

# ESANA NEWSLETTER

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## Breaking News

### CHANGE IN ESANA EC:

Due to unforeseen circumstances related to his laboratory work, Ahmed Elyazbi was left with no choice except to resign from his position as ESANA president on 6/25/2007. The ESANA EC accepted Ahmed's resignation and thanked him for his efforts. ESANA EC wishes him all the best in his future career.

According to ESANA constitution, Mohamed Ibrahim, ESANA Vice-president took over the presidential responsibilities as the new ESANA president. The first runner up to the Vice-president position in the last election held in January 2007, Amin Akhnoukh, was appointed as ESANA Vice-president.

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## **ESANA News at A Glance**

- ESANA EC and Project Managers prepared 4 memos to Ministry of Higher Education to address the following concerns:-
  - To increase the travel preparation allowance for the new mission students
  - To increase the tax exemption for members who are returning to Egypt
  - The practical training for PhD graduates
  - To waive the teaching preparation courses upon returning to our posts in Egypt.
- ESANA EC hired new project managers for vacant positions. The new managers are Yasser Sherief for the Canada book campaign project and Ziad Aly for the ESA-Link project.
- The report for the 2007 Semi-Annual (SAM) meeting that was held at the ECEB in Montreal was prepared by the ERS project manager, Tamer Awad. The final draft of the report was approved by the ESANA EC and project managers. The SAM report will be posted on ESANA website soon.

## **Condolences**

- ESANA EC and Project Managers, on behalf of the entire ESANA family, would like to express their deep condolences to brother Tarek Hatem, the former ESANA science officer. Tarek's mother passed

away on July 2007. Tarek should receive ESANA's condolences letter after he returns to the USA.

- ESANA EC and Project Managers, on behalf of the entire ESANA family, would like to express their deep condolences to the death of brother Waleed Shaalan, during the tragic incidents that took place in Virginia Tech this year. ESANA has launched a fund raising campaign for the family of the deceased managed by ESANA social officer. A total of US\$ 2651.41 was the outcomes of this fund raise. The following is a breakdown of different unit's contributions. The check was already issued and sent to the ECEB Washington DC to be sent via Ministry of Foreign Affairs to his family in Egypt.

Unit	Donation in \$ US
Edmonton	1806.41
Auburn	675
Cincinnati	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>2651.41</b>

## Units' Affairs Officer Report

- The ESANA unit officer established new units in Canada:
  - Region of Toronto, Ontario:
    - Ryerson University Unit
  - Regions of Hamilton and Waterloo, Ontario (re-connecting units):
    - McMaster University Unit
    - University of Waterloo Unit
  - Region of St. John's, Newfoundland:
    - Memorial University Unit

- Region of Montreal, Quebec:
  - University of Montreal Unit
  - Concordia University Unit
  - McGill University Unit (under construction)
- The ESANA unit officer established new units in USA: DePaul University, Chicago IL., and New Orleans University, Louisiana.

## Social Officer Report

- The ESANA social officer issued certificates of appreciation to all those who donated books for US book campaign project.
- The Social officer also managed the fundraising campaign for the family of Waleed Shaalan, further details can be found on pages 2-3

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.

<i><b>Baby</b></i>	<i><b>Member</b></i>	<i><b>Unit</b></i>	<i><b>Birth Day</b></i>
<b>Nada</b>	Mohamed Farouk Mansour	Edmonton, Alberta	11/07/2006
<b>Rahma</b>	Mohamed Ibrahim Khalil	Buffalo, New York	12/06/2006
<b>Ahmed</b>	Mahmoud Kamel	Norfolk, Virginia	01/26/2007
<b>Noor</b>	Tamer Mahmoud	Birmingham, Alabama	03/26/2007
<b>Yusuf</b>	Tamer Mahmoud	Birmingham, Alabama	03/26/2007
<b>Yehia</b>	Ahmed Sameh Said	St. Louis, Kentucky	05/31/2007

## Science Officer Report

- The ESANA Science officer handled and updated the monthly poll.

