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Investigating Communion between Yarmouk, the German Protestant Institute of Archeology in Amman and the Free University of Berlin



The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi met the Director of the German Protestant Institute of Archeology in Amman, Katrina Schmidt and the Dean of the Faculty of Archeology at the Free University of Berlin, Dr. Dominic Bonatz, to discuss the ways of enhancing cooperation with the Institute in the field of archeology as well as the ways of activating a joint cooperation agreement signed recently between Yarmouk and the Free University of Berlin in the field of archaeology. The discussion resulted in an agreement of exchanging scientific visits of the faculty members and students between the two universities to conduct scientific research of common interest.

During the meeting, Kafafi stressed the depth of cooperation relations that link Yarmouk with a number of German educational and research institutions. He pointed out how keen Yarmouk university is about being connected with various prestigious international universities and scientific institutions. Emphasizing the university's belief in the importance of exchanging experiences at various academic fields to develop its educational programs and stimulate creative thinking, Prof. Kafafi stated that Yarmouk University is devoted to developing and improving the educational process and its outputs by qualifying its individuals with skills they need to achieve sustainable development in

various sectors of life.

Kafafi grabbed attention to the contact Yarmouk University has been constantly pursuing with the German Institute of Archeology in Amman and praised the Institute's role in the field of excavation and preservation of antiquities. Such a mission, as Kafafi stated, is conducted in numerous archaeological areas in Jordan by cooperating with several Jordanian researchers and faculty members from Yarmouk. Moreover, Kafafi appreciated the efforts of the Faculty of Archeology at the Free University of Berlin in the excavation and preservation of archeology through their archaeological projects that are carried out in Jordan. He then reminded the attendants of Yarmouk's enthusiasm to activate the cooperation agreement signed recently between the two sides for the exchange of scientific visits among faculty members and students.

In return, Schmidt praised the distinguished scientific reputation of Yarmouk University and the distinctiveness of its teaching staff, especially in the fields of archeology and anthropology. She then clarified the Institute's readiness to work together with Yarmouk University to encourage a number of the faculty members of Yarmouk's Faculty of Archeology and Anthropology to deliver specialized scientific lectures on various topics related to archeology, excavations, and ways of preserving cultural heritage in the region. Besides, she declared that the Institute had opened its library for students and researchers from Yarmouk University to investigate the books, references, and studies that cover the archaeological and tourist areas.

In his turn, Bonatz expressed the Institute's willingness to cooperate with Yarmouk University in the field of archeology. He then spoke of the possibility of involving students (at the master and bachelor levels) and faculty members of the Faculty of Archeology and Anthropology to participate in archaeological excavations projects conducted by the Free University of Berlin in several archaeological sites in Jordan. Such participation, he stated, contributes to the exchange of experiences and the preservation of the important cultural heritage of human history in the region

The British Ambassador Visits YU and Meets University Students



The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi, met the British Ambassador in Amman, Mr. Edward Oakden and the accompanying delegation to discuss possible cooperation between the two sides in areas of mutual interest. During the meeting, Kafafi confirmed Yarmouk's interest in collaborating with various international educational and research institutions and emphasized that the University has always been devoted for collaborating with British universities, especially in the field of conducting joint scientific research and exchanging scientific visits of faculty members and students.

Stressing Yarmouk's mission to qualify and prepare the students to play their role in building and developing the national institutions and achieving the comprehensive renaissance of the various sectors in Jordan, Kafafi reviewed the growth of YU and pointed out how Yarmouk paid close attention to developing its academic programs and establishing programs that meet the aspirations of youth, the many global changes, and the requirements of the local and international labor market. Then he emphasized the possibility of attracting several British students wishing to learn Arabic at the University's Language Center, which attracts hundreds of students from around the world every year by offering a distinct program of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers. In addition, he highlighted Yarmouk's sincere belief and support of its students and outstanding human resources, which is expressed by sending outstanding students to complete their graduate studies in a number of prestigious international universities.

In return, the British Ambassador praised the level of the Jordanian higher education sector in general and the prestigious academic reputation of YU in particular. Acknowledging Yarmouk's active role in preserving the cultural heritage and its resources, the Ambassador expressed the embassy's interest in extending the bridges of scientific and cultural cooperation with Yarmouk University in areas of common interest. He stated that the British embassy is interested in collaborating with Yarmouk to conduct several joint research projects and studies in the field of archeology and heritage maintenance.

