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# Dr. Jassbi Talks to Press

**Ana-Tehran-** All entrance examinations will be made redundant at all branches of the university within a period of five years, said IAU President, Dr. Abdullah Jassbi.

Speaking to the press this Monday morning May 12, 2006 at Science and Technology Branch here in northwest Tehran, Dr. Jassbi remarked that the new regulation concerns all non-continuous programs but only 10% of continuous programs for honored students.

The reason for the limitation, the IAU President said "is due to the fact that the demand for enrolling at continuous programs is so overwhelming that the university won't be able to respond adequately."

Dr. Jassbi who also presides over the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World further identified the programs that would soon set aside their entrance exams as half of the all courses, covering humanities, management, accountancy, laws, a large portion of agriculture courses, basic sciences- particularly mathematics & physics.

Referring to the financial assistance that the university has pledged to offer its needy students, IAU President announced that of the sum of Rls1200 b approved by the Parliament to give grants to students of all academic institutions across the country Rls 700 b has been allocated to IAU.

If found fit for the grant, students who agree to repay their loans after



graduation will benefit from this financial package.

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## IAU To Enroll Foreign Students

**Amol-** The IAU intends to reach high academic standards by enlarging its faculty manpower, said IAU's President, Dr. Abdollah Jassbi, ANA reported.

The announcement came in the ceremony marking the conclusion of construction projects to extend Qaemshahr and Amol Branches in the presence of the MP's of the two northern Iranian towns and representative of the Leader as well as officials and literary and scientific personalities of the region.

"We will have employed 20-25 thousand faculty members by the end of the 4th development plan," said Dr. Jassbi, who also chairs the FUIW, and added, "We have all the intention to enroll foreign students in our branches inside the country."

Dr. Jassbi who was appointed by the Late Imam Khomeini at the Supreme Revolution Cultural Council said as of next year the Associate Degree Programs will be omitted from the university's application catalogues so the young students who seek to continue their education without any pause be able to do so.

"Every year some 10-15 thousand students graduate from IAU with M.A. or M.Sc. degrees and 2-3 thousand with PhD's and this is to partly meet the demand

for specialized manpower of the university."

"IAU will make investment to develop nuclear science and technology in the country and the university has managed to get the membership of the International Atomic energy Agency," pointed out Dr. Jassbi and continued by saying, "achievements have been countless and some have been recorded in a number of books that surveyed the history of the university."

Dr. Jassbi then referred to many challenges that the university has faced ever since its foundation and stated, "We ran into serious difficulties in three phases of our history when we founded the university, when graduate and doctoral programs were introduced and when medical studies were launched."

Higher education in Iran is up to international standards and many state-run and private colleges and universities in Iran definitely offer higher quality education than academic institutions in many regional countries.

Speaking of the higher standards, Dr. Jassbi said the university is seriously pursuing obtaining modern equipment for its laboratories and specialized workshops and is seeking to boost its information network.



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# FUIW Members Go Virtual



**Mehr-UAE-** Issuing international ID cards for students and professors of member states of the FUIW and organizing global Koran competitions in member countries are two major outcomes of the Sharjah Meeting, said President of the IAU, Dr. Jassbi.

Dr. Jassbi who also presides over the executive board of the

FUIW said in a press conference that a Fund would be set up to collect donations by universities of the federation to run a virtual University and a digital library for member states.

A sum of \$10,000 was the first donation, offered from Islamic Azad University.

Another incentive given to members of the FUIW came in

the form of scholarships, which members found inadequate and decided to raise the number.

Referring to the ratifications of the Sharjah meeting on the virtual university and digital library, Dr. Jassbi stipulated that the two issues will be followed up and placed on the agenda of next meeting of the FIUW in 2006.

## IAU Opens Branch in Afghanistan

**Tehran-** In a meeting between IAU's International Directorate Head, Dr. Mahasti and First Secretary of the Afghanistan Embassy in Tehran in charge of the Political Section, Mossa Arefi, the two sides discussed ways of opening an IAU Branch in Afghanistan, ANA reported.

Dr. Mahasti and Arefi surveyed the manner of setting up the branch and talked about the status of

Afghan students currently studying in Iran.

IAU's International Directorate Head elaborated the spectacular achievements of the IAU inside the country and abroad while seeking to accelerate the opening of the IAU Branch in Afghanistan.

Having talked about the many advantages of creating an academic link between Iran and Afghanistan, Dr. Mahasti said, "Afghanistan and Iran share many cultural

values, so there are no reasons why the branch should not be opened soon."

The sides also conferred about the accreditation of the degrees that Afghan students are awarded by the IAU and the academic programs offered to Afghan students already enrolled at IAU Branches across Iran.

IAU's International Directorate Head assured that university's awarded degrees enjoy interna-

tional recognition and said he was ready to assist the evaluation and accreditation process of university degrees in Afghanistan.

A Memorandum of Understanding is to be signed between IAU's President and the Afghan Ambassador to Tehran during a visit to Afghanistan by Dr. Jassbi to observe academic institutions and potentials for cooperation with this neighboring country.



