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"QS World" Ranks Yarmouk as the Third Local, the (34) Arab, and (1006) International Institution

According to "QS World", Yarmouk University obtains the (1006) rank at the level of the universities in the world, (34) rank at the level of the universities in the Arab World, and the third place among Jordanian universities. In fact, this is the first time Yarmouk University has come close to the top 1,000 universities in the world.

Interestingly, the Department of Physics at the Faculty of Science was ranked among the first 1,000 universities this year, and the Department of Computer Science at the Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science obtained the rank of 551- 600 according to the Times ranking last year.

The University's President, Prof. Nabil Hailat, expressed the pride of Yarmouk University in this achievement, which reflects the university's continuous efforts to develop its vision and plans and to enhance its heritage and long academic history. Similarly, the director

QS World University Ranking 2021

1	10	University of Jordan	5★	12	101-110	Applied Science Private University, Jordan	5★
2	13	Jordan University of Science & Technology	5★	13	111-120	Al Hussein bin Talal University	
3	34	Yarmouk University		14	111-120	Middle East University	
4	38	Umm Al-Qura University for Science		15	111-120	Umm Al-Qura University	
5	48	German Jordanian University		16	121-130	Al-Balqa University	
6	49	The Hashemite University		17	131-160	Al-Farabi University	
7	71-80	Al-Balqa Applied University		18	131-160	Herath Private University	
8	91-100	Al-Azhar American University	4★	19	131-160	Tafila Technical University	
9	91-100	Muqatils University		20	131-160	The World Islamic Sciences and Education University	
10	91-100	Al-Salamat University, Jordan		21	131-160	Noraa University, QJ	
11	101-110	Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan					

of the Center for Accreditation and Quality Assurance, Dr. Abdullah Al-Khataiba, attributed this clear progress in the university's classification to the support provided by the university administration to the center and its programs, where the slogan "the Year of Quality" was raised this year at Yarmouk University. He added, "we hope that the university's rating will get further advanced in the coming years by the support of the faculty members' publication in Elsevier and Scopus indexed journals".

Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan Opens the 5th International Conf. on Medical Engineering in the Middle East & Africa 2020



Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, the President of the Royal Scientific Society, sponsored the opening of the 5th International Conference on Medical Engineering in the Middle East and Africa (MECBME) 2020. The conference was organized remotely by the Hajjawi Faculty of Technological Engineering at Yarmouk University in collaboration with the Institute of the Electrical and Electronic Engineers in Jordan (IEEE) and the Engineering Branch of Medicine and Biology in Jordan (IEEE EMBS Jordan Chapter).

Speaking at the opening session of the conference, her Highness stressed the need to explore more effective ways for providing scientific information in accurate and attractive ways and for promoting the dialogue between scientists and society. She emphasized the need to strengthen the field of medical engineering in order to be able to have a skilled scientific workforce for the future. Her Highness praised then the great efforts of the medical engineering staff of the Royal Scientific Society who serve our beloved country and congratulated the students of Princess Sumaya University of Technology on the occasion of obtaining the first place in the world championship in the IEEE Xtreme competition.

In his turn, the President of the University, Prof. Nabil Hailat, thanked Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan for her

generous sponsorship of the opening of the conference, which is an opportunity for engineers, researchers, scientists, medical experts, and decision makers to exchange experiences, open channels of cooperation and investment, work to meet current and future challenges, and create better opportunities for future generations. He stated, "the time has come to emphasize the importance of the outstanding contributions that biomedical engineering makes to the development of healthcare institutions and to maintaining the highest standards in engineering systems and applications that directly affect our health".

The chairman of the preparatory committee for the conference, Dr. Awad al-Zaben, welcomed the participants in the conference and noted that this conference brings together distinguished figures and scientists from different countries around the world. He then explained that the first day of the conference will be attended by three distinguished keynote speakers, namely Dr. Nitish Thakur of Johns Hopkins University in the United States, Dr. Emad al-Ebbini of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, USA, and Dr. Mohammed Odeh of the University of the West of England in the United Kingdom. He added that the conference will include 33 papers divided into seven axes, namely medical imaging, medical signal processing, medical



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imaging processing, medical devices and techniques, bioinformatics systems and artificial intelligence, artificial limbs, and biomechanics. He also mentioned that the papers submitted through the conference for publication will be presented to the IEEE Xplore Digital Library and indexed in Scopus.