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty's Workshop: "Reasons of Migration and the Future of Syria"

On behalf of the President of YU, the Vice President for Humanities and Administrative Affairs, Prof. Anis Khasawneh patronized the opening of the workshop organized by the Refugees, Displaced Persons, and Forced Migration Studies Center in cooperation with Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty. This workshop, which lasted for two days and included 25 participants from Jordanian and Syrian refugees, was entitled: "The Reasons of Migration and the Future of Syria".

During the opening ceremony, Prof. Al-Khasawneh stressed the importance of holding such a workshop, which discusses a range of issues and challenges facing Syrian refugees and tries to help them create a better future and live in dignity in their host countries and when they return to Syria. He stressed that Jordan is aware that refugees are Jordanians' brothers; therefore, the country is not only hosting refugees but also trying to help them overcome the psychological crises they may go through as a result of the conflicts they have witnessed. This is achieved, as he stated, by enabling refugees to get involved in the labor market of the host communities on the one hand and encouraging them to develop their ideas and build their desired future on the other. He then pointed out that Yarmouk, realizing the need to further highlight refugees' needs, established its center of refugees, which aims at inviting the supporting institutions to hold the many programs that contribute to refugees' empowerment, preparation, and capacity-building in the various fields of life. He also praised the efforts of the Center and its keenness to cooperate with international organizations and institutions for the sake of empowering refugees and studying their needs.

In his turn, Dr. Anas Al-Subuh, the Director of the Center, explained that the workshop discusses several main axes concerned with abandonment and refugees. Naming a few among many, he mentioned



the causes of migration in the Middle East, the challenges faced by refugees and migrants, political freedom and its association with migration, the impact of society and its association with migration, the link between economic freedom and migration movements, the challenges facing Syrian refugees, and the future of Syria and its reconstruction. He explained that the workshop also highlights the challenges that prevent refugees from returning to their country after the end of conflicts. He then extended his thanks to the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for its support.

In return, Yara Batayneh from the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty thanked YU for its continuing cooperation with the Foundation and for its keenness to offering training programs and workshops for refugees in Jordan. She explained that such a strategy enables refugees to engage with the host community and become productive members, which enriches their abilities to reconstruct and develop their home country after the end of the conflicts.

A Delegation from Arkansas Visits Yarmouk University



The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi met with a delegation from the University of Arkansas of the United States, headed by Dr. Douglas Rhodes, Director of the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology at the University. The meeting was held to discuss ways of enhancing cooperation between the two sides in the field of exchanging students and faculty members and conducting scientific research

of common interest.

Yarmouk's intentions to enhance scientific and academic cooperation with various international universities were highlighted, and Prof. Kafafi expressed Yarmouk's willingness to attract several faculty members from American universities to teach in the various academic departments

at the university. He explained that such cooperation contributes to enriching the teaching process and provides an opportunity to exchange knowledge among faculty members, which reflects positively on the University's students and academic status. Also, Kafafi confirmed that Yarmouk University is eager to receive American

students wishing to learn Arabic at the University's Language Center through its unique program for language teaching. Moreover, Kafafi declared that the university administration has a sincere belief in the importance of exchanging scientific visits for students, as this process provides them with the opportunity to communicate with other people and consequently enrich their personalities, expand their perceptions, and trigger their creativity.

Representing the University of Arkansas, Rhodes explained how excited the university staff is for the upcoming collaboration happening with Yarmouk University. Rhodes stated that the cooperation agreement with Yarmouk to conduct scientific research of mutual interest will incorporate the exchange of students and faculty members. The opportunities offered here are for students to join one of the master programs at the University of Arkansas especially in the fields of pharmacy as well as medical, and basic sciences.

The American Concrete Institute is Officially Accredited at the Department of Civil Engineering in Yarmouk



The Vice President of Yarmouk University for Scientific Faculties and Financial Affairs, Prof. Ahmed Ajlouni patronized the activities of the ACI Competition organized by the Civil Engineering Department at Al-Hajjawi Faculty of Technological Engineering. The ceremony was held to mark the accreditation of the American Concrete Institute's student branch in the Civil Engineering Department at the University as the first official student institute in the Kingdom and the fifth in the

Middle East.