## Graduation at Lebanon Branch Prior to War

**Arabsalim-Lebanon-** Graduation ceremony of 43 Islamic Azad University students of Lebanon Branch was held in Arabsalim in Nabatieh province, according to ANA.

A number of cultural and political figures as well as the families of the graduates of "philosophy" and "counseling" took part in the ceremony.

Speaking on behalf of all graduates at this branch, Ms. Sharifeh Hejazi Jabber, appreciated the "role played by the IAU in upgrading the level of education and culture in South Lebanon."

Hizbollah MP, Mohammad Ra'd, said the main objective of setting up an IAU branch in the area is to promote education and not to make profits.

The Chancellor of the IAU Lebanon Branch, Mohammad Ali Jamalana, talked in the ceremony about the background to the establishment of the branch, saying in 2004 a formal request was submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education in Beirut to set up 5 colleges offering 20 undergraduate and graduate programs.

"Some 700 BA graduates we have so far had in Beirut, Ba'albak, and Nabatieh and in Beirut we have had 60 Masters' graduates most of them continuing their education in London, Damascus and Tehran."

# IAU Created 55,000 Jobs



**ANA-Saveh-** May 10, 2006- It was a prudent response by the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution to the desecration by some western media circles directed at the Prophet of Muslims to designate the current year (Iranian Calendar) as the Year of Prophet, said President of the IAU, Dr. Jassbi in a ceremony organized by the Chairman of District 5 of the IAU, Mr. Mirshamsi, marking the inauguration of a number of projects at Saveh Branch this morning.

Saying that the best way to promote Prophet's teachings and moral lessons is through arts and "the most effective means is cinema", Dr. Jassbi has confirmed that none of the books or articles ever written or published on Prophet Mohammad during the past 14 centuries has been as influential as the movie "Mohammad, The Messenger of God".

IAU's President, who's also a member of the Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, has advised the IRIB to produce a TV series on the life of the Great Prophet of Islam, call-

ing it a tremendous achievement for the World of Islam.

Commenting on the anniversary of the establishment of the IAU, Dr. Jassbi said we had to withstand many serious impediments at the beginning of our job but now everyone agrees that the achievement made is so astonishingly grand that the modern history of the country can justly be proud of it.

As the Chairman of the Federation of Universities of Islamic World, Dr. Jassbi pointed out that "in case this university had never been established and if only 10% of the current students had left the country to continue their education abroad, a sum of \$ 45 b would have been required."

IAU President said the number of jobs created by the university directly and indirectly amounts to 55,000 and hundreds of thousands respectively, enabling the government to save Rls 15,000 b.

Talking about the successes that the IAU has managed to gain in international arenas, Dr. Jassbi stated that the university is the only

higher education institute of the country that is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Council of World Universities and that also chairs the Executive Committee of the Federation of the Universities of Islamic World.

Recognizing the importance of educated manpower in the development of the country, IAU President said the major obstacle, entrance examination known as "Konkur", should be eliminated.

Dr. Jassbi said he believed Iranian universities should become more active in advancing the country in the field of atomic energy and the only way to defuse monopoly of some advanced states in this regard is "allowing higher education institutes to get more involved."

He predicted that by the end of the 4th Development Plan, the number of faculty member of the IAU will have reached 50,000 and if we reach this goal, he said, "the university will be a number one higher education institute in the whole world."

## Oceanography Center Launched

**ANA-Tehran-** The 1st Oceanography Research Center will start operating in the waters of the Oman Sea and the Persian Gulf with a cost of T 1.2 b, said the Chairman of the National Iranian Oceanography Center, Dr. Vahid Cheginni.

"We are to run joint research programs among various universities and organizations in the Hormozgan, Khozestan and Gilan provinces."

The center is also involved in preparations to create a strategic national program in marine

research, training, industry and management and build watch towers for this purpose.

Making references to the under-way joint projects, Dr. Cheginni pointed out, "The launching of the doctoral studies on Marine Physics is part of the efforts to enhance academic education on relevant subjects."

He said soon other fields such as Marine Geology, Chemistry, Environment, Meteorology, and Management will enroll students and continued, "By training enthusiastic students the requirements for manpower will be met and necessary

marine plans can be commenced and developed in the country."

He further declared that a number of strategic and scientific seminars will be organized this year as part of this year's plans of the National Oceanography Center.