- June Poll: “Do you agree on the manner that the Egyptian government used for handling the conflicts between Muslims and Christians in El-Aiyaat, Cairo?”
- July Poll: “The recent conflicts between Fatah and Hamas are due to:”
- August Poll: “Do you agree with the going trend in Egypt to criminalize the girls’ circumcision?”
- 22 new members were registered online for sharing in the ESANA newsgroup.
- 110 messages were processed through the members e-mail Most of the messages received were forwarded to the members list and 18 campaign launched through the news e-mail list

## **VESA Logo Contest Winner**

- Mr. George Beskales was the winner of the VESA magazine logo Contest. Mr Beskales received a certificate of appreciation and the award check of \$US 100.

## **Athletic Achievements**

- The ESANA EC and Project Managers extend their congratulation to the Egyptian Nation for achieving first place in the 9<sup>th</sup> African games held in Algeria. ESANA president wrote and sent the congratulation letter to the Minister of Youth and Sports.

## **ESANA Projects at A Glance**

- The 10<sup>th</sup> Book Campaign hosted by Birmingham, Alabama unit was sent to Mansoura University. The shipping expenses and warehouse

rentals for the entire year added up to 10,148.13. The total number of boxes shipped was 875 1 cu ft boxes.

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

For books and periodicals donations please visit:-

[http://esana.org/Projects/Book\\_Campaign/Book\\_Campaign.asp](http://esana.org/Projects/Book_Campaign/Book_Campaign.asp)

- The SINA project manager collected and posted the following opportunities on the ESANA website: 3 pre-doctoral scholarships/fellowships, 9 post-doctoral fellowships, 1 career opportunity
- The SINA project manager received 34 requests, 14 of which had fellowships from the Missions Department in Egypt. 8 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 1187 journals in the period of 01/20/2007 to 06/20/2007. The distribution of journals was as follows:
  - 374 journals in Agricultural Sciences
  - 22 journals in Computer Sciences
  - 39 journals in Engineering
  - 104 journals in Social Sciences
  - 662 journals in Medical Sciences
- . In addition, the project manger added these useful links to the ESANA website:

- Free Online Research and Dissertation Access  
<http://www.lib.umi.com/dissertations/search>
- Free access to journals covering more than 17 Major  
<http://discovercircuits.tradepub.com>  
<http://livre.cnen.gov.br/Inicial.asp>  
<http://www.doaj.org/>  
<http://www.library.unr.edu/ejournals/free.aspx>

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

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

- The ESANA VESA magazine manager issued the first issue of the VESA magazine after 8 years of stopping. Issues were mailed to ESANA members in the USA and Canada. 170 copies at a total cost of \$US 390 were printed for the distribution purpose. The VESA magazine was mailed to ESANA members (who paid the membership fees), the ECEBs, the Egyptian embassies and the Mission Department. The issue now is posted to our ESANA website.

For more information about VESA magazine please visit:-

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

- The ESA link project managers received two requests to help members in Canada and twenty requests in 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](http://esana.org/Projects/Esa_Link/Esa_Link.asp)

## Announcements

### \* The Egyptian Day Event:

- All units are encouraged to host an “Egyptian Day” at their schools to promote the Egyptian culture and history among the US and Canadian communities. It is recommended to perform this event in the same month to encourage each other to be more active, however the final decision of the month and day will be left at each unit’s discretion, depending on participating members’ circumstances. Further details will be announced by the appointed ESANA coordinator.

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

GA is scheduled to be held at the Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau (ECEB), Washington D.C., USA from January 18<sup>th</sup> to January 21<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Participation is limited to only units’ representative whom their units conducted unit elections and informed ESANA Units’ Affairs officer with the results and updated unit database

If you would like to report any problems facing ESANA members to be discussed in the GA meeting, please send them as soon as possible to the social officer at: [social@esana.org](mailto:social@esana.org).

The GA meeting will discuss some suggested modifications to the current ESANA Bylaws. If you have any suggestions, please send right away to the following email addresses simultaneously: [president@esana.org](mailto:president@esana.org), [social@esana.org](mailto:social@esana.org) or [treasurer@esana.org](mailto:treasurer@esana.org).

### \* VESA Magazine

- The second issue of the VESA magazine will be coming soon and we look forward to your participation. Participation should follow ESANA publication rules that can be found in the ESANA constitution.

Please send your contributions to [vesamagazine@esana.org](mailto:vesamagazine@esana.org)

You may reach us any time at these contact information

## ESANA E-MAILS

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