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ESANA President's Report

INCREASE IN MISSION STUDENTS SALARIES:

As a result of ESANA efforts, the Missions Department raised the mission students' salaries by 20% starting January 2004. The differences in January, February and March salaries were sent to the students retroactively in May.

FEES CANCELLED:

The Missions Department canceled all fees collected by the ECEBs for verification of certificates, thesis.... etc and will refund the money to the students who paid these fees since September 2002.

MEMBERS' PROBLEMS:

ESANA-EC sent two memorandums to the Missions Department and the Minister of Higher Education regarding:

- The Returning tickets for families
- The 5th year extension.

AIR FLIGHT TICKETS:

The Missions Department asked the ECEB to negotiate the prices of air flight tickets for those who are willing to get back to Egypt on their own expenses and refund the tickets back in Egypt.

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ESANA BOOK CAMPAIGN:

Helwan University was chosen to receive the ESANA Book Campaign for the second year. Further details will be sent to members about the actual value of the books. ESANA is looking for a unit to host the coming book campaign. Any suggestions can be sent to: ec@esana.org

ECEB-USA CONTINUES TO FUND ESANA AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF DELAY

ESANA EC submitted more than four written requests and called the ECEB many times regarding the money for ESANA budget and the social fund. Finally, ESANA-EC raised the issue to the Minister of Higher Education demanding the following:

- 1- The ECEB- Washington D.C. should continue to fulfill its duties towards ESANA by making the money for ESANA budget and social fund available.
- 2- Investigate and inquire about the deposit made by former Egyptian President Sadat to the students studying in U.S. and Canada and the ways that this money was spent.

The ministry response was quick and ESANA started to get its rights back...

ESANA Semi-Annual Meeting in Canada

The ESANA Semi-Annual meeting will be held, *insha'allah*, in the ECEB-Montreal, Canada from May 28th –31st 2004. Agenda for the meeting can be found on the ESANA web page. Every one is welcome to attend the meeting, however ESANA regrets for not having funds to support the travel and accommodation expenses for those who are willing to attend.

New Vice-President

ESANA – EC would like to welcome Dr. Akram Fayed as a Vice-President and wish him all the best in fulfilling his duties. Dr. Fayed is working on his Doctorate Degree at University of Iowa and is the president of ESANA unit in Iowa city, Iowa.

Egyptian Pioneers

Our country keeps providing the best quality researchers in the U.S. and Canada. The following are few examples of recent achievements of Egyptian professors and students:

- Dr. **Ahmed Abdala** won the best Ph.D. Dissertation over the College of Engineering in NC State University for the year 2003.
- Dr. **Ahmed El-Shafie** won the best Ph.D. Dissertation over the College of Textile in NC State University for the year 2003.

- **Naglaa ElDessouky**, a Ph.D. student in Public Administration (ENAP, Université de Québec) has been chosen among the 200 best poets in North America.
- Professor **Antoine Noujaim** has been chosen by a distinguished Canadian pharmaceutical society to be awarded for all his accomplishments.
- Dr. **Laila Abou-Agag** was chosen for the Outstanding International Student Award at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- **Tamer Awad**, a Ph.D. Student in medicinal chemistry (School of Pharmacy, Auburn University) and ESANA president was awarded Who's Who among American Universities for his contribution as graduate student at Auburn university.

New Units

- A new unit has been opened in Baltimore, MD
- Attempts to open new units in Dallas (TX), Seattle (WA), Athens (OH), & Mexico.

ESANA Exhibitions

Four ESANA Mobile Exhibitions were held in

- Concordia University in Montreal, Canada (April 5 – 6, 2004)
- Purdue University, Indiana (April 18, 2004)
- North Carolina State University, North Carolina
- Auburn University, Alabama (03/17/2004)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama (February 18, 2004)

Fund Raising News

The Fund Raising Committee is in the process of brainstorming for ideas to raise funds for our ESANA projects. The committee members have had some contacts with and would encourage more input from ESANA members. Send your suggestions to: ec@esana.org

ESANA Stand on the Murder of Sheikh Ahmad Yaseen

March 23, 2004

Social Affairs Announcements

The ESANA EC would like to congratulate our colleagues who have newborn babies over the past six months, and welcome all babies as new members in ESANA community!

<i>Baby</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Birth Day</i>
Saif	Tamer Awad	Alabama	04/02/2004
Marium	Mohamed Soliman	Buffalo	12/25/2003
Janna	Ali Said	Pittsburgh	12/02/2003
Zeyad	Sherif Negm	Iowa	10/13/2003
Bilal	Yasser Mahgoub	Ottawa	10/14/2003
Hajar	Hesham Nawar	Buffalo	10/11/2003

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