The Associate Dean of the Faculty of Al-Hijawi, Dr. Faris Matalqa, thanked the university administration and the local institutions that supported the Department of Civil Engineering to obtain the official accreditation of the first student branch of the American

Concrete Institute in the kingdom. He explained that the institute aims at developing modern scientific methods in concrete manufacturing technology and use and that its branch in Yarmouk will allow students to read the latest studies, researches, and scientific experiments in concrete science and provide them with the opportunity to participate in regional and international competitions of manufacturing concrete and the related fields. Matalqa then pointed out that holding such a competition

at Yarmouk aims at encouraging students to think creatively and work to discover the best ways to manufacture concrete.

The President of the Jordanian Concrete Society, Nizar Qaqish, acknowledged the official accreditation of the student branch of the American Concrete Institute at Yarmouk University. He stated that such a step indicates the outstanding level of the Department of Civil Engineering at Yarmouk and its students. Qaqish also emphasized that this branch contributes to raising the level and efficiency of civil engineers in Jordan

During the competition, Prof. Ajlouni honored the representatives of the Jordan Concrete Society, Lafarge Concrete Jordan, and the Great Academy for Consulting and Training, which are the main supporters of the student branch of the American Concrete Institute in Yarmouk. Noteworthy that the competition was attended by the Dean of Al-Hijawi Faculty of Engineering Technology, Prof. Ahmed Al-Shamali, several faculty members, and a crowd of students.

A Visit from the German Protestant Institute of Archeology

The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi met a delegation from the German Protestant Institute of Archeology, which included Dr. Dieter Weber, the Director of the Institute in Jerusalem, and Dr. Utah Heiser from the Institute's sect in Amman. The two sides discussed ways of enhancing cooperation between Yarmouk and the institution, especially in the field of implementing an inventory project of the artifacts in the Faculty of Archeology and Anthropology.

During the meeting, Kafafi stressed the depth of relations between Yarmouk University and the Institute as well as other German educational institutions, especially in the field of archaeological excavations and maintenance. He then praised the role of the Institute in preserving the cultural heritage, the field of excavation, and the monuments through projects applied in several archaeological sites in Jordan, which is executed in cooperation with several Jordanian researchers, and a number of faculty members at Yarmouk University. Kafafi also pointed out the possibility of continuing cooperation with the Institute through signing a memorandum of understanding between the two sides to implement a research project on a set of artifacts in the Faculty of Archeology and Anthropology. He explained that this should enable researchers to study, analyze, and understand the history of the sequential civilizations of the region.



In return, Weber praised the outstanding scientific level of the Faculty of Archeology at YU and its role in preserving the cultural heritage in the region. He then expressed the readiness of the Institute to study the possibility of implementing the inventory of the artifacts project in the faculty, which enhances the role of the Institute in the preservation of the world's cultural heritage and contributes to the definition of regional identities considering them as the most important requirements of the cultural dialogue among civilizations.

Graduating the Second Batch of the "Psychosocial Support for Refugees"

Prof. Anis Khasawneh, Vice President of YU for Humanities and Administrative Affairs, patronized the graduation ceremony of the second batch of participants in the 2019 Psychosocial Support Project, which is executed by the Refugees, Displaced Persons, and Forced Migration Studies Center at YU with the support of the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). In his talk, Al-Khasawneh thanked the GIZ for its support to such a project, which aims at providing psychosocial support services in the context of forced migration. He mentioned that the Agency tries to enhance the psychosocial competencies of several Jordanian and Syrian university graduates and prepare them to provide psychosocial support services for refugees, migrants, and some Jordanians. As for the tremendous events taking place in the Arabic region, Al-Khasawneh called on the participants to work hard with perseverance and excellence, reflect experiences on personal behavior, help the members of the community through spreading knowledge, and help the community overcome the traumas and psychological pressures resulting from crises and conflicts.

The Director of the Refugees, Displaced Persons, and Forced Migration Studies Center, Dr. Anas Subuh stated that the Center is concerned with conducting studies in the political, economic, social, and health aspects of the many asylum-oriented issues that concern Jordan as well as the Arab world. He added that the center provides researchers and officials with the data to serve policy and decision-makers in the governmental and international organizations. Dr. Anas then explained that the project included a course for sixteen participants, which lasted for four weeks. Through the course, the participants were trained on providing psychosocial support services to the individual, family, and community. He also said that the participants learned how to communicate effectively and were introduced to the smart technologies used in applying the psychological support services.



