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*... As the Spring Clouds wash the tulips aglow  
Fetch and and Kill a goblet of wine, my fellow!  
'Cause the now-watching-you meadow  
Will grow out of your grave tomorrow ...  
Khayam*

### Women's Role in Research Lauded

### Iranian engineers' self-confidence, creativity famous: Jassbi

TEHRAN (ANA) - Dr. Jassbi issued a message to the Conference on Iranian Women and Research held in Mashhad, the capital city of Khorasan Razavi Province, north eastern Iran.

Starting the message, Jassbi paid tribute to the late Imam Khomeini, as well as the martyrs of the revolution.

The Islamic Azad University (IAU) president expressed gratitude to the female faculty members of the Iranian universities who undertook to hold the Conference on Iranian Women and Research.

Jassbi underlined women's role on providing society with research and scientific development.

Among the women acting in the research field, half are those studying or working in the Islamic Azad University, he added.

The member of the Supreme Council for Cultural Revolution



noted that the Iranian women have conducted 12.5 percent of the IAU researches in the last Iranian calendar year (started from March 20, 2004).

Concluding the message, he stated that the IAU has taken structural measures to reinforce the universities' research sector via earmarking 5 percent of its whole budget on such areas of study and research such as nanotechnology, biotechnology, and information technology (IT).

TEHRAN (ANA) - Dr. Jassbi, the president of the Islamic Azad University (IAU) paid a visit to some of the IAU students of the technical and engineering majors here on Saturday. During the visit, Dr. A. Jassbi said that Iranian engineers' self-confidence, creativity and ability to implement huge and complex projects is regarded as a great success by other nations. On the occasion of commemorating Khaje Nasir-oddin Toosi, the Iranian late famous scientist, he stated that development of technical and engineering sciences as well as research in practical majors such as information technology (IT), civil engineering, industry and mine, agriculture and natural resources, oil and petrochemicals, power and electronic and communication facility will improve self confidence among the Iranian youth and students.

### Highlights

- ◆ International Islamic Azad University Branch at Qeshm
- ◆ Dr. Zahedi; Farabi Festival Set-up My Agenda
- ◆ IAU Inks MOU with Mexico
- ◆ Ancient Greek Language be held at IAU
- ◆ A Shirazi Engineering Student Lauded as Movie Director
- ◆ Ahvaz Azad University Joins Digital Library
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### The Islamic Virtual University Examined in

A delegation from the Tehran-based Islamic Azad University closed its meetings in the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) in the headquarters of ISESCO. The meetings examined the project of the Islamic Virtual University, in accordance with a resolution of the third General Conference of FUIW, held in Sharjah ( the United Arab Emirates).

The delegation was headed by Dr. Mohamed Reza Sharoukhi, Director of the project of the Islamic Virtual University,

who was accompanied by two other members, namely: Dr. Meherdad Fahimi and Dr. Mohamed Reza Sherif Zadeh.

On ISESCO's side, the meetings were attended by Dr. Mustapha Zebakh, President of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World, Dr. Ahmed Said Ould Bah, Chief of the Cabinet of the Director General, and Ms. Wafae El Alami, Head of the Information and Documentation Centre.



**Iseco Director General at the ICT International Forum: The Islamic world has integrated the universal civilizational project on the information and Knowledge society**

**Iseco holds international symposium in Tunis on: Human cultures and civilizations: from dialogue to alliance**

**The Islamic Virtual University Examined in ISESCO**

## Azad University at Oxford; in a Nutshell

### Academic Disciplines and Research fields of Postgraduate programs at Oxford branch

Postgraduate students undertaking a research degree at the Azad University at Oxford will receive supervision (or research work in the Humanities, Liberal Arts, Theology, Law and Social Sciences and Computer sciences. There are opportunities to work in disciplines such as Oriental Studies (especially Persian and/or other languages and Literature, Religion, Comparative Literature, Linguistics, History and Geography), History of Art, Biomedical Ethics, Sociology, Law, Education, Media Studies, Economics, Politics, International Relations, Urban Planning, Archaeology, Business, Management and Public Administration, and Computer sciences.

