The II Conference on planning & development of education & scientific research in the Arab states

King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

24-27 February, 2008 (17-20 Safar, 1429 H)

Call for Participation

Institutions of Higher Education and Scientific Research are a cornerstone of economic development in all countries. They provide a source of scientific knowledge and are instruments of new scientific achievements, and play a direct and effective role in industrial development and other economic sectors. These institutions also address emerging needs to help steer their national economies and industries in new directions.

This central role of higher education institutions and the research they offer at all levels dictates that the institutions engage in continuous planning and development. However, in the current environment which emphasizes globalization and emerging information technologies, as well as development planning for the respective national economies, the assessment studies and reviews conducted by these institutions are very demanding.

This announcement is for the Second Conference on Planning and Development of Education and Scientific Research in the Arab states. The first conference was held in Aleppo, Syria in 2003 (1423 H). This second conference will emphasize points developed in the first conference and continue exploring various issues related to education and scientific research. The event will be held at the King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

The conference will convene experts and researchers from different parts of the world, but especially those experienced with education and scientific research in the Arab states. The conference also aims at investigating and discussing various relevant practices and experiences of participants to identify hurdles impairing education and scientific research in these countries and setting strategies to surmount them. Discussions will also consider recent experiences to link education and research programs with various vital issues facing the Arab states and the administrative mechanisms for quality assurance of education and providing access to education for all qualified people in the Arab states.

To fulfill the set objectives, the conference will invite groups of experts, specialists and decision-makers from institutions of higher education and scientific research in the Arab states, as well as international experts in the fields of planning for education and scientific research. Invited participants will include specialists who are active as university professors and senior staff of research institutes in the Arab states and other international locales. Invites

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will include individuals, and representatives of agencies, organizations and institutions linked to education and scientific research. All of these experts will present their research relevant to the conference issues. All presented papers will be peer-reviewed prior to the conference.

Conference Topics

1. Planning strategies in higher education
2. Planning strategies in scientific research
3. Relationship between outcomes of higher education and job market needs
4. General education and its impact on higher education
5. Utilization of modern techniques in education
6. Assessment criteria for higher education programs
7. Developing higher education methodologies and tools
8. Utilizing scientific research for enhancing the higher education methodologies and tools
9. Role of higher education and scientific research in developing national economies
10. Role of sciences and mathematics in enhancing scientific research activities and economic development
11. Interaction between production sectors and higher education institutions
12. Globalization and its impact on higher education

Important Dates

Receiving Abstracts: 03 Sh’ban 1428 H 15 August 2007
Receiving full papers: 10 Ramadan 1428 H 22 September 2007
Notifications of acceptance: 07 Dhual-Qa’dah 1428 H 17 November 2007
Receiving final versions of papers: 21 Dhual-Qa’dah 1428 H 01 December 2007
Conference Date: 17-20 Safar 1429 H 24-27 February 2008

Guidelines for research papers

• All research papers will be peer-reviewed before acceptance
• The papers must incorporate standard scientific referencing of sources
• Topics of the research papers should not be out of the scope of the conference theme.
• Arabic is the conference language. However, papers written in English will also be considered.
• Each research paper should not exceed 12 pages on A4 paper or not exceed 6000 words.
• The first page should include the title of the research paper, names of authors, mailing addresses including the e-mail of corresponding author, the abstract, and the conference topic to which the paper is relevant.
• The Arabic font used should be “Traditional Arabic” and the font size should be 12. If in English, the font should be “Times New Roman” and the font size should be 12.
• Single line spacing should be used.
• Research papers should be sent as a soft copy MS Word document to the Chairman of the Scientific Committee by e-mail at the contact address given below.
• More detailed guidelines and information will be published on the website of the conference.
For participation or further information, please contact the following contact addresses:

Chairman, Scientific Committee

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Registration form

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