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## ESANA President's Report

### ESANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The ESANA General assembly will be held insha'Allah on November 19-21, 2004. There are two alternative locations

- 1- The ECEB in Washington-DC based on the offer from ECEB Counselor—during the SAM—to host the GA. The ECEB Counselor in Washington-DC will address the Egyptian Authorities, during his visit to Egypt, to provide the funds required to the GA.
- 2- The alternative location will be ESANA unit in Cleveland, OHIO on the same dates.

ESANA-EC is planning to invite the Minister of Higher Education to the GA.

### ESANA Memorandums to be sent again to the New Minister of Higher Education

ESANA-EC has decided to resend all the memos regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> year extension, returning tickets, tax exemption and SAM report to the new Minister of Higher Education in attempt to let him aware of ESANA members' problems. A follow up of these memos should be continued till a reply received.

### ERS as a Powerful Active Project

Active steps have been taken to finish the design of the ERS project to be launched near the end of this year. Both ESANA ERS manger and ESANA Science Officer are working for the accomplishment of the web design of that project. See page 5.

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## ESANA Semi-Annual Meeting in Canada

The following is a summary of the most important decisions taken in the ESANA Semi-Annual Meeting held in the ECEB-Montreal, Canada, May 28<sup>th</sup> –31<sup>st</sup> 2004:

- في شأن مشروع ERS بالإتحاد، انتهى المجتمعون إلى أنه في حالة الحصول على تبرعات مالية سيتم تخصيص مبلغ للإنفاق على تصميم المشروع. كما سيقوم وائل الغندور بالبحث عن مصمم محترف لتنفيذ المراحل اللاحقة للمشروع. أما في حالة عدم الحصول على تبرعات مالية يتم الاكتفاء بالمرحلة الأولى للمشروع مع العمل على تطويرها بشكل دوري ومنظم. وكذا قرر الحضور متابعة العمل في قاعدة بيانات الأساتذة المصريين والانجازات العلمية التي يحققها البعض.

- اختيار موضوع عام للمناقشة يكون محوراً من محاور المؤتمر العام للإتحاد الذي سيعقد في أكتوبر من هذا العام، على أن تخصص للموضوع جلسة عامة يقوم فيها المجتمعون بمناقشة موضوع هام يتصل بشؤون البحث العلمي والباحثين في مصر والخارج، ثم ترسل نتائج النقاش إلى الجهات المسؤولة في مصر.

- تعيين Webmaster يكون من دارسي علوم الكمبيوتر. أما المسؤول العلمي فلا يشترط أن يكون من دارسي علوم الكمبيوتر.

- ضرورة الاستعانة بمتخصصين في مجال الإعلام والسياسة عند إعداد وإخراج مجلة الإتحاد على أن تبقى مسؤولية الإشراف وتحرير المجلة في يد مسؤول الإعلام بالإتحاد.

- تشجيع أعضاء الإتحاد على المشاركة بتوفير قائمة الكترونية لكل وحدة على قائمة الإتحاد البريدية، وذلك لتسهيل عملية الاتصال بهم والاستفادة من الإمكانيات المتاحة حالياً، وكذا تجنب عيوب القوائم الأخرى.

- اقترح الإتحاد على الجهات المسؤولة في مصر الأفكار التالية:

- دعم مطالب الإتحاد في شأن إسترداد المستحقات المالية للإتحاد والتي من أهمها \$8000 خصصها السيد الأستاذ الدكتور مفيد شهاب لأصالح الإتحاد، ولم يتم صرفها إلا مرة واحدة عام 2000 .

- أن يكون المد بمرتب لمدة عام خامس بحد أقصى.  
- أن يتحمل المبعوث الفارق بين سعر تذكرة الطيران عند شرائها وبين قيمتها وقت الاستحقاق في حالة رغبته في أن تظل الأسرة معه بعد العام الرابع.

- أن يكون قطع المرتب عند إنتهاء البعثة فور الحصول على الدرجة العلمية وليس المناقشة الشفهية.  
- أن تعطى تذاكر عودة الأسرة مفتوحة لمدة عام من تاريخ استحقاقها، ولاسيما أن مصر للطيران تقدم هذه الخدمة مجاناً دون أية تكلفة إضافية على الإدارة العامة للبعثات.

