



## **Association of Egyptian American Scholars 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Dec- 2008 Summary Report**

The conference was held under the patronage of his Excellency Dr. Hany Helal , Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and with the support and leadership of Dr. Salawa El Ghareeb, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Universities. The conference sessions were hosted at the new facility of the Supreme Council of Universities on the Cairo University Campus.

The opening ceremony was conducted in the Cairo University large meeting Hall with the attendance of over 500 conference delegates and guests including leaders of Higher Education in Egypt, University Presidents and the heads research institutions.

The conference sessions presented 87 papers organized in seven main areas including Engineering & Technology, Medical Sciences & Public Health, Accreditation and Credentials / Education, Humanities & Social Sciences, e-learning & Open University, Economics and Financial Management and Basic Sciences. Forty Five members of the AEAS have travelled from Canada and USA to attend the conference and submitted Thirty Nine researches in different areas.

All the submitted papers were peer reviewed by joint scientific committees in the respective field by colleagues from both North America and Egypt.

### **Work Shops**

For the first time, this conference has included four workshops in the following areas:

#### ***1- Leadership and Management***

Dr. Mohamed Attalla, Ryerson University  
Dr.Samir Helal, President FLDP

#### ***2- E learning***

The Emergence of Open Educational Resources  
Dr. Ali Mansur, University of Maryland

Dr. Sayed Orady, University of Michigan  
Dr. Awad Abbas, Cairo University  
Dr. Tarek Gharib, E-Learning Project

### **3- Equivalencies**

Dr. Aly Mansour, University of Maryland  
Dr. Sherif Mazen, Cairo University  
Dr. Abd Alla Barakat , President of Helwan University

### **4- Global Financial Crisis**

Dr. Lotfi Greish, Southeastern University  
Dr. Said Osman  
Dr. Abdul Monem Al Mashat

## **Round Table**

Discussions around the future direction and the current plans for scientific research in Egypt and the role of AEAS members in these plans

Dr. Maged El Sherbini, Deputy Minister for Scientific Research  
Dr. Tarek Hussain, President of the Academy for Scientific Research.

## **Keynote Speeches**

Dr. Galal Saeed, Governor of Fayoum, “American Scholars’ potential role in supporting higher education in Egypt”

His Excellency, Japanese Ambassador to Egypt and Dr. Ahmed Khairy,  
President Japanese University

## **Dr. Badr El Din Ali Scholarship**

The Association of Egyptian American Scholars announced a one time Scholarship Grant in the name of its late Past President Dr. Mohamed Badr El Din Ali. The value of the scholarship was **Fifteen Thousand Egyptian Pounds** to be awarded to an Egyptian Graduate Student enrolled in a Ph.D. Program at an Egyptian university or a research institution. The scholarship also required the candidate to complete the first or second term of the program by the end of June 2008.

The recipient of the Award was **Wael Abdul Rahman Mohamed**, PHD. Candidate at Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University for his research in Biomedical Engineering “Computer aided diagnosis of digital mammograms”

## **Awards Banquette**

The awards banquet was held in the Diplomats Club in Downtown Cairo. The event was featured in many TV and satellite stations and was covered by many

newspapers. A large number of dignitaries attended the awards banquet including:

- H.E. Dr. Hany El Nazer, President of the National Research Center
- H. E. Ambassador Wafaa El Hadeedy, Council General of Egypt to Canada.
- Dr. Salwa El Ghareeb, Secretary General, Supreme Council of Universities.
- Dr. [Maher El-Domiaty](#), President Zagazig University.
- Dr. Maged El Sherbini, Deputy Minister for Scientific Research
- Dr. Tarek Hussain, President of the Academy for Scientific Research.
- Dr. Nehad El Shazly, Vice President, National Research Center.

### ***Scholar of the Year Award***

The recipient of the Scholar of the Year Award was **Dr. Hanay El Nazer**, President of the National Research Center for his valued contribution to the advancement of scientific research in Egypt.