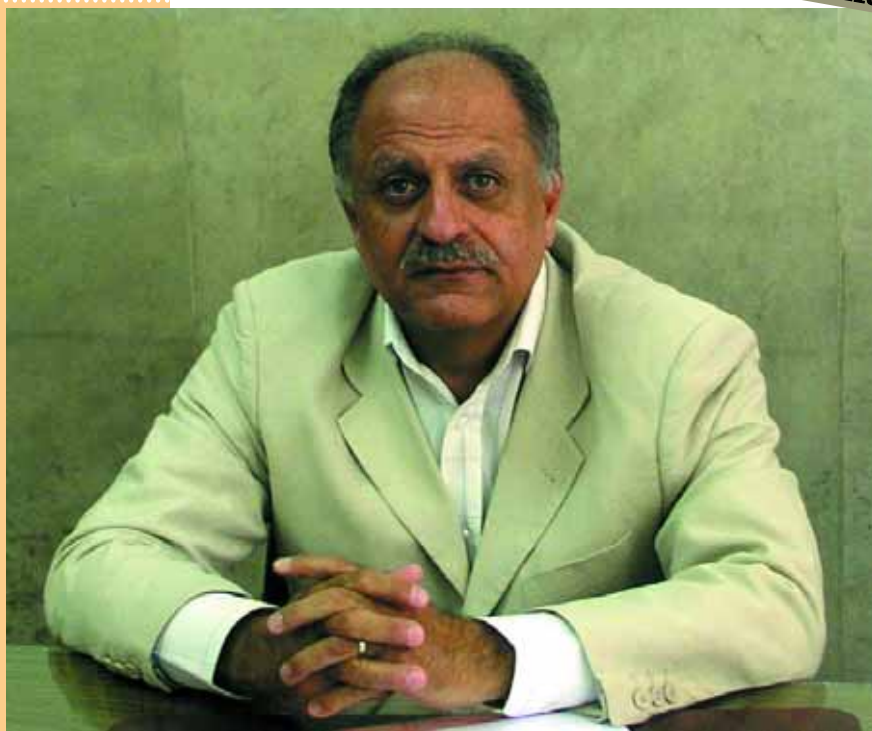
Dr Cheginni said the simulation project for the country's sea waves is another project to be executed this year and added, "Required budget for the center for the current Iranian year stands at T 781."

The biggest challenge faced by the center he said is tackling the shortage of research centers and watch towers.



**Dr. Ghavami,**

# A Success Story



*Dr. Ghavami is a well known IAU professor, whose effective managerial accomplishments at Food Technology and Nutrition is definitely a success story.*

**Q** *Would you kindly tell us, first, about your academic and work background?*

I was born in Shiraz in 1949. I got my BS from University of California, Davis, in 1973 in chemistry and my MS from the university of Reading in UK in Nutrition and in 1982 I was awarded a PhD in Food Science. I have worked many years in areas of nutrition and have numerous publications many of which have been used in the colleges and universities inside the country and abroad.

**Q** *What is your current position at the IAU?*

I am presently the Dean of the Food Industries Engineering and Sciences and also busy with further publications and teaching positions.

**Q** *What are some of the major objectives pursued by your college?*

Briefly put, the College of Food Industries Engineering and Sciences tries to design industrial machinery utilized for food products and monitoring systems for production lines and material processes as well as determine the nutritious values of the food products. This college was founded in 1989 and enrolls students- currently some 2000 boys and girls- at undergraduate level for various Food

Industries courses. The faculty staffs are 32, some of whom are quite renowned in their fields of study.

**Q** *Dr. Ghavami, what do most of your students do after graduation?*

Some of our graduates continue their education at universities of the country, some at overseas' universities; others are hired by various sectors

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active in the food industries. Our academic standards are quite high and the college owes this superb quality to its remarkable faculty members. The rate of our graduates accepted at graduate and PhD programs run by various higher education centers across the

country reached a peak of 70 students last year.

**Q** *Are there any academic links between your college and international centers?*

We have a strong link with the UK based Redding and Metropolitan.

**Q** *What are some of your future plans?*

Our students have achieved a lot during the past few years and managed to win the 2nd place at the Amir Kabir Industrial University Competitions.

We are looking forward to having an international workshop organized 28-29 Oct to discuss some issues of Food Industries. Another goal which we are currently pursuing is launching graduate courses and we require tremendous cooperation by various IAU officials.

**Q** *What are some other activities of the college that you might like to mention?*

Of the praiseworthy endeavors made by the college, I'd like to mention publishing of a quarterly journal on food industries by the active faculty and students of the college.

We have also opened a nutrition clinic at the college and it offers services to all IAU personnel and students as well as the general public.

# "Water Disinfectant" Built in Iran



**Tunekabon-** An Ozone Generator machine in industrial scale has been developed in a research project sponsored by IAU jointly by Dr. Javad Azizian and Dr. Mohammad Reza Qommi, Ana reported.

The machine's main function involves eliminating germs in the forms of fungi, parasites and bacteria as well as disinfecting drinking water, waste water, swimming pools, fish ponds, etc, said Tunekabon Branch Faculty Member, Dr,

Qommi. "This machine is utilized to disinfect water abroad so instead of chlorine, ozone is released in the water to later be transformed to oxygen."

The machine cost RIs 30-40 million to manufacture in Iran and this is one third of the actual price available in markets abroad.

He said he was an assistance to the project and the chief researcher was the lecturer of both Beheshti and Islamic Azad Universities, Dr. Azizian.

## Arak Robotic Team Wins Electrobotic Competitions

**Arak-** 28 teams from IAU Arak Branch, University of Arak and Tabaretan University of Mazandaran commenced the 1st Electrobotic Competitions at Velyat Hall at IAU Arak Branch, ANA reported.