The opening events, which were held remotely under the direction of Dr. Mohammed Al-Abed of The Hashemite University, were attended by Dr. Muwaffaq al-Omoush, the Dean of al-Hajjawi Faculty of Technological Engineering, Dr. Muwaffaq al-Otoom, and a number of faculty members at the faculty and a group of its students.

Blended Education Continues after Corona Pandemic



The Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Dr. Mohammed Abu Qudais, said that the directives of His Majesty King Abdullah II, even before the Corona pandemic, have always been stressing the need to integrate e-learning in the educational system at schools and universities. During his visit to Yarmouk University and his meeting with the President of the University, Prof. Nabil Hailat, vice presidents and deans of faculties in the seminar and conference building, Abu Qudais said that Jordanian universities will continue using blended and online education after the end of the pandemic. He explained that while there will be lectures in the traditional image on campus, other lectures will be delivered remotely.

Abu Qudais then pointed out that the Ministry of Higher

Education and Scientific Research is developing plans and study programs and that it is setting new general principles for admission into Jordanian universities by reviewing the requirements of universities and establishing a general framework for their development in line with the requirements of the labor market and its need for skills like innovation, management skills, English language skills, leadership skills, and community responsibility. The Minister stated: "We want the graduate student to create a job, not to find it". Moreover, he emphasized the importance of scientific research in serving national priorities and providing solutions for the issues that afflict the Jordanian society.

The President of the University, Prof. Nabil Hailat, said that the Minister's visit to the university reflects the government's interest and support of the university and its students, professors, and staff. He added that Yarmouk University, through its distinguished human cadres, will spare no effort in continuous improvement and modernization at the levels of the on-campus education, distance learning, hosting distinguished students, supporting scientific research, and raising the capabilities of researchers towards research and innovation projects. He also stressed that Yarmouk University, in accordance with its strategic plan, seeks to facilitate networking with national, regional, and international scientific research institutions.

Yarmouk Concludes a Training Project for 12 Trainees on Psychological and Social Support for Refugees



The University's Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Prof. Riad al-Moumani, patronized the graduation ceremony of the participants in the third session of the psychological and social support project implemented by the Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Center in partnership with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), for 12 Jordanian and Syrian trainees.

During his speech, al-Moumani stressed that Yarmouk University has been a distinguished leader in its scientific and academic career and has served the society and the humanity by supporting all activities with societal and humanitarian projects. He added that given the negative effects of wars, conflicts, and crises in the world, there is a need for the psychological and social support, whether at the level of individuals or family and community relationships as it strengthens personality and relieves the physical and emotional suffering.

Dr. Anas Al-Subh, the Director of the Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Center, said that despite the challenges posed by the Corona pandemic, the center worked within the

framework of the psychological, social and trauma support project in Jordan of the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and completed the third phase of this program for 12 trainees of Jordanian and Syrian nationalities. He added that this course included four comprehensive units to cover the different aspects in the context of refugees and keep up with the development technologies.

Dr. Christine of the GIZ pointed to the importance of the psychological support for the individual and society, especially in these difficult circumstances of the coronavirus pandemic, which has had its economic impact on families and several psychological effects on children and mothers.

The Jordanian Journal of Educational Sciences Gets the Accreditation for Arcif

The Jordanian Journal of Educational Sciences whose editor in chief is Dr. Shadia Al-Tal of the Faculty of Education at the University and that is published by the Deanship of Scientific Research and Graduate Studies at Yarmouk University, receives the accreditation criteria for Arcif, a comprehensive database providing citations of peer reviewed academic journals in the Arab world that complies with the (31) international standards. The Journal was ranked third in the Arab world out of the (681) total number of journals under Arcif, and its rank was (0.9559), according to the annual 5th report for journals for 2020.

