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Highlight of the Issue

7th Annual Directors' Meeting

The 7th Annual Directors' meeting of the Choueifat / SABIS® School Network was held in Helsinki, Finland from July 8-13, 2003.



The week-long meeting provided attendees with an overview of important issues such as time-management techniques, communication, performance management tips, and other topics. The meetings focused on re-stating the SABIS® policies and guidelines, forward planning and the promotion of the SABIS® mission.

Sightseeing tours and day trips were also on the schedule and attendees left the meeting with a renewed sense of commitment for the new academic year.

School Re-Opening

SABIS® Returns to Cincinnati

The SABIS® School Network welcomes back *the International College Preparatory Academy, ICPA, Cincinnati, Ohio* which will become the 27th member school. *ICPA*, opening at 244 Southern Avenue, Cincinnati will provide educational opportunities to K-6 students of different races, religions, nationalities and backgrounds. (*cont. p. 2*)

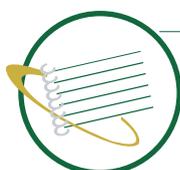
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(cont. from p. 2) The *ICPA* students will be encouraged to perform to the best of their abilities, achieve academic excellence in a global context, while developing their ethical, moral and civic values. *ICPA*'s curriculum will be based on the *SABIS*® curriculum, a highly structured and demanding curriculum, in terms of content and performance, a curriculum leading to successful college admission and life-long learning. The school will add one grade each year to become a full k- 12 school.

AQC Training in the US

June 29th until July 1st



SABIS® Educational Systems, Inc. held an AQC conference on June 29-July 1 at *the International School of Minnesota, MN* for all Academic Quality Controllers in the US schools. The training provided attendees with a chance to assess their progress, set future objectives, and demonstrate that their schools are focused on implementing the *SABIS*® mission through an excellent academic performance record.



SABIS® in the fourth Annual MIT Pan-Arab Conference

On Human and Economic Development



Under the patronage of his Highness General Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni / AE Association (MITAA) hosted the 4th Annual MIT Pan-Arab Conference 2003: Human and Economic Development on June 14 and 15, 2003 in Dubai, UAE.

The main theme of the conference was the Human and Economic Development Through Technology, Policy, Business, Health and Education. Topics covered interactive discussions on Challenges and Prospects of Research and Development in the UAE and the Arab World in the New Millenium, Investment and Economic Development, Global Oil Dynamics and Diversification of Oil Dynamics, Redefining the Research University, Moving beyond Tradition, Winning Leadership Strategies and Transforming the Education Landscape in the Middle East. Among the distinguished guests present at the meeting were Ministers of Higher Education and Research, MIT professors and alumni, renowned CEO's and experts from major fields of work.

SABIS® was invited to participate in the Pan-Arab Conference. Mr. Ralph Bistany, Director General of the *SABIS*® School Network, was a keynote speaker, among a panel of four to address the issue of *Global Educational Reform* and he spoke on *Transforming the Education Landscape in the Middle East*.

Mr. Bistany highlighted the need for a "*Renaissance in Education*." He reiterated some of the dominant ideas in education, such as spending more money on education, reducing class size, individualized teaching, involvement of teachers in curriculum and testing, parental involvement,

Student Testimonials Springfield

// And it's through these lessons that I learned at *SABIS*® that my classmates were no longer my classmates, but my brothers and sisters. My teachers were no longer my teachers, but my parents. The fact is that we were taught so much about school and life in general that we are more than ready for the real world. //

rejection of teaching to the test, reducing frequency of testing, rejection of memorization, compacting the day, requiring specific teacher certification, etc...

He stated that all these issues should be scrutinized very carefully, for money is not a solution, small classes are not more efficient, students need frequent breaks (and hence longer school days) and constant testing and memorization are key to academic excellence.

Mr. Bistany's speech also focused on *Education as an Industry*, along with his belief that Education should be subjected to the rules of efficiency and accountability, should be rewarded for success and pay the price for failure. Mr. Bistany also stressed the privatization of public education, explained some of its existing forms, and touched on the major problems faced by the educational sector; these problems, as underlined in his speech, were universal and not unique to the Middle East region.