Many college students and instructors took part in the competitions which were held to upgrade knowledge and encourage scientific research among the students and academics.

Out of the 28 participating teams contesting in two rounds, 14 teams were qualified to enter the final phase.

Tough competitions in the final round ended with 3 teams of EMro and SMART events from IAU Arak Branch winning the 1st to the 3rd places.

## Najaf Abad Wins "Best Thesis of the Year"

**Isfahan-** The 10th Best Dissertation of the Year Ceremony held May 30th at Tehran University chose Golshan Moradi's thesis submitted for completion of Master's Degree studies on Geography and Urban Planning of IAU's Najaf Abad Branch, according to ANA.

The thesis entitled "An Analysis of the Criteria and Regulations on Urban Planning for the Honored Disabled of Isfahan" was selected by the panel of jury and received the Commendation Letter and some prizes.

The Chancellor of the Najaf Abad Branch, Dr. Mohammad Amiri, congratulated his MA student for her achievement and said one goal pursued by our Branch is to "open a Geography College next year and launch a Tourism Graduate Program and admit PhD students for Geography."

## Islamshahr Holds Enviro-Seminar

**Islamshahr-June 14-** "The 2nd Geology and Environment Seminar" was held in the Eslamshahr Branch, ANA reported.

"Preserving the environment is crucial for the survival of life on this planet", said the Islamshahr Branch Chencellor, Dr. Saeed

Shafaie and added, "As we proceed in the direction of technology, there is a need for removing immediate threats to the environment as a healthy environment can only guarantee a holistic progress in the human societies."

"Attending to environmental issues is, therefore, beneficial to the develop-

ment of not only human societies but his economies and hence, all academia should see this as one of their major undertakings to conduct research on geological and environmental matters."

I hope all researchers and academics involved in environmental fields of study find this seminar

useful and discover new methodologies that help eliminate serious hazards to our environment today and in future, remarked Dr. Shafaie.

The Chairman of the Seminar, Dr. Ebadati, gave a brief account of the efforts made to organize the seminar and its objectives to the participants.

## GP Thesis Awards for Karaj

**Karaj- June 13-** The thesis of student majoring veterinary at Karaj Branch, Ahmad Nazoktabar won the title of the Best Thesis of the Year for Medical-Veterinarian Studies, according to ANA.

The thesis, entitled "The Laboratory Production of the Vaccine EDS76 in Iran", had Dr. Mansour Nabati as its advisor and received the General Practitioner Awards from the Minister of Science, Research and Technology and the Director of University Jihad Office.

# Dr. Jassbi Talks to Press

■ Dr. Jassbi said "IAU is currently endeavoring to promote quality in all areas by enlarging its faculty staff, installing modern equipment and introducing technologically advanced courses which include Nuclear Fusion, Nuclear Physics, Drinking Water Treatment, IT, Biotechnology and Nanotechnology, and a number of other new fields"

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Addressing the issue of master's degree programs, Dr. Jassbi declared that "there was a rise of 19% this year in the number of 866 graduate courses' applicants, 39% of them residents of Tehran."

"The University Examination Office will this September announce the results of the entrance exams to admit 20,000 applicants, of which 39% are girl and 61% boy students."

Commenting on the proximity that the Federation of Universities of Islamic World is seeking to create between the academic institutions of Islamic states, Dr. Jassbi said "an official body" will soon be set up to launch cooperation through virtual

reality networks among 180 universities in 48 world states.

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"5% of university's budget will go to research projects that include presenting papers in international seminars and conferences, printing articles in scientific journals, taking part in research projects and participating in activities of Young Researcher's Club.

## ISESCO Talks with IRI Officials



**ISESCO-** Dr. Hadi Aziz Zadeh, the Deputy Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ISESCO held discussions in Tehran 27 August- 5 September with a number of ministers at the Iranian government in addition to officials in charge of some Islamic organizations, reported ISESCO Newsletter.

He held meetings with the Iranian Deputy Education Minister

Dr. Ali Asghar Fanni, and the Minister of Sciences and Scientific Research Dr. Zahedi, during which the parties discussed cooperation in issues of common interest.

ISESCO Deputy Director General met also with Dr. Abdullah Jassbi, President of the Islamic Azad University and Chairman of the Executive Council of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW).

During the meetings he held with Sheikh Mahmoud Mohammadi Eraghi, Head of the Islamic Culture and Relations Organization (ICRO), and Dr. Gholamreza Karimi, the Secretary General for the Iranian National Commission for Education, Sciences and Culture, ISESCO Deputy Director General discussed the preparations underway for the celebration of Isfahan as capital of the Islamic

Culture for 2006.

Dr. Hadi Aziz Zadeh also paid a visit to the Academy of Art in Tehran, wherein he met with Dr. Bahman Namour Motlaq and considered cooperation means to set up an ISESCO Prize for Arts, in addition to the possibility of preparing an Encyclopedia of Islamic Arts.

They explored also the possibility of co-organizing museums around the Islamic world.