Hailat Meets the International Advisor of the British University Accreditation Authority

During his reception of Dr. Muwaffaq al-Ajlouni, the International Advisor of the Accreditation Authority of Universities, Institutes and International Schools of the United Kingdom and its Inspector General Ambassador, Yarmouk University's President, Prof. Nabil Hailat, confirmed that part of the university's strategic plan is to move forward towards quality and international reliability in all disciplines and academic programs. He stressed that Yarmouk University has the ability and requirements to gain the accreditation and enhance its academic status, rank, and reputation.

Al-Ajlouni emphasized the importance of getting the accreditation of (ASIC) for Yarmouk University as it contributes to university's status and reputation among other international universities and scientific center. He pointed out that gaining such an



international accreditation should positively reflect on the University graduates as it may help them compete in the labor market. He added that the accreditation should help the university strengthen its cooperation with other universities accredited by the Authority and attract more international students.

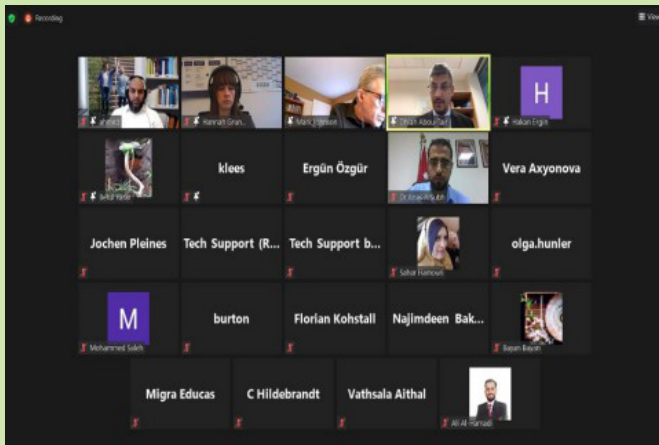
Yarmouk University Wins 40 Projects for Academic and Student Exchange Within Erasmus Plus Program 2020

The European Union Commission in Brussels announced the list of ICM academic mobility projects selected for funding under the Erasmus Plus program for 2020, in which it was announced that Yarmouk University won the partnership of 40 projects for students, faculty members and staff members. Yarmouk University ranked second among Jordanian Universities with the number of partnerships with European universities. This shows the outstanding level and the good reputation that Yarmouk University enjoys at the international and regional levels. This achievement is among the efforts of the Department

of International Relations and Projects in enhancing internationalization, building partnerships and networking with prestigious global universities.

Prof. Nabil Hailat, Rector of the University, expressed his gratitude to the European Union, the Erasmus Plus Program and the Erasmus Plus National Office for their ongoing cooperation and support in the field of cultural exchange as this has a direct impact on sharing knowledge, learning about experiences of others, and sharing expertise in academic issues, training and research as a mean to global reach.

Yarmouk University Organizes the International Conference on Refugees: "Prolonged Displacement - Hopes, Aspirations and Solutions"



The conference entitled "Prolonged Displacement - Hopes, Aspirations and Solutions" was remotely organized through zoom by the Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Center at Yarmouk University in cooperation with several institutions, namely the German-Jordanian University and the Syrian-Jordanian Education Program (EDU-Syria), the Academics in Solidarity Program at the Free University of Berlin (AIS), the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), the German Agency for Scientific Exchange (DAAD), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The conference, which was supported by the German University Project Office at the University of Magdeburg-Stendal for Applied Sciences, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and the European Union, addressed several issues associated with asylum and displacement and their implications. On the first day of the conference, two sessions were held. The first was entitled "Prolonged displacement as a regional and international phenomenon," and it

was conducted by the German Jordanian University whose Vice-President for International Affairs, Prof. Ralf Roskov, explained that the main objective of the conference was to highlight the main issues and challenges related to the fate of refugees, thereby contributing to enhancing the response of the host communities to refugees. Prof. Roskov focused on the role of the social action and the activities of the civil society institutions in promoting the mental and psychological health of refugees. He then expressed his thanks to the Center for Refugees and Displaced Persons at Yarmouk University for its important and active role in supporting refugees and implementing projects that are concerned with empowering refugees and enhancing their abilities, pointing out that the German University of Jordan and Yarmouk University have carried out many joint projects in this field, as evident in the Syrian/Jordanian education project (EDU-Syria), which has provided the opportunity for many Syrian refugees to complete their university studies.