### ***Presidential Awards***

Dr. Amer El Ahraf has distributed a special Presidential Awards to:

- 1- Dr. Mohamed Attalla, Vice President and Conference Chairman
- 2- Dr. Tarek Saleh, Egyptian Side Coordinator
- 3- Dr. Mohab Anis, Secretary General
- 4- Dr. Lotfy Greish, Treasurer

### ***Life time memberships***

AEAS was honoured to grant a life time membership to

Dr. Hany Helal, Minister of Higher education and Scientific Research

Dr. Salwa El Ghareeb, Secretary General, Supreme Council of Universities.

Dr. Tarek Saleh, Helwan University

### **Meeting With Prim Minister, Dr. Ahmed Nazif**

Dr. Hany Helal arranged a meeting for AEAS Board with Dr. Nazif. In the meeting AEAS explained its role and current activities and collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research. Dr. Nazif asked that AEAS to get involved with other ministries and contribute to other fields of development in Egypt including industry, communication, Infrastructure and renewable energy.

### **Post conference activities**

- 1- National Research Center: Visit by Dr. Amer el Ahraf and Dr. Mohamed Attalla
- 2- Mansoura University, Visit by Dr. Ahmed El Sawee and Dr. Sayed Orady
- 3- Zagazig University, Visit by Dr. Amer El Ahraf

Dr. Amer El-Ahraf was honored by the invitation of Professor Dr. Maher El-Domiaty, President of Zagazig University to address a university-wide gathering in the main Conference Center of the university where all faculty and administrators were invited. Dr. El-Ahraf gave two papers on environmental health issues to a full conference center. One paper, in Arabic, that utilized the El-Ahraf and Hanson's definition of Environmental Health as a foundation of the discussion addressing the academic implications of modern environmental health definitions. The second paper, in English, addressed Dr. El-Ahraf's vision of the future of Environmental and Public Health. In addition to a Luncheon attended by the Governor of Sharkia, Dr. El-Ahraf visited three academic centers of the university where a great deal of work has taken place in addition to his general help to the entire university since 1974. Dr. El-Ahraf visited : 1) the Faculty of Engineering where he led the development of the Environmental Sciences Program in 1982 and supervised the first two Ph.Ds in Environmental Engineering., 2) The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine where he established a Pollution Research Program and supervised a number of Ph.D.'s work and Post-Doctoral Fellows and 3) The Institute of Ancient Near Eastern Studies where he established courses in environmental science aimed at protecting Egypt's Ancient treasures from pollution and supervised a Ph. D. dissertation merging Ancient Egyptian History and modern environmental concerns. Receptions and opportunities to address the faculty were held at the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

- 4- Suez Canal University, Visit by Dr. Mohamed Attalla, Dr. Lotfy Greish, Dr. Ahmed El Sawee, Dr. Mahmoud Wagdy, Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Dr. Aly Mansour, Dr. Sayed Orady and Dr. Tarek Saleh.
- 5- Ain Shams University, Keynote Speech on Strategic Planning and a Workshop in Management and Leadership by Dr. Mohamed Attalla.
- 6- Fayoum University, Keynote Speech on Strategic Planning and a Workshop in Management and Leadership by Dr. Mohamed Attalla.
- 7- Meeting with the Engineering Sector Council, Dr. Mohamed Attalla and Dr. Mahmoud Wagdy
- 8- Egypt E-Leaning University, Visit by Dr. Mohamed Attalla

### **Resolutions and Recommendations:**

Members of the AEAS will collaborate with the Ministry of Higher Education and the Supreme Council of Universities in several aspects including:

- 1- Review for further development the current curriculum in three sectors including Commerce, Medical and Engineering.
- 2- Engineering Sector review will include: review of Ain Shams, Alexandria and Aswan and the approach to meet the international accreditation standards. Consideration will be given to reducing the number of years to

four from five and working on a Master Plan for Technical, Technological and Engineering Education.

- 3- AEAS members to serve as peer reviewers with the respective Scientific Sector committee to review the submitted research by faculty members for promotion purposes.
- 4- AEAS members to participate and assist in evaluating and ranking the technical international journals.
- 5- Establishments of Scientific Egyptian Journals that are accredited internationally.
- 6- AEAS members to act as peer reviewers for research proposals submitted by faculty members to receive research grants.
- 7- AEAS members to serve as External reviewers for the National Quality Assurance program.
- 8- AEAS members to participate in the Impact Assessment for HEEPF