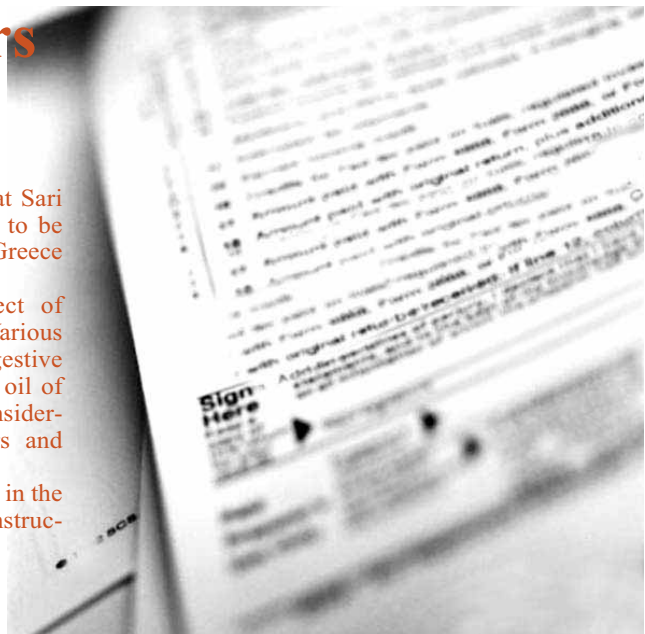
Further still, ISESCO Deputy Director General met with Dr. Ardakanian, the Deputy Minister for Water in the Ministry of Energy and Director of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management (RCUWM-Tehran), who voiced the commitment of the Energy Ministry and the RCUWM Centre to yoke in "joint cooperation with ISESCO in various fields of common interest."

## Sari Paper Enters Greece Cancer Conference

**Sari-June 15-** The paper of the instructor at Sari Branch, Abdolghafar Ebadi, has been chosen to be presented at the 7th European Lung Cancer in Greece Sep 8-9, 2006, ANA reported.

The paper entitled "The Medicinal Effect of Alcoholic Essential Oil of Sorkhdar Plant on Various Cancerous Tumors including Those of Digestive Systems" reveals that 100 ml of the essential oil of the plant a day for a period of three months considerably slows the growth of cancerous tumors and metastasis.

The results of this research will be published in the American Journal of Cancer, said the IAU's instructor.



# IAU Wins Int. Robocop Tournament



**Qazvin-** The IAU Robocop joint team of Qazvin and Science and Research Branches won the first prize of the World Robocop Competitions in Bremen Germany, ANA reported.

The Qazvin team included 10 contestants for Relief Worker's section; 12 for simulation section and 14 for robo-football section, said Qazvin Branch Chancellor, Dr. Morteza Mossakhani.

The team won a total of five first and second prizes, including the first ranking for the relief worker robot and the strongest robot as well as relief operation simulation and coach simulation sections.

The second and third rankings were secured by the joint Qazvin and Science and Research Branches, who took part in the robo-football com-



petitions.

Top World Universities from the US, Australia, Canada, Spain, Korea, and a number of other countries took part in the contest, which enjoyed a high standard as a result, said Qazvin Branch Chancellor.

The IAU Tehran-Central Branch also took part in the tournament and won the 7th rank from among 27 participating teams.

"Aryana Robot is the first of its kind capable of intermittent and constant movements and it managed to get to the 7th rank in the World's Relief Robot Competitions, said the IAU student of Central Branch majoring Robot Design and Engineering, Amir Hosein Soltanzadeh.

The other participants were Pedram Johari, Mehdi Emami, Mehdi Ramezani, Ehsan Abbasi, Ahamd Chitsazan, Mohamad Hosein Manoochehri and Hossein Sedaghat all students of engineering, including Electronic, Computer, and Mechanical courses.



## Robocop Team Lauded

**Tehran-** A ceremony marking the victory of the IAU's Robocop team in 2006 Germany Tournament was held in the presence of the university's Prsident, Dr. Jassbi, reported ANA.

The participants appreciated the relentless backing of Dr. Jassbi for events that has anything to do with advanced robotic technology.

Maziar Sherbaff who was the captain of the simulator team of Qazvin Branch said in a speech that as a state university graduate he found Azad University quite active in the field of robotic technology and said this victory is quit great.

The Football Simulator Team captain, Mahmood Rahmanifar, an MA holder from Tehran University said he was working for the Qazvin Mecatronic and commented that the support for robotic fields at Azad University is probably unique in the country.

He said these activities should be linked with the industries and continued, "We can match the developments in the world provided there are more scientific papers, sym-

posiums, simulation activities and research works."

MA student at IAU f Qazvin Branch commented on various victories gained by IAU at international competitions saying more budgets are needed to finance a stronger presence in international conferences.

A faculty member at Amir Kabir University, Dr. Shiri, who led the average size football robots said victory is not a result of chance and added, "If facilities for further studies for these students are not provided inside the country, academic institutions will be very much willing to do so."