- حصول الدارسين المصريين بالخارج - الراغبين بالعودة على نفقتهم وإسترداد قيمتها بالوطن - على تخفيضات على خطوط مصر للطيران.

- رفع الإعفاء الجمركي للدارسين المصريين عند عودتهم إلى الوطن نتيجة لانخفاض العملة المحلية بواقع النصف على الأقل خلال الأعوام الثلاثة الماضية أمام مثيلاتها بشمال أمريكا وتخفيض الجمارك على الأجهزة العلمية والبحثية.

- منح الدارسين على برامج الإشراف المشترك نفس الإعفاء الجمركي الممنوح لدارسي البعثات الخارجية.

- الاهتمام بوضع خريطة علمية محددة للبحث العلمي بمصر وللدارسين بالخارج توضح القطاعات والتخصصات التي حققت إكتفاءً في عدد الباحثين، وتلك التي يجب دعم سفر الدارسين للحصول على درجات علمية بها.

- تشجيع عودة كل الدارسين المصريين إلى الوطن للمشاركة في عمليات التنمية والإصلاح، وذلك عن طريق إصلاح أحوال الباحثين وأساتذة الجامعات المصرية، ورسم خطة بحثية محددة تضع في حسابها كل الكفاءات المصرية المتاحة في الداخل والخارج.

## ESANA 7<sup>th</sup> Book Campaign

### General Information

Hosted at Purdue University for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, the 7<sup>th</sup> book campaign officially started at February 2003. Although the 7th book campaign should have been concluded early 2004, Ain Shams University and then Zagazig University declined their interest to receive it. After so many contacts in Egypt, only in early July, Helwan University has expressed their interest in receiving the books for the second consecutive time and has sent the check. As you read this report, 418 boxes of books are on their way to them. . The estimated actual values of the books collected—in US dollars—is \$1,715,000.00 ( one million, seven hundred and fifteen thousand US dollars). The book campaign coast was \$7900 US dollars

### Contributions

The following list contains the names of the universities that have contributed to the 7<sup>th</sup> book campaign, along with the corresponding number of boxes sent, the area of the books, and the contact person. The list is in a descending order of the number of boxes.

University / Society Name	# Boxes	Area	Contact Person	
American Chemical Society	100	Chemistry	Hesham Ismail	
		47	American Chemical Society	
		12	United States Naval Academy	
		1	Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc.	
		8	AT&T Research Labs	
		3	Roche Diagnostics Corporation	
		17	Abbott Laboratories	
		4	Air Products and Chemicals Inc.	
		1	University of Iowa	
	7	GE Research Labs		
Mississippi State University	54	Miscellaneous	Emad Elgiar	
Kansas State University	45	Miscellaneous	Mohamed Awadalla	
University of Cincinnati	40	Miscellaneous	Mohamed Hassan	
University of Florida	30	Miscellaneous	Gamal Riad	
Iowa State University	28	Miscellaneous	Hesham Ismail	
University of Pittsburgh	20	Miscellaneous	Khaled Mohamed	
University of Ottawa	19	Miscellaneous	Ahmed Nouh	
Purdue University	15	2	Physics	Gehad Sadiq
		1	Computer Science	Mohamed Elfeky
		6	Nursing	Ibrahim Aly

		5	Miscellaneous	Ibrahim Aly
		1	Chemistry	Ahmed Elawa
University of Alberta	14		Civil Engineering	Wael Elghandour
Project HOPE	12		Miscellaneous	Hesham Ismail
University of Minnesota	7		Miscellaneous	Mahrous Kandil
Texas A&M University	5		Electrical Engineering	Ahmed Nader
Individuals	4		Physics Journal	Rachel Lum
Northeastern University	4		Miscellaneous	Aaya Nassar
Auburn University	4		Miscellaneous	Tamer Awad
West Virginia University	4		Miscellaneous	Mohamed Salem
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor	3		Miscellaneous	Khaled Sallam
University of Tulsa	3		Miscellaneous	Aly Elsemary
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign	3		Miscellaneous	Khaled Ibrahim
Carelton University	2		Economics	Ghada Mohamed
State University of New York at Buffalo	1		Miscellaneous	Mohamed Ibrahim
Claremont Graduate University	1		Miscellaneous	Abdel-Fattah Mady