Research degrees in pure sciences will be undertaken in the near future. We offer a choice of three paths to a postgraduate research degree: either an MPhil, an MPhil with the option of transferring to PhD, or a Ph.D. direct. The duration of each degree varies, depending on whether you choose to study on a full-time or part-time



basis. Further details are provided under the heading 'Duration of Study' below.

### Academic Requirements for Postgraduate Courses

To register with the Azad University at Oxford, students would be expected to have achieved a grade in their first degree, of a standard equivalent to at least an Upper Second Class Honors of a British university. This, however, is not the sole criterion for selection. The University is aware, from close familiarity with institutions of higher Education in various countries, of the complexity of factors that determine grading, and the lack of a uniform standard for awarding grades. Such variations will be taken into account when determining whether an applicant has demonstrated the necessary academic aptitude to be offered a place at the University.

## Peppered on the Map; *Khorasgan Branch*

**Khorasgan University** is currently hosting over 10000 students, majoring in fifty-three disciplines. It boasts 17619 graduate students. This



university offers eleven A.S. disciplines: Accounting, Religion and Arabic, Persian Literature, Grade School Education, Applied Computer, Computer Science, Drafting, Empirical Sci-

ences, Midwifery, Ornamental Plants Production, and Computer Graphics. It offers 26 B.A./B.S. disciplines in Accounting, French and French Literature, English Translation, Physical Education, Elementary School Education, Islamic Teachings, Persian Literature, Education in three different majors: Exceptional Children Education, Pre-Elementary School Education, Management and Educational Planning, Organizational Psychology, Industrial Psychology, Soil Science, Husbandry, Agronomy, Horticulture, Plant Protection, Food Industries, Empirical Sciences, Geology, Nursing, Applied Math, Architecture, Electronics, Civil Engineering and Judiciary Law. The Educational Center for Greenhouse Plants Production was recently constructed. This university offers 12 M.A disciplines in Physical Education, Private Law, General Psychology, Teaching English, Economics, Education, Philosophy, Public Administration, Educational Management, Agronomy, Husbandry

and Architecture, D.D.S. in Dentistry and three Ph.D. in Economic Sciences, Teaching English, and Philosophy of Educational Sciences. The number of graduates from this faculty through the end of 2003 was 1563 in M.A. 165 in Dentistry and three in Ph.D. This branch is a member of the World International Association of Universities. This branch is one of the three universities chosen as members of Islamic World Universities Union. The Dentistry Faculty at this university has ranked highest in six consecutive years in basic sciences on comprehensive exams throughout the country. The graduates from this university are admitted to different public and Azad universities in M.A. and Ph.D disciplines every year. Seventy research projects in different scientific disciplines have been or are being accomplished. More than 543 scientific articles have been published. 200 seminars and lectures have been held. 55 books have been written by faculty members. This branch has a research center for agricultural education and re-

## 19<sup>th</sup> International Khwarizmi Contest

Tehran(ANA)-President of Iran's Industrial and Scientific Research organization, Dr.Fat'hi on the side line of 19<sup>th</sup> Khwarizmi International Award(KIA) said," twenty-three of the domestic plans are domestic and five foreign will be commended in this festival.

The 23 domestic chosen plans include four inventions, four innovative plans, four develop oriented researches, eight applied plans and three fundamental researches.

Five foreign chosen plans are on chemical industries, Biotechnology, Medical Science, Electricity and computer, Metallurgy and Materials from France, Sweden, Canada, Pakistan and Saudi

Arabia," he added.

Answering to the question of the necessary criteria for choosing the top plan, he said," Fundamental researches including study, research theory process, expansion of scientific educational and research principles, are among the criteria. He also noted that only 142 belonged to women and the rest was for men.

Referring to the Presence of some distinguish figures of the world and particularly the American Special guest Prof. Richard Fray, he said," Khwarizmi Award has got its improvement place among the countries of the world and we should focus on



its improvement.

