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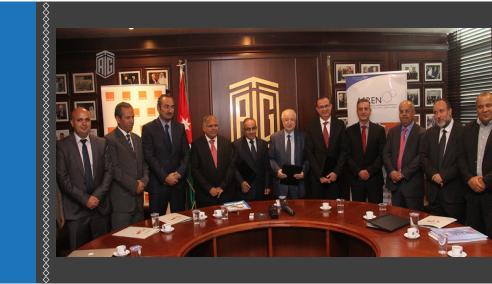
In this issue

TAG-Org, JuNET, and Orange Launch the Jordanian International Connection for Research and Education Jointly with the EU

AMMAN - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) and Chairman of the Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) with His Excellency, Prof. Ali M. Qaisi, Chairman of the Jordanian Universities Network (JuNet) and Mr. Sami Smeirat, Chief Enterprise Officer of Orange Jordan have signed an agreement to connect Jordanian universities with the European Academic and Research Network (GÉANT) in order to provide them access to the research and education resources in Europe and the rest of the world.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh, highlighted the importance of connecting research and education institutions at the national, regional and global levels to enable collaboration with research and education communities and to provide access to research and education resources.

He added "This connection comes in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Program (EUMEDCONENCT3) co-financed by the European Union and managed by the European Network GÉANT in cooperation with ASREN which works on connecting the Arab research and education communities to the rest of the world".

Prof. Qaisy, Chairman of JUNet said: "Connecting the Jordanian universities is a new support to the researchers in Jordan as they used to face many difficulties in the past when they try to access computing resources, data repositories and scientific applications and services".

Mr. Smeirat, VP CEO of Orange added, "We are proud to sign this strategic agreement with ASREN and JUNet to serve the education and research community in Jordan. Orange will continue to support the research and education in Jordan by providing them with best and state of the art services".

Mr. West, Project Manager of the EUMEDCONNECT3 Project added, "We believe that connecting Jordanian communities with their counterparts in Europe is very important and will create more opportunities for them to collaborate and conduct join research and education activities".

Orange-Jordan will provide this link at one Giga bits per second to the Jordanian Universities Network (JUNET) and the Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) in Jordan. This will be a dedicated circuit which will connect the Jordanian Universities Network directly to the European research and education network (GÉANT) via the first Arab point of presence in London which is managed and operated by the Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN).

Call for Papers
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION - The e-AGE 2017 Conference
Cairo - Egypt, December 3-4, 2017

CAIRO - The e-AGE Conference had established itself as an important venue for networking among experts and scientists. In 2017, e-AGE will be held under the patronage of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, secretary general of the League of Arab States in Cairo, Egypt, December 3 - 4, 2017. The main theme of e-AGE 2017 is "EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION".

e-AGE 2017 will include events, workshops and meetings centered around the following:
- 10th Event on Euro-Mediterranean e-Infrastructure
- 7th Annual Meeting of ASREN
- 9th Annual Conference of the Arab Organization for Quality Assurance
- EUMEDCONNECT3 and Africaconenct2 Project Meetings
- Technical workshops on R&E networking

Moreover, special sessions will be dedicated to specific domains, mainly focusing on experiences in connectivity and e-Infrastructure, applications and services across a variety of scientific domains. It is also important to show how research infrastructure creates tangible benefits to communities and collaborations. It is still critical to demonstrate how research connectivity can promote collaboration and innovation. Different discussions will be stimulated during e-AGE to drive outcomes and concrete results on practical steps towards developing a regional e-Infrastructure.

Authors are invited to submit full papers reporting on their original and unpublished research in e-Infrastructures and computational and data-intensive sciences. All papers will be peer-reviewed and accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

Topics of interest include, but not limited to:
- Scientific computing and data-intensive e-Science in the scientific areas related to energy, environment, health, climate, water, agriculture, biology, economy, medicine, as well as in

social sciences and humanities.
- Perspectives on NRENs, including challenges, operation, sustainability, funding, governance, business models, security and services.
- Problem-solving environments, Virtual Research Environments, Science Gateways and collaborative tools, applications and services.
- Education and e-Learning Technologies, access to educational resources, repositories, libraries and contents, clouds, grids, parallel and distributed computing, and high performance computing.
- Internet technologies and trends, Internet of Things, Security, SDN and AAIs.

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