The 4th Annual MIT Pan-Arab Conference ended on a productive note. By way of professional speakers and dynamic workshops, the conference succeeded in highlighting several vital global issues and helped clarify a vision for the future.



Keynote speaker Mr. R. Bistany

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Update on the SABIS® Educational Book Series: *New Anthologies*

A report on External Exam Results

ISM– Minneapolis

Creativity Unveiled through Destination Imagination: ISM teams enjoy enviable results.



Destination Imagination® is one of the world's largest creativity and problem-solving programs for youth of all ages, with thousands of participants in 47 states, 15 countries and Canadian provinces participating annually.

Destination Imagination® offers students a unique way to develop their critical thinking skills by emphasizing: creative and critical thinking skills, brainstorming, problem solving, project management, confidence, teamwork, and research skills. Not only an extra-curricular activity, it is a brand of curriculum which draws on creative problem-solving strategies and the multiple intelligences of students to encourage them to use what they have learned in the classroom in new and creative ways. The Destination Imagination® program reinforces students, lifelong skills, such as problem solving, teamwork and divergent thinking, core components of the SABIS® mission.

In this year's contest, ISM's had its senior and freshman teams competing: the senior team, whose performance was outstanding, full of energy, humor and dance, came in first at the Regional Competition and fifth at State Competition.

While the senior team took on a structure-building problem, the freshman team resolved a technical problem. This team took first place at Regionals, first place at State, and seventh at Global Finals in Tennessee.



Art Show

K-9 Graders at the *Guilford Charter School* participated in an art show at a local coffee shop called “Cool Beans”. Students and their families came out to support and view the colorful art displays last June on the show’s opening evening. Ms. Courtney Powers, art teacher at *GCS*, created appealing displays to showcase the students’ artwork. Parents and students indulged themselves in some delicious ice cream while they viewed the lovely exhibit.

The art show ran throughout the entire month of July and was enjoyed by many. We are very proud of our inspired students here at *Guilford Charter School*.



ISC-Lahore

A Concert and Talent Show



The gymnasium hall at *ISC-Lahore* witnessed this year’s Concert/Talent Show, held last April. The function was well attended, with most of the parents coming quite early to get front seats. Their presence was a source of great encouragement for the participants.

The concert started with poetry readings and Nursery Rhymes sung by the children accompanied by their teacher on the piano. There were songs from the Hollywood musical “*The Sound of Music*” including “*Do-Re-Me*”, “*My Favorite Things*” and “*Edelweiss*”, followed by songs and solos by children from Oxford Song Book. Some parents found themselves unexpectedly joining in on some songs which they remembered from their childhood and school days. There were old classic songs from “*Walt Disney*” including “*It’s a world of laughter a world of fear*” sung beautifully by a 2nd grader as a solo during the talent show.

Graduate Testimonials

Abu Dhabi

// ISC has definitely boosted my professional career, contributed to both my academic and professional achievements and instilled many of the qualities that I hold onto today, the most important of which is the drive for continuous learning and achieving one’s full potential. //

Lots of children performed with instruments during the talent show, showcasing their musical ability and their effort in preparing for this performance with their music teacher; their performance brought them applause and appreciation from parents and teachers alike.

The talent show was very well presented with students playing percussion instruments to accompany duets of violin and recorder. Other children performed on the recorder or sang solos giving beautiful vocal performances. A Korean dance and song called the "Butterfly song" was performed by Won Kyung Lee, a young student of Grade 2, who danced to the song and captivated the audience.

The Concert/Talent show was a great presentation, exhibiting the students' interest and talent in the Arts.



Second Annual International Festival

International Event at SABIS® International School, AZ



Last April, classroom and special area teachers, in collaboration with the parent volunteers, planned a week of fun learning based on various countries of selection at the *SABIS® International School in Phoenix, Arizona*. While students' booths featured flags, maps and research of different cultures, music and dance groups performed songs and dance. Sample foods and activities were also introduced to the visitors and an international food court was enjoyed by the community and family visitors.



The week ended with the Second Annual International Festival where displays of the week's learning were set up in the gymnasium.

