.ucsb.edu/common/wordpress/?p=55>

Lamia's biography/ and photo. Can be found on

<http://www.cs.ucsb.edu/~lyouseff/Bio.htm>

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Units' Affairs Officer Report

The ESANA units' affairs officer established new units in Canada:

- Region of Montreal, Quebec:
- *McGill University*

The ESANA units' affairs officer established new units in the USA:

- Region of Arizona, Tempe:
- *Arizona State University*
- Region of Atlanta, Georgia:
- *Georgia Institute of Technology*
- Region of Kalamazoo, Michigan:
- *Western Michigan University*
- Region of Houston, Texas:
- *Rice University*

Social Officer Report

The ESANA EC and Project Mangers on behalf of ESANA family extend their sincere congratulations to these families for the birth of their children during the past year. We welcome all babies as new members in ESANA community and wish all of them a happy and prosperous life.

Name	Date of Birth	Unit
Mariam Tamer Samir Mohamed	10/22/2007	Raleigh, NC
Mohamed Ehab Ahmed	05/28/2007	Quebec
Yaseen Shaker	08/14/2007	New Found Land, Ca
Omar Ehab Ahmed	06/22/2007	West Virginia
Khdiya Mohamed Abd Allah	09/10/2007	Quebec
Hossameldeen Farag Ibrahim	06/21/2007	Pennsylvania

Science Officer Report

- 16 new members were registered online for sharing in the ESANA newsgroup.
- 29 messages were processed through the members e-mail list. Most of the messages received were forwarded to the members list and 13 campaigns were launched through the news e-mail list and statistics were calculated.
- September Poll: “The responsible of the drink water crises in Egypt is:”
October Poll: “What do you think is the reason behind price increases for basic goods during Ramadan?”
November Poll: “Do you think that National Democratic Party elections result will lead to a change in the situation in Egypt?”

ESANA Projects at A Glance

- The 11th Book Campaign has been launched and will be also hosted by Birmingham unit, Alabama. The recipient university will be El-Fayoum University.

For books and periodicals donations please visit:-

http://esana.org/Projects/Book_Campaign/Book_Campaign.asp

- The SINA project manager collected and posted the following opportunities on the ESANA website 6 post-doctoral fellowships, 7 faculty or senior scientist positions.
- The SINA project manager received 12 requests, 7 of which had fellowships from the Missions Department in Egypt. 1 of the total applicants got confirmed acceptances.

For more information about ESANA's SINA project please visit:-

<http://esana.org/Projects/SINA/SINA.asp>

- The ERS project manager added 204 free online journals between 08/12/2007 and 11/16/2007, in addition to his other activities with ESANA mentioned cross over the news letter. The distribution of journals was as follows:
 - 11 journals in the field of Criminology
 - 37 journals in the field of History
 - 53 journals in the field of Geological Engineering
 - 103 journals in the field of Biology

For more information about ESANA's ERS project please visit:-

<http://esana.org/Projects/ERS/ERS.asp>

•ESANA VESA magazine project manager is preparing now for the second issue of the VESA magazine. He will print this issue by the end of December and he is still accepting the member contribution. The second issue will be distributed to the all ESANA active members.

<http://esana.org/Projects/VESA/VESA.asp>

- The ESA link project managers received four requests to help new comers to Canada and fifteen requests for the USA and he replied to all of them.

For more information about ESA Link Project please visit:-

http://esana.org/Projects/Esa_Link/Esa_Link.asp

- The Canadian book campaign project manager collected 175 (Average 1.5 C.Ft.) boxes. The campaign total amount reached 335 books/journals' boxes (Average 1.5 C.Ft.) currently in the warehouse.

For more information about ESA Link Project please visit:-

http://esana.org/Projects/Book_Campaign/Book_Campaign.asp

Announcements

*** ESANA General Assembly Meeting (GA 2007)**

GA meeting is scheduled to be held at the Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau (ECEB), Washington D.C., USA from January 18th to January 21th, 2008. Forty representatives are expected to attend the meeting representing the ESANA active units who filled the GA registration forms and paid the membership fees before application deadline of November 15, 2007. If you would like to report any problems facing ESANA members to be

discussed in the meeting, please send them as soon as possible to the social officer at: social@esana.org.

The GA theme session will address “How the USA and Canadian societies view the Egyptians and Arabs”. Egyptian and American counterparts will be invited to participate in this hot topic..

The GA meeting will discuss some suggested modifications to the current ESANA Bylaws. If you have any suggestions, please send it before December 18, 2007 to the following email addresses simultaneously:

president@esana.org, social@esana.org or treasurer@esana.org.

*** VESA Magazine**

- The second issue of the VESA magazine will be coming soon and we look forward to your participation. You may participate by submitting articles, comics, educational materials,..etc. Participation should follow ESANA publication rules that can be found in the ESANA constitution.

http://esana.org/About_us/Bylaws/ByLaws_Arabic%202007.pdf

Please send your contributions to vesamagazine@esana.org

You may reach us any time at these contact information

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