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UAEU organizes the annual meeting to review the academic plan for the current year 2016-2017 ..



The Office of the Vice Chancellor of The United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) organized the annual meeting for academic leaders, and all faculty and college members. This focused on the university's academic plan for the current year.

His Excellency Prof. Mohamed Albaili, University Vice Chancellor, welcomed faculty members and staff from the various colleges and research centers.

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UAEU and Dubai IACAD Work together to support innovation..

The United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) and Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai (IACAD) signed a memorandum of understanding to enhance innovation in terms of Islamic affairs and charitable activities.

The memorandum was signed on behalf of UAEU by Professor Dr. Mohamad Albaili, Vice Chancellor of the university, and on behalf of IACAD by Dr. Hamad Al Sheikh Shaibani, Director General of the department.

The memorandum stresses the partnership between the two parties and supports innovation and joint activities.

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The Chemistry Department of the UAEU: Obtains re-accreditation from the Royal Society of Chemistry in UK ..

The Chemistry Department of the College of Science at the United Arab Emirates University has earned re-accreditation from the Royal Society of Chemistry in the UK for another five years. The department first received this academic certification in 2011.

Prof. Mohamed Albaili, Vice Chancellor of the United Arab Emirates University, stressed that this accreditation comes with the support of the UAE leadership for all institutions of higher

education in general, and the United Arab Emirates University in particular. The flagship university strives to achieve excellence in higher education and scientific research on the regional and global levels. The University seeks to meet global standards in order to receive international academic accreditations which allow it to maintain its position among the best universities in the world.

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A key reference book from the College of Veterinary Medicine: The United Arab Emirates University launches the world's largest Atlas of Horse Diseases..

The United Arab Emirates University has launched the world's largest Atlas of Horse Diseases, approved by SPANA), a British institution concerned with horse welfare. This atlas, written by Dr. Sameeh Abu Tarbush, Head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine in the College of Food and Agriculture,

has an ISBN and will be distributed globally to colleges of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Tarbush pointed out that this atlas was important because it covered a wide range of diseases affecting horses, their diagnosis and treatment.

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College of Engineering of UAEU earns "ABET" Accreditation again..



The College of Engineering of the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) has received re-accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) in the United States.

Prof. Mohamed Albaili, Vice Chancellor of the United Arab Emirates University, stressed that this comes as a result of the commitment of the College of

Engineering to international academic standards, and its efforts toward scientific research.

Dr. Sabah AlKass, Dean of College of Engineering, said: «the College of Engineering is keen to provide the best educational programs for its students at an international standard.

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To promote the spirit of innovation and scientific research:
University College launches an Information Literacy course for Academic Year 2016-2017..

University College and the UAEU Libraries Deanship launched a new pilot course on information literacy as a compulsory course for the college's students. It entailed a series of interactive applied workshops. 500 students from various disciplines took part. Professor Fouad Estefan, Acting Dean of University College, said that, "these applied interactive workshops aim to introduce students via information

literacy to the potential offered by the university's libraries. The libraries have everything from paper to electronic information sources. In addition to training students in the latest methodologies for scientific research, the course developed their research skills in line with the highest and newest standards in the library sciences.

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Press Interview

Blessed tree. . the Palm: Zayed plants trees for the country..

Research on the development of palm trees, dates and the agricultural security of the UAE

Palm trees are a gift from God and it is important to value them at all times. It is equally important to develop research in the UAE's agricultural sector. UAEU, the national university, has adopted the national vision of sustainable agricultural development through its research centers and laboratories. One of these is the Date Palm Tissue Culture Laboratory (DPTCL) in the Al Foah region. This interview is with Dr. Allen Lou Mansour, Assistant Director of Development for the Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory:

Q1: When was the department founded and how do palms compare to the wide range of trees and plants that grow in the UAE?

The DPTCL was founded by order of his Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding father of the UAE, in 1989. Its aim is to work towards the strategic goal of achieving national food security. Palms are the most important crop that grows in the harsh desert environment. Date palms have a high nutritional content and also a



cultural significance in the UAE. The palm's qualities make it better able to withstand the environmental and climatic conditions of the desert without the fruit being affected.

Q2: What methods do you use in producing palm shoots?

Since its beginnings the Date Palm Research and Development Unit has worked on producing high quality palms shoots through organogenesis. This is the best technique to produce palm shoots. The laboratory is also working in collaboration with the Khalifa Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology to conduct research in palm cultivation by producing palm shoots that are resistant to the palm weevil, and that can also tolerate high salinity and survive drought.

Q3: What distinguishes the Date Palm Tissue Culture Laboratory at UAEU?

The Date Palm Tissue Culture Laboratory at UAEU uses a distinct organic breeding technology: Organogenesis. This technique is considered one of the best ways to produce genetically identical cultured tissues that are disease free. Most regional and global laboratories use embryogenesis, which produces a large percentage of plants that are not genetically identical to the mother palm due to genetic mutations.

Q4: What is your vision for the future of the Date Palm Tissue Culture Laboratory?

The vision is for the laboratory to become an international research center to produce and develop palms. We also hope to establish a palm farm where every genetic variant of the palm is recorded. We have an action plan for this project.

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The Center of Excellence in Teaching and Learning at the United Arab Emirates University organizes an introductory meeting for new faculty members in order to provide an effective learning environment for students

The College of Education at the United Arab Emirates University organized an annual orientation meeting for doctoral students. Its aim is to introduce students to UAEU's doctoral programs.

The University Science and Innovation Park organized a lecture on how to convert a classroom into an incubator for ideas and innovation. It was attended by speakers from international universities, faculty and students

The College of Science organized an open house for students to introduce them to their departments, disciplines, systems, procedures and programs

The Media and Communication Department organized a lecture on the importance of the ozone layer for high school students. It was attended by Dr. Ahmed Murad, Dean of the College of Science, and a number of faculty

The Geology Department organized a lecture entitled 'Seismic Field Surveys using Geophysical Applications for Oil Exploration'. Dr. Khalid Al Bloushi, Head of the Department of Geology, and representatives of the American Society of Exploration and Geophysicists were present

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