In return, Dr. Christine Mueller, the Director of Projects at the GIZ, emphasized the Agency's support of YU for many years. She said that such a project that provides participants with the skills and knowledge necessary for providing psychological support to community members is the fruitful outcome of the cooperation between GIZ and YU. However, she explained that the project targets the social side of the issue rather than the therapeutic one because the psychological pressure, feelings of sadness, and anger can be handled with the appropriate support through effective communication skills and blending refugees into communities.

In his turn, Muhannad Al Essa talked about his interesting experience during the course by pointing out the various skills he acquired. He stated that the training course expanded his perception and refined his skills in the art of dealing with others and providing them with the social and psychological support. At the end of the ceremony, Prof. Al-Khasawneh handed certificates to the participants.

A Visit from the Faculty of Archeology at Oxford University



The President of Yarmouk University met a delegation from the Faculty of Archeology at the University of Oxford, which included both Dr. Bill Finlayson and Dr. Pascal Fleur. The two parties discussed possible cooperation in the fields of archeology and anthropology. They also discussed the possibility of signing a cooperation agreement for the implementation of a project in the field of archeology in the area of Wadi Finan, which is located at south of

the Dead Sea.

During the meeting, Prof. Kafafi expressed Yarmouk's inclination to activate cooperation with various international prestigious universities, which contributes to the exchange of experience among faculty members regarding the modern educational methods and their deployment in various academic faculties. He explained

that such a step may help the academic staff keep pace with the scientific developments in all knowledge fields and train university students. Prof. Kafafi added that the Faculty of Archeology and Anthropology at Yarmouk University is one of the leading colleges in the various fields of archaeology and the maintenance of cultural heritage at the regional level. The university, he added, plays its role in the

protection, studying, and analyzing cultural heritage through a range of distinguished scientific competencies. He also stated that the faculty members of Yarmouk's Faculty of Archaeology are implementing many research projects and excavations in various archaeological sites in Jordan and cooperating accordingly with several universities and international research institutes. In addition, he confirmed that the Faculty is attempting to spread awareness among individuals regarding their role in protecting the diverse cultural heritage abundant in the various areas of Jordan as such sites embody the culture of humanity and the successive civilizations throughout history.

In his turn, Finlayson praised the outstanding level of the Faculty of Archeology and Anthropology at Yarmouk University and stated that the Faculty of Archeology at the University of Oxford is eager to reinforcing collaboration with Yarmouk University and establishing research projects, excavation, and analysis at the various archaeological sites in Jordan.

Hult International Prize in Yarmouk

The Dean of Students Affairs at Yarmouk University, Dr. Amal Nusair, patronized the activities of the introductory meeting of the Hult International Prize, which is conducted in Jordan in cooperation with the Crown Prince Foundation. During the meeting organized by the award team at the university in cooperation with the Deanship, Yarmouk students were introduced to the topics and objectives of the award, which is entitled this year as "Towards A Green Environment".

Nusair stressed the importance of students' participation in competitions at the local and international levels, as this improves the lives of individuals by offering possible solutions to the many problems faced by societies across the globe. She also explained that the slogan "Towards a green environment" does not only mean participating in the award through a project that provides more green spaces; rather, it also involves maintaining the sanitation of the environment as well as the facilities' property.

Dr. Areej Yaseen, a faculty member of the Information Technology Department at the University, said that the participation of students in the challenges of the Hult Award is a kind of leadership in thinking and life, through which students demonstrate their abilities to think about issues that concern communities. The participation, she explained, will encourage students to feel responsible for finding realistic solutions that contribute to improving the lives of the individual and society. She then called on students to invest their energies in serious thinking, suggest solutions, and seek to apply them.

Zada Al-Azzam, the representative student of the Hult award competition in Yarmouk,



said that the award seeks through its various challenges to encourage and motivate young people around the world to be active individuals in serving their communities. She also mentioned that the value of the grand prize of the contest is one million dollars and that the award aims at improving the lives of one million people by investing one million dollars in ten years.

The Turkish Ambassador to Amman Visits Yarmouk

The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi met the Turkish Ambassador to Amman, Mr. Murad Karaguz and the accompanying delegation. The two parties discussed ways of enhancing cooperation between Yarmouk and the Turkish embassy as well as the various universities and educational institutions in Turkey.