Qazvin MA Student, Ramin Fathzadeh, too, regarded IAU victories as important declaring that there is need for papers to be presented at international conferences, calling for more financial support in this regard.

He then addressed Dr. Jassbi saying that most of the 3000 participants of the 2006 German Tournament have viewed Iranian team positively.

Zahir Berahmand, an undergraduate student majoring Mechanical Engineering and a member of robotic team thanked Dr. Jassbi for his backing and stated, "I hope we'll be able to help promote the country's industry."

# Somayeh Siminghad



*Thank you for taking part in this interview. Tell us a little about yourself, please.*

**Somayeh:** Thank you for picking me for this interview. I am Somayeh Siminghad, 25, senior student at IAU- Tehran North branch, majoring geology. I am a member of Iranian Stone and Geology Association and also write for Farhikhtegan Daily.

*When did you start your undergraduate studies?*

**Somayeh:** In 2002.



*Tell us about your college, its faculty staff, facilities, etc.*

**Somayeh:** I believe The Basic sciences College of the IAU- Tehran (North Branch) is one of the best colleges of the IAU. It offers many facilities such as an internet site, GIS laboratory and geology labs and workshops. The GIS laboratory is to study the environmental, economic and geographical issues, utilizing topographic mapping and satellite pictures.

Our laboratory has a polarized microscope, digital photography, sediment study equipment, etc. We have some of the best instructors who have degrees from local and international universities.

*What else can you tell us about your professors?*

**Somayeh:** Our professors are quite good at motivating us and they want us to continue our studies and enroll at graduate courses and, I guess, this has given our college a top status as probably one of the best in the country. And I think the publishing of many articles in reputable international journals by our faculty staff and students has been quite instrumental in this regard.

*What programs are offered to Geology students at IAU?*

**Somayeh:** Undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies are offered those interested in continuing their education in geology.

*What percentage of geology students are girls?*

**Somayeh:** About 80% for 2002 enrollment like me.

*What can you tell us about publishing activities of your college?*

**Somayeh:** Well, I think in Basic Sciences all departments like Physics, Mathematics, Geology, Biology and Microbiology have research and scientific journals. Our specialized journal is called Pejvak.

*What about seminar?*

**Somayeh:** We have organized many seminars and conferences by the Research and Cultural Department. I can mention Geo-Physics, Seismology, Technonic Conferences.

*Are you satisfied with the teaching methods and do you think enough instructors are employed to do the job?*

**Somayeh:** I'm sure most students are happy with the teaching methodologies adopted by their instructors and I believe we have the right number of faculty staff.

*What shortcomings do you notice?*

**Somayeh:** I think one problem is that colleges and departments like physical education and laboratories are spread out across the town and a centralization effort can resolve this issue as we are moving to Hakimiyyeh Campus soon.

# Sara Aghassi Beig



*Would you introduce yourself, please?*

**Sara:** I am Sara Aghassi Beig from Tehran, currently an MBA student at Science and Research Branch of the IAU, majoring Global Marketing. I also hold a bachelor's degree in Medical Engineering.

*When did you enroll?*

**Sara:** In 2004.

*What's your opinion of your university in terms of its faculty staffing and facilities?*

**Sara:** I think we have some of the best instructors in the region here. We have links with the digital library Rosenet, so we can keep abreast with the latest dis-

coveries in sciences and technologies of our time. The level of enthusiasm is quite high among us and this could not have happened without the superb teaching quality we are getting. I also think that one of the requirements that the students should get a paper published in an internationally recognized paper in order to get their degree has been quite stimulating.

*What programs are offered in MBA by the IAU?*

**Sara:** Three majors are Finance, Marketing and Global Marketing.

*What journal do you publish?*

**Sara:** A research journal on Economy and a quarterly "Marketing Management" is soon to be published this fall.

*What future plans are there for*

*seminars?*

**Sara:** Fortunately, the college has agreed to hold seasonal workshops on the statistical software known as LISREL, which is very important in our field of study.

*Have you taken part in any research studies yourself?*

**Sara:** Yes, I have been involved in a number of projects such as Management Information System, MIS, which was aimed at designing a system for the management of affairs at Economy and Management faculty at Research and Science Branch of IAU.

*What concluding point would you like to make?*

**Sara:** I would like to thank my professors Dr. Heidarzadeh and Dr. Tolouie and all hard working faculty staff at the department.

# The 12th Sloan-C International Conference on Asynchronous Learning



The 12th Sloan-C International Conference on Asynchronous Learning. Themes: The Power of Online Learning: "Realizing the Vision". Conference venue: Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida USA. Conference url: [www.aln.ucf.edu](http://www.aln.ucf.edu) Conference organisers: University of Central Florida, Continuing Education.

Organiser's address: UCF Division of Continuing Education, 12565 Research Pkwy, Ste 390 Orlando, FL 32826, USA. Organiser's url: [www.ce.ucf.edu](http://www.ce.ucf.edu) Notes: Asynchronous learning networks (ALNs) are helping to transform education and training from site-based, time-bound experiences to anytime-anywhere online learning environments. By connecting learners with each other, with their instructors, and with a wide range of resources, ALNs allow a high degree of interaction and collaboration.