"This event fosters a deep understanding of diversity and customs of many ethnic countries, drawing hundreds of visitors to the school each year. It has become the "open house" for the students and their families, providing visitors with a unique opportunity to see how SABIS® students celebrate diversity and uniqueness," commented *SIS* director.

Commencement Ceremonies

Internationale Schule Frankfurt- Rhein- Main



Twenty graduates took the stage during commencement exercises last June at *Internationale Schule Frankfurt-Rhein-Main ISF*, doubling the total number of graduates in the school's 8-year history.

The graduation ceremony featured speeches from *ISF's* National Merit Scholar, Andrew Jaegle as well as speeches from students who had been at *ISF* from its very first day.

The commencement speech was delivered by Dr. H. Schwesinger, member of the *ISF* Supervisory Board, and an address by Dr. B. Reimer, as parent representative of the graduating class, completed the ceremony.

A reception for the graduates followed at the school with wishes of continued academic bestowed on all.

SABIS® International Charter School- Springfield

On June 6, a ceremony was held at the SABIS® International Charter School, Springfield, MA to award fifty five students their high school diplomas. The ceremony was attended by Springfield dignitaries, SABIS® officials and a host of relatives, and included two songs sung in harmony by the SABIS® gospel choir and words from fellow graduates.

Mr. G. Saad, VP at SABIS® and a SABIS® graduate himself observed: "There is a value added to an education that will not only remain with you, but will grow over the years...We are so proud of you..."

Congratulations to all!



SICSMA grads aiming high hopes for the future

Reaching for their Dreams

2003 Graduates at ISM

ISM celebrated the graduation of twenty-two seniors on June 14, 2003 at the school's Performing Arts Center. The ceremony began with a procession set to the music of Edward Solomon, G. F. Handel, and Edward Elgar and ending with the school song, "Hail to the International School."

The 13th Annual commencement ceremony was an impressive celebration of the past, present, and future of the School and its students. Graduating seniors, Jihan Elshazly and Kunal Mehta, addressed the audience of fellow graduates, faculty, relatives and current ISM students, poignantly recalling the importance of the shared history of all those who attend ISM.

Though their paths crossed at different times – some at an early age, others who had just joined the school – all could attest to the integral role ISM will play in their future paths as they reach for their dreams.

SABIS® is an educational organization that manages K-12 co-educational schools worldwide. Today, the network comprises 27 schools spanning across 4 continents. Since the first school was founded in 1986, thousands of graduates have joined top universities in North America, Europe, Australia & the Middle East.



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The International School of Choueifat - **Choueifat, Lebanon** | The International School of Choueifat - **Sharjah, UAE** | The International School of Choueifat - **Abu Dhabi, UAE** | The International School of Choueifat - **Al Ain, UAE** | The International School of Minnesota - **Minneapolis, USA** | The International School of Choueifat - **Ras Al Khaimah, UAE** | The International School of Choueifat - **Lahore, Pakistan** | The International School of Choueifat - **Dubai, UAE** | The International School of Choueifat - **Umm Al Quwain, UAE** | The SABIS® International Charter School - **Springfield, Massachusetts, USA** | ISF Internationale Schule Frankfurt - **Rhein-Main, Germany** | The International School of Choueifat - **Cairo, Egypt** | The International School of Choueifat - **Koura, Lebanon** | The International School of Choueifat - **Amman, Jordan** | The International Academy of Flint - **Michigan, USA** | King Abdul Aziz International School - **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (Associate Member)** | The International School of Choueifat - **Doha, Qatar** | The International School of Choueifat - **Damascus, Syria** | The SABIS® International School - **South Phoenix, Arizona, USA** | Guilford Charter School - **Greensboro, North Carolina, USA** | Modern Education School - **Muscat, Oman** | Ruwais Private School - **Ruwais, Abu Dhabi, UAE** | The International Charter School of Schenectady - **New York, USA** | Milestone SABIS® Academy of New Orleans - **New Orleans, Louisiana, USA** | Internationale Schule am Rhein - **Neuss, Germany** | The International School of Choueifat - **City of 6 October, Egypt** | International College Preparatory Academy - **Ohio, USA**