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ESANA's News at a Glance

- ESANA maintains its status as a publicly supported organization in the USA which is exempt from federal taxes. Thanks are due to Ashraf Shalaby, Mohamed Youssef, Amin Akhnouk, Tamer Mahmoud, and Hatem Seliem.
- The ESANA semi-annual meeting (SAM) will be held at the ECEB, Montreal, Canada from June 9th to June 12th, 2006. All members are welcome to attend; however, travel and lodging expenses will be paid by the member.
- ESANA expresses its deep condolences to the members and the Egyptian people for the fatalities of the catastrophe of the Egyptian ferry.
- ESANA extends its firm condemnation of the acts of publication and republication of the cartoons depicting Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him).
- ESANA firmly condemns the terrorist attacks that occurred in Dahab on April 25, 2006. ESANA's condemnation letter was e-mailed to the members and was sent to the Egyptian officials.
- ESANA received books with a value more than 1.5 Million American dollars for the 2006 US Book Campaign.
- A new unit at University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) was established. The Urbana-Champaign unit was re-opened.
- The report for the 2005 General Assembly (GA) meeting that was held at the ECEB in Washington D.C., USA, was posted to the web site. The report can be downloaded in PDF format by visiting this link, www.esana.org/GA/GA.asp
- A brochure for ESANA has been developed and forwarded to the members through an e-mail. To download the brochure, please visit "News & Events" section on the web site home page.
- More than 45 new members registered to ESANA website.

Register yourself today at http://www.esana.org/Members_Area/Membership/register.asp

ESANA's Projects at a Glance

- 12 requests were made to the SINA (Study in North America) project in the following fields: Nursing, Economics, Water Resources Management, Egyptology, Architecture and Urban Planning, Pharmacology, Dentistry Board Exam, Pharmacy Equivalency Exam, Animal Sciences, Linguistics, Translation Studies and Drama. If any of the members could provide help in any of these fields, please e-mail Tamer Mahmoud, project manager, at sina@esana.org
- A Questionnaire was written to be completed by ESANA members to collect information about studying different research disciplines. The questionnaire was posted to the web site for the members to complete it at their convenience.
- A study about the Avian Flu in Egypt is in preparation. The report was prepared by Dr. Aiman El-Saied at the University of Pittsburgh. The report aims at increasing the public awareness of the virus and includes recommendations from Egyptian scholars and researchers on how to deal with the issue from all aspects.
- 20 requests were made from Egyptian students to the ESA-Link project. 17 requests were made to come to the USA and 3 to come to Canada. Only one request failed to be handled.
- Information about 21 cities in the USA and Canada for prospective students is posted to the ESA-Link project page. To provide information about your city, please fill out this form by visiting this link <http://www.esana.org/Projects/SINA/SINA%20Unit%20Info.doc> and emailing it to sina@esana.org and link@esana.org,
- The Canadian ESA-Link booklet is under progress by the ESA-Link project manager, Ziad Aly.

Web Site Updates

- SINA Survey, <http://www.esana.org/Questionnaire/questionnaires.asp>
- ERS Project, <http://www.esana.org/Projects/ERS/ERS.asp>
- Paper Request, http://www.esana.org/Projects/ERS/Request_App.asp
- ESANA Forum, <http://www.esana.org/forum/default.asp>
- ESANA Statements, http://www.esana.org/Members_Area/Statements/statements.asp

Announcements

The Egyptian Day Event:

All units will be encouraged to perform an “Egyptian Day” any time during a specified month to inform the community about the Egyptian culture, image, history... etc. It’s recommended to perform this event in a unified month to encourage each other to be more active and to achieve different goals mentioned below. However, the final decision of the month and day will be left to each unit’s discretion, depending on its own circumstances. We can take advantage of this unified activity and better directly contact the American and Canadian community to improve the Egyptian image or to explain a specific case. This activity can augment the Egyptian political status and enhance the view of American and Canadian community about Egypt, and will also inform the community about ESANA. It could be an effective policy tool in the future. There will be a prize and an appreciation certificate for the best unit in this regard. (More information will be sent soon to all members in this regard).

The Egypt Presentation’s Competition:

It’s a power point presentation representing Egypt from different aspects, historical and **modern**, which enhances the image of our Egypt. The winning presentation will be posted on ESANA’s website to help all units in their activities. There will be a prize and acknowledgement certificate for the winner. More details will be sent soon to all members via e-mail.

Fly Daddy Prices to Cairo:

All Prices are starting prices from May the 1st till 25Th. All prices do not include taxes:

Chicago	\$705	New York	\$580
Miami	\$705	Atlanta	\$685
Cincinnati	\$700	Memphis	\$725
Detroit	\$725	Minneapolis	\$770
San Francisco	\$765	Los Angeles	\$765
Boston	\$600	Houston	\$715