

MEIBA NEWSLETTER

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Membership for the academic year 2017/2018 is Open NOW

The existence of an association that can bring together IB World Schools in the region under one entity will strengthen the voice of these schools, and support fulfilling the need to achieve excellence in education in the Arab World. Therefore, we encourage all IB Schools and entities interested in education to join MEIBA to help fulfill our vision and mission.

Registration is now open through our website as per the links below.

For Schools please visit: <http://www.meibaschools.org/request.aspx>

For Other entities:

<http://www.meibaschools.org/SupportMembershipApplication.aspx>

We would like to thank the members who already renewed their membership, and encourage others who still did not, to renew as soon as possible.

As part of MEIBA's efforts to provide schools with support in different professional aspects, a skype meeting was conducted between Dr. Hana Al Nasser Malhas and Mr. Kieran Kinahan, Professional Development Associate Manager, IBO, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, to discuss possible collaboration between MEIBA and the IBO.

Mr. Kinahan specializes in supporting schools and associations with the development of cluster workshops, and is happy to work with both MEIBA and its member schools to explore possibilities for collaboration in this area.

You can contact Mr. Kinahan at: kieran.kinahan@ibo.org

Upcoming Events for 2018

March 2018

As part of MEIBA's mission, and to support the IB schools in the region, it is with great pleasure that we announce MEIBA's support to the Teacher Skills Forum conducted by Queen Rania Teacher Academy in partnership with the IBO.

As part of the sponsorship, MEIBA was able to provide three complementary passes for Ramallah Friends School—Palestine to attend the Forum.

Event: Teacher Skills Forum 2-4 March 2018

Preconference Session Sponsored by MEIBA

Title: "PYP Update and an Exploration of: The Learning, Learning and Teaching, The Learning Community"

Date: 2nd of March 2018

Location: Dead Sea Jordan

Speakers: Ms. Laura Griffin & Ms. Nikki Welshis

** All MEIBA members will get the fees of an early bird registration for this session.

March 2018

Event: IB Heads Conference - Singapore.

Dr. Hana Al Nasser Malhas, as Mashrek International School Director will attend the IB Heads Conference.

Taking advantage of Dr. Hana's participation, we have arranged for a meeting as MEIBA President and would like to invite those who are attending the conference to the meeting which is happening on March 25, at 4:45 in room 330.

March 2018

Event: TOK Workshop organized by The International Academy - Amman

Titles: How to incorporate TOK in classes, (DP).

TOK assessment preparation and application of the criteria / rubric.

Date: 29-31, March 2018

Location: Amman, Jordan

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Upcoming Events for 2018

April 2018

The International Baccalaureate (IB), in collaboration with MEIBA and UAE Chapter of IB World schools are pleased to announce that the second UAE Higher Education Forum is taking place on Thursday April 19 and Friday April 20, 2018. The event will be hosted by Jumeirah English Speaking School (JESS) in Dubai.

The purpose of the event is to bring together government officials, universities and schools to network and discuss issues pertinent to the transition from IB programmes to higher education.

It is a free of charge event for all IB Schools

Full details will be shared with you via email.

For registration and more information please contact Ms. Dina Khalaf at dina.khalaf@ibo.org, Mr. Kosta Lekanides at KLekanides@jess.sch.ae, or Ms. Lubna Al Zoubi at Lubna.alzoubi@mashrek.edu.jo

May 2018

Event: 2 days workshop hosted by Modern English School Cairo

Title: Leading for Creativity

Date: 11-12 May 2018

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Further details will be announced soon.

Upcoming Events for 2018

November 2018

Event: IB Core Programs Conference organized by MEIBA

Titles: - Sharing Practices of PYP, MYP & DP.

Expected Date: 16, 17 November 2018

Location: Manama, Bahrain

Full details will be shared with you soon.



Events and Meetings

Dr. Hana Al Nasser Malhas, attended The Hague Conference as Mashrek International School Director and was able to arrange for a fruitful meeting with Mr. Adrian Kearney the Director IB World Schools, Ms. Margareth Harris the MYP School Services Manager AEM, Ms. Mary Tadros the Development and Recognition Manager (Middle East) and Ms. Dina Khalaf the Regional Development & Recognition Manager—UAE & Turkey where they showed their support to MEIBA and their believes in the important role of a regional association that can gather several IB schools from different countries to work together to strengthen the education in the region which align with MEIBA's mission. They have stressed on the importance of strengthening the Arabic Language in terms of translating official documents into Arabic and supporting the use of Arabic Language in some of the DP subjects.



During the Hague Conference, the Annual General Meeting for MEIBA was conducted with the presence of over 60 representatives from different IB schools, Dr. Hana introduced the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board to the attendees and shared with them the new Vision, Mission and Objectives of MEIBA for the coming three years.

We at MEIBA were very encouraged with the positive contributions and the promising energy that was clear all through the meeting.

MEIBA Team hopes that we can all gather our thoughts and ideas to enhance the quality of education in the region.

During January 2018, Ms. Mary Tadrous, Development and Recognition Manager (Middle East) met with Lebanon IB Association with the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Education to discuss the new decree which allows Lebanese students to take the IB Diploma and the equivalency of the Diploma Certificate.

Schools' Contributions

Modern English School—Cairo host around 160 teachers to an IBDP share event.

The workshops were led by teachers from all over Egypt, new connections were made. It was a successful event that colleagues found beneficial.

Great Work Egypt!



Special congrats to (Roudha Omar Al-Attar) from Dar Al Marefa school – Dubai on being awarded a full scholarship from the Office of the Crown Prince of Dubai - Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

About her experience as an IB graduate, Roudha said:

“Graduation is a brief moment in my life, but the skills I have acquired and the insights I have gained in an IB education will last forever.”

Congratulations to Emirates National Schools- Mohamed Bin Zayed City Campus for winning the "Arab Reading Competition 2017" first place on the UAE level.

Schools' Contributions



From 11-12 November 2017, The International Academy – Amman in partnership with the American Community School and Global Reach Libraries—hosted over 150 librarians from 35 private, public and UNRWA schools in Jordan and Palestine.

The conference, named “The Unquiet Evolution: Empowering Jordanian Librarians to Transform Student Learning”, included 3 learning strands for the conference: Inquiry and Critical Thinking, Literacy and Children’s Literature, and Library Science. As well, participants had the opportunity to tour the Learning Commons at ACS on Saturday afternoon.

The conference opened with a letter from the American Library Association acknowledging the importance of the conference and an official welcome from IAA Director, Dr. Hana Kanan. Keynote speakers the Hakawati, Sally Shalabi, and Ms. Karen Assfour, author of the beloved Aziza series which highlighted Jordanian culture and heritage.



As Mashrek is an IB school that believes in the value of collaboration between IB educators, the Diploma Programme Coordinator hosted a candidate school from Singapore ‘Al Junied School’ to guide them through their authorization process and share practices as well as experience.

If you would like to contribute into the newsletter, please contact Ms. Lubna Al Zoubi at Lubna.alzoubi@mashrek.edu.jo