## ESANA 8<sup>th</sup> Book Campaign

ESANA has launched the 8<sup>th</sup> book campaign designated for Al-Menya University. ESANA unit members at Auburn, Alabama have volunteered to host the new book campaign. **Hatem Harraz** was appointed as the new Book Campaign Manger.

Please send your collected books contribution via UPS to the following address

**Storage Unit Number 211  
601 Opelika Road  
Auburn, AL 35820**

**Mr. Harraz** can be reached via these contact information:

E-mails: [book@esana.org](mailto:book@esana.org) or [harrahm@auburn.edu](mailto:harrahm@auburn.edu)

Tel. (334) 332-3602

For items sent through regular mail please use the following address:

**Hatem Harraz  
1718 North Carry Drive  
Auburn, Alabama 36830  
USA**

## ERS and Science Affairs Office Activities

In the last couple of months efforts were mainly concentrated on the ESANA Research Support Project (ERS). Eight different fields have been introduced to the website where the students or the researchers can find free online tools such as search engines, journals, associations and conferences. Discussion with the Executive Committee of ESANA led to refinement of the first design into easier and more efficient. Co-ordination with ERS Manager, Wael-El-Ghandour, concerning the mechanism of the project led to further modification of the website architecture, making separate folders for each specialization.

## ESANA Units' Elections

The following is a list of the active units and their newly elected ECs:

### Canada

1. **Region of Calgary, Alberta:** Yehia Ghallab (ghallab@enel.ucalgary.ca), Sherif Saad (sabdelat@ucalgary.ca), Mohamed Kassab (mskassab.ucalgary.ca)
2. **Region of Hamilton, Ontario:** Mahmoud Hassan (ibrahimh@mcmaster.ca), Wessam Mesbah (mesbahw@mcmaster.ca), Mohamed Rabie (rabiema@mcmaster.ca).
3. **Region of Montreal, Québec:** Mohamed Fahmy (mohfahmy82@sympatico.ca), Omar Ashour (omar.ashour@mail.mcgill.ca), Gasser Khalifa (gasserkhalifa@hotmail.com)
4. **Region of Sherbrooke, Quebec:** Amr Elragaby (elragaby@hotmail.com), Ziad Ali (ziad.ali@usherbrooke.ca), Hussein Abdel Baky (hmahmoudh@yahoo.com).

### U.S.A.

1. **Region of Auburn, Alabama:** Ibrahim Shady (shadyeh@eng.auburn.edu). Shahin AbdelNaby (abdelsh@auburn.edu) and Rabab Abdelkader (RababFarouk@hotmail.com)
2. **Region of Birmingham, Alabama:** Tamer Mahmoud (tamerim@uab.edu), Ramy Abdalla (saidr@uab.edu), Raef Ahmed (raef\_s@yahoo.com).
3. **Region of Claremont, California:** Ashraf Singer (ashraf.singer@cgu.edu), Mahmoud Khalil (mamkhalil@yahoo.com), Abdel-Fattah Mady (abdel-fattah.mady@cgu.edu).
4. **Region of Gainesville, Florida:** Walid Fouad (wfouad@ufl.edu), Ahmed Omar (omar@crec.ifas.ufl.edu), Ayman El-Midany (eayman@ufl.edu).
5. **Region of Atlanta, Georgia:** Magdy Kandil (madgykan@yahoo.com), Mohamed Hegazy (mhegazy7@hotmail.com), Mahmoud Ghanem (mghanem@student.gsu.edu).
6. **Region of Urbana-Champaign, Illinois:** Amr Kandil (akandil@uiuc.edu), Ahmed Khalafallah (khalafal@uiuc.edu), Khalid Ibrahim (kibrahim@uiuc.edu).
7. **Region of Notre Dame, Indiana:** Hesham Othman (hothman@nd.edu), John Kamel (jkamel@nd.edu).
8. **Region of Manhattan, Kansas:** Ayman Ahmed (ayman@ksu.edu), Amgad Saleh (asa7976@ksu.edu), Amin Akhnoukh (akamal@ksu.edu).
9. **Region of Louisville, Kentucky:** Refaat Mohamed (refaat@cvip.uofl.edu),