As a Final remark he pointed that Iran ranks second in science and scientific productions amongst the Islamic Countries.

## Iran's Islamic Azad University no personal fief

LONDON, November 10 – Head of IAU board of Trustees Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said Islamic Azad University belongs to the people and no one should derive personal benefits from this university.

Speaking at the 54th meeting of IAU's Central Council at its Science and Research branch, Rafsanjani said the University has been developed by people's help and all its assets belong to people, IRNA reported.

Rafsanjani, who also heads Islamic Azad University's Board of Trustees, pointed out that the establishment of IAU was very useful for improving science and research in the country.

He noted that the main purpose of establishing IAU is serving people and increasing the level of their knowledge.

Islamic Azad University is only

servicing people and Islam, and it will not serve any political group or party, he said.

Rafsanjani noted that IAU plans to grant soft loans to students which will be reimbursed after they graduate, IRNA added.

Paying attention to improving the quality of education at Islamic Azad University and considering Islamic and cultural issues are among future programs of the university, he said.

Referring to promotion of sciences in today's world, Rafsanjani pointed out that Iran should make use of IAU as a scientific and research center.



## IAU Inks MOU with ACCA

The Islamic Azad University, has signed a memorandum of understanding, with the Association of Chartered Accountants (ACCA) of the United Kingdom. This is a turning point in high quality educational co-operation between Islamic republic of Iran, and the U.K.



## Iran's Azad University to Cut fees

LONDON, – The Islamic Azad University president said tuition fees are to be reduced by 12 to 17%.

Prof. Abdollah Jassbi noted that reduction in tuition fees will be made on the basis of a long-term loan granted to the university students, IRNA reported. We are looking for new resources to further reduce fees even more, he added.

## Conference on Fuzzy System in Shiraz-Iran

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Academics and experts from universities and industries are invited to take part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Islamic World Conference on Fuzzy Systems in the ancient city of Shiraz in Central Iran. The conference will be held jointly by the Islamic Azad University, the Iranian Fuzzy Systems Society (IFSS), and the Association of Islamic World Universities.

The conference will take place in Islamic Azad University, Shiraz branch, on 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> May, 2006. Details of how to participate in the conference are as below.

Conference: May 17-19, 2006

Note: Send full paper to:

[Fuzzy-info@iaushiraz.ac.ir](mailto:Fuzzy-info@iaushiraz.ac.ir)

Future information is available at:

[www.iaushiraz.ac.ir/farsi/news/index.htm](http://www.iaushiraz.ac.ir/farsi/news/index.htm)



Conference Secretariat: P.O.Box 71365-364, Graduate school, Islamic-Azad University (Shiraz branch), daneshjoo

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## Top Six at Sports:

- ◆ IGF's £10000 Award to Iran
- ◆ Sari Branch Academician at the International Seminar of Physical Education
- ◆ A 100 to One- A Record-Break by Iranian Grandmaster, Ehsan Qaem Maqami
- ◆ Honoring the University athletes attended by IAU official
- ◆ Islamic Azad University Student Grabbed Gold Medal in the French International Running Competition
- ◆ Skiing Championship; Karaj branch up the Slope
- ◆ Gorgan Lady's Branch Volleys First
- ◆ Shiraz Branch jumps the queue



## Iran hosts 2006 Olympics Qualifier



Dr. Qadimi: Iran to host the athletic competitions of Islamic Countries Universities

Director General of IAU Physical Education, Dr. Bahram Qadimi regarded the absorption and encouragement of the students in various real of Championship and public and preparing them to welcome the important social responsibilities, as the main objectives of IAU physical Education.

In an interview with ANA news agency Dr. Qadimi Said that IAU has adopted a scientific & Technical approach to sport in order to prevent from social dangers and enjoying mental health.

Referring to the huge number of a hundred and fifty IAU students playing sports, he considered the IAU Physical Education department as a Concrete pillar for Iran's sport to lean on.

"Talent discovery and specific attention to the human resources are such other IAU activities to be noted," he added.