Kafafi stressed the keenness of Yarmouk to strengthen cooperation ties with the various Turkish universities and institutes, praising the embassy's support of the Turkish language program at the Faculty of Arts at the university. He also expressed his hope to provide the program with more faculty members, which contributes to the preparation of students of the program and enables them to engage in the labor market and master the Turkish language. In addition, he expressed the willingness of Yarmouk to receive more Turkish students wishing to learn Arabic in the Arabic language program for non-native speakers at the University's Language Center, which has a distinguished scientific reputation regionally and internationally. Moreover, Kafafi pointed out the possibility of establishing joint academic programs with Turkish universities at the bachelor, master and doctorate levels through the Turkish Embassy in Amman, something that may contribute to the exchange of expertise and preparing distinct graduates.

For his part, Mr. Karaguz praised the distinguished scientific reputation of Yarmouk University and the importance of enhancing scientific and cultural cooperation between Jordanian and Turkish universities, calling for more cultural activities that introduce students



and community members to the Turkish language and civilization.

Interestingly, the Ambassador, during his visit to the University, met with students enrolled in the Turkish Language Program at the Faculty of Arts at the University and explained to them the opportunities of education and scholarships available for outstanding students in Turkey. However, the meeting was attended by the Vice President for Students Affairs and Foreign relations, Prof. Fawwaz Al Abed Al-Haq, Irbid Chamber of Industry President, Mr. Hani Abu Hassan, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dr. Mahmoud Al-Amrat, and several officials of the University and the Embassy.

Cooperation with the American Jesuit Worldwide Learning Institute



The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi met Dr. Martha Habash, the Academic Director of Jesuit Worldwide Learning Institute at Creighton University. The two parties discussed the possibility of cooperation, especially in the field of holding an English language training program for university students and refugees in Jordan.

During the meeting, Kafafi stressed the keenness of Yarmouk to strengthen cooperation with various international educational institutions and institutes, which contributes to the exchange of experiences and knowledge, and positively reflects on improving the educational process at the university. He also stressed that Yarmouk

University, since its inception, is keen to positively impact the society of Irbid Governorate and the providence of educational services of its citizens. As a national institution in Jordan, Yarmouk University has handled its social responsibility towards the community to carry part of the burden of the seek refuge in Jordan through the implementation of a number of international scientific projects supported by international donors aiming at rehabilitating refugees, helping them to engage in host communities, and enabling them to start their business and entrepreneurship in a way that achieves economic sufficiency of their needs.

Kafafi then proceeded to express Yarmouk's willingness to discuss the possibility of establishing a program to teach the English language to non-native speakers serving by that refugees, local community members, and university students alike. This possibility will assist those, who wish to join international universities, to complete their higher studies on the one hand, and to raise their level of mastery of the English language that is now considered the language of the modern age.

In return, Habash praised the outstanding level of Yarmouk University, the efficiency of its faculty members, and their excellence in attracting and implementing international projects that serve the community. Habash also stressed the Institute's keenness to strengthen cooperation with Yarmouk University represented by the Refugees, Displaced Persons, and Forced Migration Studies Center, and to compose a future memorandum of understanding in areas of common interest.

Enhancement of Cooperation with Leatherby Library at the American Chapman University



The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi, met the Director of the Development at Leatherby Library of Chapman University, Israa Nawar and the Director of Shoman Library, Ghalib Masoud. During the meeting, Kafafi emphasized how libraries function as centers of creativity and culture and how they play a role in providing academic and cultural services, such as refining the individual's cultural personality and expanding his/her perceptions. Al-Hussein Bin Talal Library at Yarmouk University is keen, he added, to attract students to visit the library and encourage them to educate themselves in the various fields of knowledge. Kafafi then talked about Yarmouk's profound belief in people's need for books and reading to contribute to the development of the individual and

society, which results in the popularization of cultures and thoughts and the acceptance of the other. Thus, Kafafi emphasized the necessity of establishing a partnership between Al-Hussein bin Talal Library and the Library of Leatherby at Chapman University, which leads to exchanging the experience among the administrative staff of the two libraries and developing the library services provided to university students and independent researchers.

In her turn, Nawar acknowledged the advanced, high-level services provided by Al-Hussein Bin Talal Library at Yarmouk University, considering it one of the leading libraries in the Arab world. Then she emphasized the importance of university libraries at cultivating students and preparing them to lead positive change and advancement of societies. Also, she explained that university libraries provide people with a large space for exchanging ideas and sharing each other's perspectives.