Hossam Hassan (hossam@cvip.uofl.edu), Abdel-Rahim Ahmed (abdo@cvip.uofl.edu).

10. **Region of Baltimore, Maryland** (UMD01): Ahmed Othman (aothm001@umaryland.edu), Hazem Hassan (hhass002@umaryland.edu), Tamer Fandy (tfand001@umaryland.edu).

11. **Region of East Lansing, Michigan**: Hassan Salama (hsalama4@yahoo.com), Hesham Oraby (heshamoraby@hotmail.com), Hany El-Sheikh (elsheik2@msu.edu).

12. **Region of Buffalo, New York**: Mohamed Khalil (mikhailil@buffalo.edu), Hesham Nawar (hfnawar@hotmail.com), Taher Hegab (tmhegab@buffalo.edu).

13. **Region of Tulsa, Oklahoma**: Aly El-Semary (aly-el-semary@utulsa.edu), Mostafa Dahshan (mdahshan@ou.edu), Abeer Khattab (abeer-khattab@utulsa.edu).

14. **Region of State College, Pennsylvania**: Mohamed Salem (mss299@psu.edu), Mohamed Sobhy (mas665@psu.edu), Farag Mohamed (fii100@psu.edu).

15. **Region of College Station, Texas**: Ossama Abdel-Khalik (oabdelkhalik@neo.tamu.edu), Faisal Hussein (faisal@ee.tamu.edu), Emad Kassem (emad@tamu.edu).

16. **Region of Dallas, Texas**: Ahmed Attia (ahmed.attia@utsouthwestern.edu), Nader El-Marhoumi (prince\_nader\_me@yahoo.com), Hossam Ashour (hossam.ashour@utsouthwestern.edu).

17. **Region of Madison, Wisconsin**: Ahmed Ayad (ahmed@cs.wisc.edu), Ali Abdou (abdou@cae.wisc.edu), Ayman El-Refaie (elrefaie@cae.wisc.edu).

## Social Affairs Announcements

### Acknowledgment

ESANA-EC would like to thank ESANA Book Campaign Manger for the previous two campaigns 2002-2004 **Mohamed Galal Elfeky** at Purdue University, Indiana. Elfeky is also serving the Egyptian community as ESANA Treasurer 2003-2004. Many thanks to Mohamed and May Allah reward him for sincere efforts.

### Congratulations

ESANA-EC would like to congratulate ESANA Units Affairs Officer, **Tamer Mahmoud**, on his *Katb el-Ketab*. May Allah bless him and his wife and bless their marriage with happiness and prosperity.

### Newborn Babies

The ESANA EC would like to congratulate our colleagues who have newborn babies and welcome all babies as new members in ESANA community!

<i>Member</i>	<i>Baby</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>
Taher Hegab	Mahmoud	Buffalo	06/25/2004
Enmar Habib	Rokaya	Montreal	02/21/2004
Khalid Ibrahim	Lubna	Illinois	06/09/2004

Amgad Salama	Hamza	Ottawa	06/05/2003
Yehia Ghallab	Rola	Calgary	05/10/2004
Ahmed Abd El-Latif	Faris	Louisville	05/09/2004
Ziad Abd El-Razek	Rokaya	Sherbrooke	11/13/2003
Mohamed Sayed	Farida	Calgary	01/16/2004

## Fund Raising Issue

The Executive Committee members and the Fund Raising Committee encourage ESANA members to send any ideas to raise funds for our ESANA projects. Please send your suggestions to: [ec@esana.org](mailto:ec@esana.org)

## ESANA EMAILS

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