Director General of IAU physical Education stipulated that IAU is the first organization investing on the talent discovery plan and here to fore 600 same educational centers in various sports fields have been concentrating on these aims resulting in talent-wise flourishing in the Championship scale.

In addition to Sama Centers plan, physical education research center, too, was determined to enhance scientific and theoretical columns of IAU sports through the help of out standing experts.

Concerning the IAU sports facilities and space he reiterated that an abundant space in the neighborhood of 2300000 sq.m. has been allocated to this end.

Finally, Dr. Qadimi briefed that IAU will host the FUIW sports competitions next year in December and hopping for a decent and welcome hosting.

## IAU Taekwondo Team Holds Championship

Islamic Azad University's taekwondo team repeated its championship in the fourth international tournament in Serbia snatching 8 gold and one silver medal.

Fifty-two teams (400 athletes) from thirteen countries of Germany, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus, Moldavia, Albania, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iran, Serbia competed against each other in Serbia.

Greece and Germany stood at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively after indisputable champion team of Iran.



## Gold Medal in the Asian Chess Championship by an IAU Student

The student of Islamic Azad University at Southern Tehran branch, Mona Salmani majoring in computer engineering won a gold medal in the Asian chess Championship Competitions. The fourteenth round of Asian Chess Competitions was held in Isfahan, in central Iran, from Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Some of the Asian grandmasters also took part in this competition.

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## INTERVIEW

### Professor Bahram Akashe; Seismologist

#### Prof. Akashe

Born in 1936 in the city of Masjed Soleyman southwestern Iran.

B.S. degree in Physics from Tehran University-1959, M.S. and Ph.D. in Geophysics, specialized in Applied Seismology from Germany.

Retired Full professor of Tehran University Currently a full time faculty member of Islamic azad University-Northern Tehran Branch.

Infinity availed the opportunity at the threshold of a seismological conference at Tehran to file an interview with him as an old hand in this field who defines earthquakes as emblematic of earth being alive.

#### What conferences have you participated and how many research papers have you written so far, professor Akashe?

At least 15 papers have been printed in European publications, more than 30 papers have been presented in International conferences (10 in American conferences), about 10 conferences in University of Tehran, and 4 in Islamic Azad University.

The newest conference will be held in Islamic Azad University on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2006 on Earthquake Security, I will be the secretary of the conference, 15 oral presentations and 20 poster presentations on Identifying Earthquake, Extension of Earthquake in Iranian cities, crises bureau, Earthquake crises, re-buildings, and Mental hygiene in women and children, have been presented.

This is the first conference in Iran on above mentioned topics, others which were held in California, Japan, and China mostly covered the cause of earthquake and structure of buildings. Experts from Bam, Qazvin, and Hamedan Earthquakes have been invited to this conference.

#### What books have you written and published?

In 1354, I wrote a book titled Exploration Geophysics, and in 1378 I published another book. titled Basic Geophysics.

#### How do you define an Earthquake disaster?

The Energy produced by the extensive heat inside the Earth has to be released occasionally in different part of the world. This release always causes waves and shakes which is called Earthquake.

The Magnetic sphere of the Earth is formed by the Thermodynamic activities of Inner Earth.

#### As an expert what would your feeling be in case of an Earthquake?

The disaster will leave huge casualties. As long as we don't improve the strength of our



constructions, the weakest Earthquakes, in a few seconds, will destroy buildings that were built during decades.

#### Have you visited the distortion of Earthquakes in other countries?

Yes, in California I had a study from San Francisco to South, I traveled to China twice, had studies in Tung Shang area, and visited Earthquake museums.

#### What is your prediction for an Earthquake in Tehran?

There is a 90% chance of an Earthquake with 6 Richter Scale, and 55% chance of 7 Richter Scale in Tehran.

#### How is our Geological facilities and equipment in Iran?

We have only 50 assessment and measuring stations in Iran, we need at least 2500 stations.

#### In what level do our universities offer geological degrees to the students?

We offer MS and Ph.D. degrees in Geophysics, we have 60 MS students in North Tehran Branch, and 20 Ph.D. students in Science and Research Unit. North Tehran Branch had 125 alumni during last 13 years.