Noteworthy that Nawar, during her visit to the University, gave a lecture at Al-Hussein Bin Talal University Library entitled "The Effect of Exhibitions and Events in Encouraging Reading and Literacy in University Libraries". She spoke of her personal experience in the field of the development of libraries. She then recommended paying close attention to the importance of holding events that attract students to the library and motivate them to see the library's references and scientific resources, which usually spreads the love of reading among people.

Cooperation with the American Equity Health Services Company



The President of YU, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi met a delegation from IQVIA Office of Health Systems Services, which included the Director of the Office, Dr. Rania Bader, and the Public Health Specialist, Rana Mdanat. The two parties discussed possible cooperation in the field of scientific and clinical health studies, the providence of a database on medicines, and other areas of experience exchange.

At the beginning of the meeting, Kafafi confirmed Yarmouk's keenness to develop the educational process in the various faculties of the university, especially the faculties of medicine and pharmacy, and to build bridges of cooperation with various medical and health institutions in the world, pointing out that such a strategy results in exchanging experiences and keeping pace with developments in the medical sector in the world. He

also emphasized the use of the latest educational methods that contribute to the rehabilitation of the faculties' students and make of them skilled physicians who can perform their mission of providing sound medical and diagnostic services for patients. He explained that this program exposes students to job opportunities at the local, regional, and international level on the one hand, and advances the medical sector in Jordan on the other.

In addition, Kafafi expressed YU's readiness to cooperate with the company of Equity Health Services in the field of clinical studies and referred to the possibility of benefiting from the databases and health technology systems provided by the company, considering Equity as one of the leading companies in such a field at the international level. Moreover, he stressed the possibility of cooperating to preparing a feasibility study for the educational hospital that YU plans to establish to provide medical services for the inhabitants of Irbid and to train students of the faculties of medicine and pharmacy.

In return, Bader illustrated the services provided by the company in the field of linking technological health information with clinical studies, providing information for the technological systems of the health sector, and conducting research projects and clinical studies in various medical fields. She pointed out the company's keenness to extend bridges of cooperation with YU and the possibility of composing a cooperation agreement in areas of common interest. She explained that the company can benefit from the expertise of the faculties of medicine and pharmacy, which may contribute to the advancement of the scientific medical research in Jordan.

The First Batch of Participants in the Workshop of Building Functional Capacities of Jordanian and Syrian Students in Jordan

The Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science at Yarmouk University, Prof. Samer Samara, patronized the graduation ceremony of the first batch of participants in the workshop of building the functional capacity of Jordanian and Syrian students in northern Jordan. The workshop is part of the project (Competency-based Career Focused Training for Syrian and Jordanian Students in Northern Jordan), which is conducted by the Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science with the support of the German Association for International Cooperation (GIZ).

The project manager, Dr. Aws Magableh from the Department of Information Systems at the university pointed out that this project aims at developing students' career skills in order to help them get suitable job opportunities and develop their skills coherently with the needs of the labor market. He mentioned that the project includes four training workshops, which address effective communication skills and try to develop skills for composing presentations, entrepreneurship, and cybersecurity.

Mrs. Eris of the German Association for International Cooperation (GIZ), the project coordinator, explained the importance of the project in the development of human capacity among participants, praising the level of implementation and organization of this project by Yarmouk University. She pointed out the depth



of cooperation relations between Yarmouk and GIZ in the implementation of various development projects that contribute to the rehabilitation and preparation of young people to take several developmental roles and build their own desired future.

However, Prof. Samara handed certificates to the workshop participants at the end of the ceremony and thanked the project team, which includes Dr. Aws Magableh as the project manager, Dr. Ahmed Al-Aroud, Dr. Nawaf Al-Sareheen, and Dr. Yazan Al-Shboul.

Distinguished Lectures in Geoinformatics

A group of professors from the University of Leon in Spain and the Polytechnic-Milan University presented several lectures in the field of geoinformatics for graduate students in the departments of Earth Sciences, Environment, and Geography at Yarmouk University. This activity was held as part of Erasmus Plus European Program's specialized workshop called "Geodesy and Geoinformatics Towards Sustainable Development in Jordan".

The workshop program, which was supervised by Dr. Muhaib Awawdeh from the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Dr. Rana Al-Jawarneh from the Department of Geography, lasted for two days. A group of lectures were held on the first day on advanced topics in remote sensing science and its applications like the use of hyperspectral images in mineral exploration. On the second day, there was more elaboration on the techniques of obtaining remote sensing data by laser radiation (LiDAR) and the



mechanism of extracting data of great scientific value in scientific research such as the digital elevation system (DEM).