Dr. Anas Al-Subh, the director of the Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration studies center reviewed a set of figures on the reality of asylum and displacement in the world, noting that at least 80 million people around the world have been forced to leave their homelands in the past 10 years and that 26 million refugees have been registered under UNHCR records. Al-Subh said that the war in Syria left 6.6 million displaced people by the end of 2019, explaining that Lebanon hosted (1 out of 7) refugees, Jordan (1 out of 15)

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refugees, while Turkey (1 out of 23) refugees.

Dr. Diya' Abu Tair, the project officer of the (EDU-Syria), explained that the project provides scholarships for Syrian and Jordanian refugees who are less fortunate to pursue higher education or participate in vocational training programs in Jordanian universities and colleges. He explained that the project began in 2015 and will continue until 2023, adding that the (EDU- Syria) is an educational and humanitarian project funded by the European Union and that it supported more than 1,000 graduates so far.

Dr. Floren Costal of the Academics in Solidarity program at the Free University of Berlin, Germany, spoke about the program that aims at establishing

a network of researchers in Germany, Lebanon, and Jordan and at strengthening the research and scientific cooperation among them, which opens up new horizons for researchers and enables them to learn about other cultures and civilizations.

For his part, Mohammed Sayasana, a Syrian student studying at Yarmouk University, reviewed his experience in facing the challenges and difficulties since coming as a refugee to Jordan in 2013, pointing out that he was able to obtain a scholarship to complete his university studies in the Department of Civil Engineering at Yarmouk University as part of the international projects that focus on empowering refugees in the educational aspect.

Hailat Confirms Yarmouk's Readiness to Receive More Malaysian Students

During his reception of the educational attaché at the Malaysian Embassy in Amman, Yarmouk President, Prof. Nabil Hailat, stressed the readiness of Yarmouk University to receive more Malaysian students wishing to study at the various faculties and programs of the University. He explained that Yarmouk University is proud of its Malaysian students and praised their hard work, educational achievement and commitment, and interaction with the various activities and programs carried out by the university through its deanship of students' affairs.

In return, Ben Wahab expressed the admiration of the Malaysian Embassy and Attaché in Yarmouk University and its long academic and educational history. He also praised the attention paid by Yarmouk



to Malaysian students as well as other international students, especially during the Corona pandemic and its exceptional circumstances.

Inaugurating the New Identity of Oman College of Management and Technology



In the presence of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Faculty of Commerce and Industry of Oman, the President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Nabil Hailat, participated, through Zoom, in the inauguration ceremony of the new identity of Oman College of Management and Technology and the launch of the College's website, a ceremony that was sponsored by Reda bin Juma bin Mohammed al-Saleh, the president of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

At the beginning of his speech, Hailat congratulated the Sultanate of Oman as well as the Omani citizens on the occasion of the 50th National Renaissance Anniversary; he pointed to the joint history between Yarmouk University and the Oman Collage of Management and Technology, which began in 2004 and extended over sixteen years. He then called for continuing the active and fruitful cooperation between the two parties, stressing that Yarmouk University will always try to achieve its goals on behalf of its students and the educational process in Oman.

In his turn, the Dean of the College, Prof. Walid Humidat

said: "we believe that the new identity of the College will contribute to the development of the college's strategy of maintaining high standards and fulfilling the administration's vision regarding empowering the College's status and role in the society".

Likewise, the Dean Assistant for Scientific Affairs, Dr. Mohammed al-Azzawi, delivered a speech in which he emphasized the College's pride in such a celebration in conjunction with the celebrations of the Sultanate's 50th National Renaissance Day. He stressed the keenness of Oman Collage of Management and Technology to play its role in advancing the development and prosperity of the Sultanate by preparing a promising generation of qualified young people who can serve the country in various fields.

Moreover, Hisher al-Mundhari, the President of the Foundation for Advertising and Marketing, explained the steps of designing the new logo that reflects the new identity of the College, pointing out that the College will always maintain and conduct its noble values, concepts and visions on behalf of the country and its citizens.