#### Do our neighboring countries receive any service or information from us?

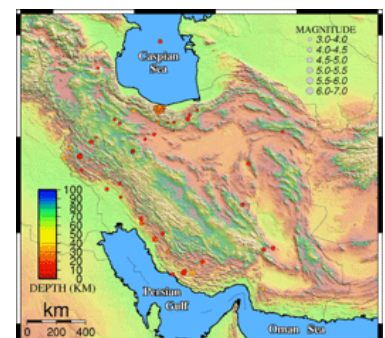
Plateau of Iran is located on the Alpine/Himalayan mountain chains, but Arabian countries are not, therefore they are not Earthquake prone, and do not need any assistance.

### A conference on an ever-present menace; earthquake

The 4<sup>th</sup> geophysics conference of Azad Islamic University at north Tehran is to be held under the title of, "Earthquake, Safety and Mental Health". An issue which has turned into the main concern of over half of the world. This conference tends to come by answers to "What should we do before, at the time and after the earthquakes?"

The conference is to be held in Tehran, Iran, Management and Social Sciences Faculty located in Pasdaran in March, 2006.

*Conference Venue: Management and Social Science Faculty, 10th Bostan, Southern Makran, Heravi Sq. Pasdaran*



### Seminar on TB and AIDS at Zabol Branch

A three day long conference on TB and AIDS was held at the south eastern city of Zabol, early 2006, in Iran. Dr. Abbasali Moien, the President of the Medical School stated that the exchange of information by the physicians, TB and AIDS specialists, studying carefully the high rate of TB disease in the deprived province of Sistan and Baloochestan are the key objectives of the seminar. All the applied plans were also discussed at the end of the seminar.

This seminar was an appropriate opportunity for presenting the newest scientific methods to prevent and cure the pulmonary, respiratory and infectious diseases, Dr. Mohammad Reza Majidi, the deputy for research center remarked.



### Int'l Material Symposium

Dr. Reza Eslami Farsani, a faculty member of Islamic Azad University - Southern Tehran branch has joined the scientific committee of the International Material Symposium 2006 as a new member to work along with other expert colleagues from the Scientific committee of Material Symposium working along with some experts from Canada, England, Germany and The United States. The International Symposium on materials was held early in 2006.

### Karaj Branch Launches Concrete Studies

Concrete studies team, at Karaj branch of Islamic Azad University, faculty of Technology and Engineering, has acquired the first place status, in the concrete competitions held in Iran. The team received the egg trophy for its efforts.

### A Robotic Team from Karaj

The forth round of robotic team competitions held in Kashan.

The competition consisted of 18 teams from various branches of Islamic Azad University.

The Karaj branch stood on top of the podium and took the prize.

### A Communicative Breakthrough

Siavash Attaie, electronics student, at the Karaj branch of Islamic Azad University has built the first intelligent and multi-purpose intercom system, suitable for high-rise buildings. The system works by code, and there is no need for residents to use a key.

## IAU to Admit Students at BA without Entrance Exam

TEHRAN (ANA) - Dr. Jassbi here on Saturday, March 5 announced the Islamic Azad University (IAU) will accept students for the BA (Bachelor of Arts) degree of several majors without holding any entrance exam.

Speaking at the sideline of the 13th seminar of the IAU officials' holy Quran hubs, Jassbi noted that the IAU has omitted university entrance

exam for continuous post-diploma degree of some of the majors in this Iranian year (started March 21, 2005).

The entrance exam for the non-continuous post-diploma degree will be canceled in the next Iranian year (to be started March 21, 2006), he further said.

The IAU president went on to say, the university entrance exam for the BA degree of most of the majors would be left

out in the Iranian year of 1386 (March 21, 2007 — March 20, 2008) and would be completely omitted in its following year.

Uttering IAU great measures taken to develop technology, he said that IAU has invested in new majors like nuclear, production of sweet water, information technology (IT) and biotechnology at MA and PHD degrees .

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