This conference, which will provide the latest information on asynchronous learning programs, processes, packages, and protocols, is geared to both experienced professionals and interested newcomers to online learning who hail from a variety of work sectors, including higher education, continuing education, business, government, health care, professional associations, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for Call for Papers is April 14, 2006. Early bird registration until 10 October 2006 Visit the ALN website for more information.

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## Honoring the child, honoring equity 6: cultures, challenges and change in troubling times



Honoring the child, honoring equity 6: cultures, challenges and change in troubling times. Themes: Equity, children's rights, early childhood, social justice Conference venue: The University of Melbourne Conference url:

<http://www.edfac.unimelb.edu.au/eesc/ceiec/events/conferences/current/CEIECAnnualConf/index.html>

Conference organisers: Centre for Equity and Innovation in Early Childhood, University of Melbourne.

Organiser's address: Centre for Equity and Innovation in Early Childhood, East Wing, Elisabeth Murdoch Building, The University of Melbourne, Parkville 3010 Victoria, AUSTRALIA

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Notes: Deadline for submission of abstracts: June 30.

Possible publication of conference paper via International Journal of Equity and Innovation in Early Childhood, an online fully refereed international journal (DEST recognized)

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## The revolution will not be televised: It is being podcast



The revolution will not be televised: it is being podcast. Themes: e-learning, personal learning landscapes, personal learning environments, web 2.0, education, technology, pedagogy

Conference venue: University of Edinburgh.

Conference url: <http://curverider.co.uk/conferences.php>

Conference organisers: Curverider.

Organiser's address: 459 Marston Rd, Oxford, England OX3 0JQ.

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Notes: Deadline for submission of papers is June 10th.

This event is free of charge.

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### The Collaborative Action Research Network (CARN) 30th Anniversary Conference



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Themes: Action Research. Conference venue:

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[www.carn2006.co.uk](http://www.carn2006.co.uk)

Conference organisers:

University of Nottingham, School of Education, Organiser's address: School of Education, University of Nottingham, Wollaton Road, Nottingham, NG2 6UB

Organiser's url: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/education](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/education)

Notes: This year the annual CARN conference is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Collaborative Action Research Network.

Proposals are welcomed from anyone interested or involved in action research including: academics, practitioners, consultants and participants. Key note speakers at this conference will be: Professor John Elliott Founder of CARN, Professor Andrew D Gitlin, The University of Georgia; Alison Peacock, Headteacher, The Wroxham School and Ruth Balogh, Director of the Centre for Health Research and Practice Development at St Martin's College.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is the 31 July 2006.

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# Najaf Abad

## B r a n c h

Najaf Abad Branch was established in January 1986, upon the request of the town's officials and the highest decision making body of the IAU in order to meet the need of higher education in the region.



Najaf Abad University started activities, admitting 1106 student in the academic year of 1986-1987.

At the present nearly 755 full-time and part-time faculty member and lectures are the big assets of this university holding 79 fields of study as follows: Computer, Civil Engineering, Metallurgy, Mechanics, Electrical courses (Electronics, Power, Telecommunication), Industrial Engineering, Management, Philosophy, Geography, Law, English, Nursing, Midwifery, Persian Literature, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Carpet Weaving, Physical Education History, etc.

This branch has currently enrolled 21505 students (4005 at Associate level, 15855 at Bachelor's level, 926 at the Ph.D.).

The number of graduates from this university has reached 37834 in different levels.

Najaf Abad University is located in a space of 12,645,438 sq. meters and 244,862 sq. meters of building area in 98 departments, with the educational building of 203777 sq. meters, sports fields of 11293 sq. meters and research farm of 330970 sq. meters.

The extension plans of educational and administrative buildings are still underway and a new addition as a seven-story library in a space of 25000 sq meters is to be exploited in the near future.

The branch also enjoys the Excellent facilities of 69

laboratories, 27 workshops, Branch center, 6 sports arenas, a football pitch 5 libraries carrying 111.149 books and 171 periodicals (Persian & English), prayer room, dormitory , dinning hall, Day nursery & kindergarten and different schools in Elementary, mid and high grades in addition to pre-university and technical-vocational courses.

In the area of research activities there have been 7 outside university plans in cooperation with Mobarakeh steel Co., Isfahan Zob Ahan Co. and railways and telecommunication research centers and also 31 inside University plans.

Some of NajafAbad University's achievements and research activities are as follows:

- Develop a strontium process out of Celestin mineral through direct carbonation and revival process; design a talking pen for the blind; examine the harmonics diminishing in inverter voltage control with the pulse width modulation; conduct a research on the thermal sensors and putting forth a precise thermal control device able to be controlled via computer; develop an intelligent phone, an analytic system of telescopes, a solar water sweetener, a digital processor of MIT, a seismic alarm, etc.

