

IBSAR

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Editorial

This venue was initiated to provide quick and easy to read news about our group's activities and is intended as a supplement to the password activated website that is currently online (www.departments.aub.edu.lb/~webibsar).

Our aim is to produce this newsletter on a monthly basis and include information that will help us all remain updated and actively involved in this joint 'venture'.

Any comments and / or inputs (including criticisms and complaints ☺) are highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours

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For your precious contribution to this invaluable newsletter

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Submission deadlines 20th of each month.

Meetings, contacts & Seminars

Members of IBSAR met with the Provost, Dr. P. Heath, to discuss IBSAR and the final agreement was to create a cost center for IBSAR under which all IBSAR's multidisciplinary projects will fall. The Provost will also accommodate our need for space to meet with donors and other activities (More on the web).

Members of IBSAR met with a Tunisian delegation, which has been working on indigenous plants of Tunisia for 20 years to select plants with biological activity to determine their anti-microbial, anti-tumor and anti-inflammatory effects. The attendants discussed research interests and ways to initiate collaboration. The meeting was concluded with a coffee break in which informal discussions continued (More on the web).

'Legislation and Biodiversity Opportunities in Lebanon'. The Committee organizing this workshop has developed a list of tasks to be accomplished. The workshop is planned for March 27- 28, 2003 and is jointly coordinated by IBSAR, the Ministry of Environment and EARTH (Costa Rica)
Committee members include: N.Abu Ghazale, E. Barbour, L. Chamas, N. Kabbani, S. Malek Azar, H. Mohtaseb, B.Saab, L.Samaha and S. Talhouk (More on the web)

Fund Raising

Funds received!

N. Hwallah received a donation of 25,000 USD to support her research on 'Development of carbohydrate free bread and the effects of herbs'

Submitted

S.N. Talhouk submitted a pre-proposal for the IDRC: International Development Research Center Entitled " Native Bulbs and Herbs an economic opportunity for entrepreneurial communities in Lebanon" (submission date jan. 2003, members included: K. Abdallah, R. Baalbaki and N. Saliba)

S. N. Talhouk submitted a follow up proposal for phase 3 of the Bioprospection Project (Mercy Corps, Submission date Dec. 2002,

Members included: all those in bioprospection project phase 1 and 2).

R. Baalbaki submitted a proposal for funding to the Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development, entitled "Biodiversity conservation through sustainable development and training". This is an institution-to-institution collaborative project joining UC Davis and AUB. (Submission date: November 19, 2002; investigators include S.N Talhouk from AUB and D. Potter and E. Dean from UC Davis).

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Nothing yet?