



Academics without Borders

USF-AWB

Universitaires sans Frontières

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Activities

On January 18, 2011, there was the first general assembly of our NGO association USF-AWB, in which the president and the treasurer reports were presented. In addition, the following decisions were made:

- Choice of the MAIF proposition for assuring USF-AWB members when there are traveling in foreign countries;
- Choice of internationalizing the association and not to favor the inception of sister-associations for the time being;
- Writing of all documents in French and in English;
- Remuneration of the association for mission in profit-based universities.

Presentations of the association were made on January 12 in three Lebanon universities located in Beirut namely, Lebanese University, St Joseph University and Antonine University; in addition, another presentation was given at the INSA-Strasbourg on January 28.

Following those presentations, the Antonine University, has asked USF-AWB to help for the inception of a teaching department in mechanical engineering; the agreement will be signed within a few days.

Mid-February 2011, after having given higher education courses in Haiti, our colleague J.-J. Schwarz has organized the delivery of teaching material for computer networks with the aid of the French Embassy and the Agency of French-speaking Universities.

End of February, two dossiers were written in order to create an African Institute for Information Sciences in Douala (Cameroon), and for the creation of a laboratory in information technology in El Oued, Algeria.



New members

We have the pleasure to welcome the following persons into our association:

- Pr. Arnaldo Cecchini, Urban Planner, University of Sassari, Italy,
- Pr. Daniel Play, previously professor at INSA Lyon.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6.30pm at INSA-Lyon.

Personal web pages

We also kindly ask all members to put in their web pages, a link to the site of our association.

Call for registration

Several members have not yet paid their 2011 registration fee (30 € per year). Attached are the banking references to transfer money. Checks to USF-AWB must be sent to:

Dr. Françoise Raffort
Secrétariat d'USF-AWB
Dept Informatique - INSA de Lyon
7 Avenue Capelle
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We kindly ask new members to fill the registration sheet which can be downloaded from our web site <http://www.univ-sf.org>.

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