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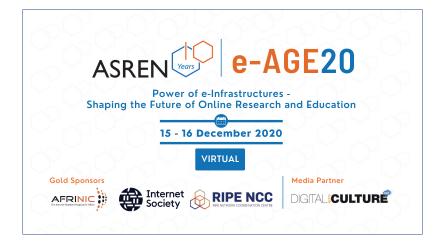## Arab States Research and Education Network

### ASREN *Newsletter*

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*"**ASREN** is a non-profit company with limited liability (GmbH) and is officially registered in Germany, under the umbrella of the League of Arab States. The main goal is to connect Arab institutions among themselves and to the globe through high-speed data-communications networks. Such networks will enable sharing and access to a variety of R&E services and applications in addition to utilization of highly sophisticated and technologically advanced computing resources available only at very few institutions in the world."*

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## Agenda Released for the e-AGE20 Virtual Conference



The Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) released the agenda for the e-AGE20, the 10th edition of the International Platform on Integrating Arab e-Infrastructure in a Global Environment, which will be held virtually during 15-16 December 2020, under the theme: "Power of e-Infrastructures - Shaping the Future of Online Research and Education".

The two-day event features 30 renowned speakers and experts from across the global research and education community. The presenters will share their experiences and debate on the complex global phenomenon and scientific challenges that go beyond teaching online courses and sharing resources in today's unprecedented isolation, with a focus on the role of e-Infrastructures in the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The e-AGE20 will comprise a high-level opening with a roundtable discussion on "Working Globally" featuring CEOs of Regional Research and Education Networks from around the world, and three other session with topics on Global Support, Regional and Global R&E Communities and Open Science and Open Access.

The conference will also feature one-day online workshops on LIBSENSE, ORCID and Routing Security as part of preconference activities.

Our sincere thanks go to those who are kindly supporting this event including: European Union co-funded projects AfricaConnect3 and EUMEDCONNECT3, GÉANT and TAG. Global, Sponsors: AFRINIC, Internet Society and RIPE NCC, and Media Partner: DIGITAL MEETS CULTURE.

Registration for the virtual e-AGE20 conference is open and free. This is a vital time for the Research and Education Community and we feel that it is important that as many people as possible are able to attend and share ideas to contribute to the future success of Research and Education Networks and provide the opportunity to link and share experiences and ideas before what we hope will be a more normal gathering in e-AGE21.

More details about the speakers, sessions and registration can be found at the event website: http://asrenorg.net/eage20/

## Register Now for Routing Security Workshop

The Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) will be hosting a virtual Routing Security Workshop in coordination with Internet Society (ISOC) on December 17th, 2020.

The workshop will provide an introduction to routing security, the issues with global BGP routing system, and the Mutually Assured Norms for Routing Security (MANRS) initiative that aims to address these problems by encouraging operators to subscribe to four actions including filtering, anti-spoofing, coordination and address prefix validation.

It will also introduce participants to resources that can help improve awareness and knowledge



Routing Security Workshop
December 17, 2020 | 09:00 - 11:00 UTC
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of routing security, including online tutorials and implementation guides. Finally, there will be a demonstration of the MANRS Observatory tool and some practical implementation exercises. For more details and registration: https://asrenorg.net/?q=content/routing-security-isoc

## ASREN - LIBSESNE Workshop: Next Steps

The Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) will be hosting its third - LIBSENSE workshop entitled "Next steps". This virtual workshop comes as a continuation and follow up on the LIBSENSE-III Workshop held in Tunisia in April 2019 and the ASREN - LIBSENSE Virtual Workshop held in October 2020. It will discuss supporting Open Knowledge through an initiative for harvesting data repositories in the Arab region with focus on Arabic content and language. More practices coming from the region on open access and open data repositories will be also presented.

The workshop will be held on 17th December 2020, in cooperation with WACREN, UbuntuNet Alliance, COAR and EIFL under the support of AfricaConnect3 and EUMEDCONNECT3 projects, and it will witness participations to highlight initiatives planned to act as Open Knowledge hubs at regional and global levels.

Repository managers, advocates and other open access and open science stakeholders (Libraries and library consortia, content and research data providers, National Research and Education Networks) are invited to participate to share experiences and exchange knowledge.

For more details and registration:
https://asrenorg.net/?q=content/asren-libsesne-workshop-next-steps

## ORCID Workshop: A Reliable Open Research e-Infrastructures Enabler

The Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) will be hosting a virtual workshop in coordination with ORCID organization on "ORCID: A Reliable Open Research e-Infrastructures Enabler", 17th December 2020. The workshop will provide an overview of ORCID and its benefits for researchers and member organizations, to highlight the importance of ORCID in shaping the future of online research and education.

ORCID is part of the wider digital infrastructure needed for researchers to share information on a global scale. ORCID enables transparent and trustworthy connections between researchers, their

contributions, and affiliations by providing an identifier for individuals to use with their name as they engage in research, scholarship, and innovation activities.

All who participate in research, scholarship, and innovation, as per, library information specialists, research managers, national research and education network advocates and researchers are invited to attend the free workshop.

For more details and registration:
https://asrenorg.net/?q=content/orcid-asren-virtual-workshop

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