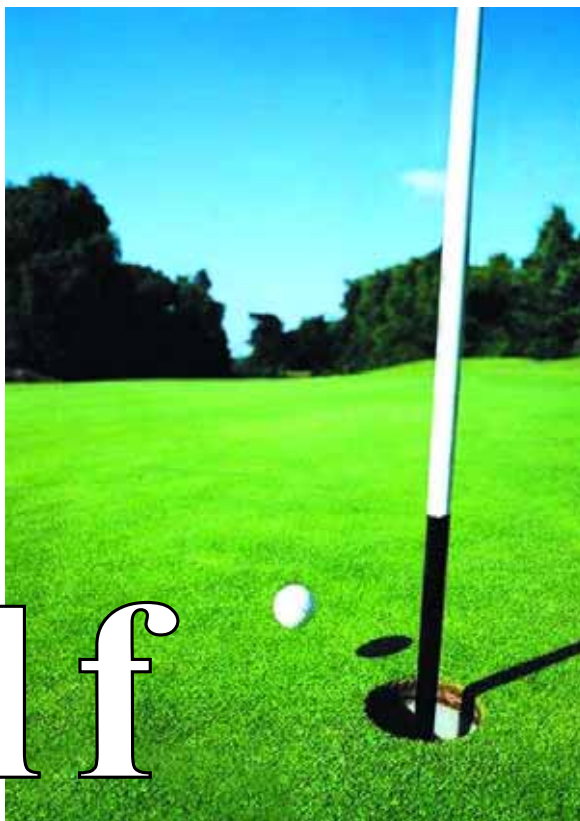
- Top university in international research achievements (2005) fair



- Top research-scientific center in 2005
  - Win first place in Expert Cardio Board
  - Top researcher in 2002
  - Top geographic group among the high education centers
  - Top places in conferences and International Award such as khwarizmi
  - Top research of 2002
  - Top research-scientific center in 2005
  - Present articles to the international conferences of Philippine, Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, Greece, England, Turkey, Korea Malaysia and Romania
- Islamic Azad University center at Faridan is also monitored by Najaf Abad Branch.



# MoU Signed to Promote GOLF



**Tehran-June 18-** A MoU has been signed between the IAU Physical Education Central Office and Golf Federation to promote golf at the 360 branches of the IAU across the country, ANA reported.

The MoU was inked by the Head of the IAU's Physical Education Central Office, Dr. Nahram Ghadimi, and Golf Federation Chairman, Isa Eshaghi.

The Memorandum stipulates that as a temporary solution within a time limit football fields and gymnasiums be utilized to train golf enthusiasts.

Another objective envisaged by the MoU is that the IAU includes golf as a PE program in its curriculum and golf fields are constructed by the Branches.

The memorandum also foresees that golf federation help promote

golf as a serious sport by introducing coaches, offering free training courses in provinces and authorizing certificates for those who successfully pass golf courses to join men and women teams to take part in local and international tournaments.

The federation will also prepare "shot" and "pot" competitions and provide necessary equipment to run competitions and training courses.

## Dr. Jassbi Praises Wrestlers

**June 17-Tehran-** IAU Wrestlers have been praised for their triumphs during students' international competition in a message by the President of the IAU, Dr. Jassbi, according to ANA.

"The awe-inspiring news of your success at the world tournament has been a source of pride and honor for Iranians across the world", Dr.

Jassbi said in his message.

The FUIW Chairman, referring to the hoisting of the honorable flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran during the World Students' Wrestling Competitions hoped that "soon world of Islam's students' competition start to give the students a chance to demonstrate their excellent physical abilities and promote

athletic spirit among the talented youth."

Dr. Jassbi then expressed gratitude for the achievement made by the Iranian students and stated, "Making investment in the youth sports will create a favorable ground for more successes in international tournaments like Olympics."

## Cyclists Heading to Europe



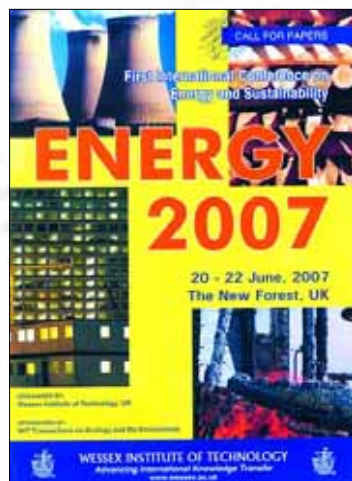
**Tehran-June 21-** IAU cyclists set off a long journey Wednesday outside Central branch that would take them across Europe, ANA reported.

"The IAU cyclists, Mohamad Ameli Moharamzadeh and Seyed Vahid Reyhani, joined by IAU Physical Education Director, Dr. Nahram Ghadimi and other officials of the university in charge of Physical Education, began their intercontinental tour, beginning with Istanbul in Turkey and later going

through Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, and Spain", says Physical Education PR Office.

The trip, not the first one to be carried out by the IAU cyclist team, will be unique as it will take four months to conclude after pedaling a distance of 12, 000 km.

By undertaking such awesome endeavor, the two member team hopes to strengthen peace and friendship between Iranians and many other world nations and promote the idea of a drug-free world.



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