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UAEU Research Team Discovers New Fungus:  
DOMINIKIA EMIRATIA

A research team from the College of Food and Agriculture (CFA) at the United Arab Emirates (UAEU) has discovered a new fungus, with beneficial properties, known as Dominilia Emiratia. It is a species of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi. These fungi live in plant roots and protect the host from disease, dehydration and tough weather conditions. The discovery was made while evaluating micro-organic life in the sands around Sweihan in Abu Dhabi Emirate. The research team published these finding in 'Botany', an international journal.

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## Editorial

Achievements can be innovations, new initiatives or just simply doing something well. With hard work and dedication, we can all realize many achievements and breakthroughs.

In this issue, we report on the many successes and stories taking place here at UAEU thanks to our creative and hard-working faculty, staff and students.

This issue is full of information and the stories behind UAEU's many innovations as we strive to maintain and improve our academic and research reputation.

**Ghalia Al Ahabbi**  
Director of University Outreach  
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### The 6<sup>th</sup> Political Awareness Forum for University Students Explores the FNC's Role in Boosting UAE Diplomacy

The 6<sup>th</sup> Political Awareness Forum for University Students was held on Monday. Its aim was to explore the role of the Federal National Council (FNC) in boosting UAE diplomacy.

Under the theme of 'UAE Parliamentary Diplomacy' the forum was organized by the Ministry of State for Federal National Council Affairs in cooperation with the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU).

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## UAEU Student Ambassadors Win Research Award at Emirati Media Forum

H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai; and H.H. Sheikh Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, honored three UAEU students from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The students placed third in the research category at the Emirati Media Forum 2017.

Fatima Al Humairi, Fatima Janjar and Fatima Al Khulaifi from the Mass Communication Department submitted a research paper entitled "Fake News". The research discussed the notion of fake news, its impact on cohesion in Arab countries and the reasons behind the dissemination of fake news. They provided actual examples from the UAE and further afield.

In an interview, Fatima Janjar said that she was proud to represent UAEU in such an important competition. This has added to her store of practical experience in the media

field. She explained that this award was a result of teamwork and also due to the support of UAEU faculty.

Fatima Al Humairi was happy to be honored by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid and said that it, "sparked ambition." She explained how they benefited from previous research and their methodology. The students distributed a survey to UAEU students about how to identify fake news and investigated sources of information.

Fatima Al Khulaifi stressed the importance of educating young people about the reliability of news sources. She also explained how to differentiate between fake and accurate news. She added that her, "experience in writing the research paper helped develop a new way of looking at news, especially as my major is journalism. It taught me that a journalist must review and edit news and be capable of evaluating the content and its credibility before publishing."



**Hamdan Al Boloushi:  
Special Needs Students Have Many  
Talents to Develop**

Hamdan Al Boloushi graduated high school with an overall percentage of %86. He is currently studying social work in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

In an interview with the university newsletter, Hamdan explained that he had chosen this major because of his passion for helping others. He wants to encourage other people to make good decisions in their educational career and working life.

He has many talents himself such as acting, composing and singing. "Since I was a child, I have sung songs about Sheikh Zayed, but I never thought that would open up new avenues into the world of performance and composition. I did not have any training but have still made my dreams come true."

He, and other UAEU students, composed 'ya mahaba bidola' or 'welcome our country' for the 46th UAE National Day celebration being held at UAEU.

He has also acted in many plays. These include, 'A Blind Message', which was a great success at both UAEU and outside the university. He added that, "art is the key to people's hearts, and without any message it is not art."

One of the challenges Hamdan faces is stage fright and also how to convey his feelings to the audience. With regard to composition, he feels that, "I sometimes think my brain will stop coming up with new compositions, but as soon as I reach the studio, I find myself composing with complete ease." He went on to add that, "in

the UAE we are blessed with a thoughtful leadership, who act as father figures: taking care of everyone whether children, adults, the elderly or people with special needs. The leaders referred to special needs students as 'People of Determination' and this makes us very proud." We have talent but need encouragement to develop our skills. Our leaders have inspired us with both ambition and determination.

Finally, he expressed his gratitude to UAEU for providing equal opportunities for special needs students in terms of education, training, rehabilitation and rights. The university provides everything necessary for those with special needs.

UAEU vibrantly celebrates the 46<sup>th</sup> UAE National Day.



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