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I- Introduction

- **The International Strategy and Action Plan at BAU provide a strategic framework to support and enhance our international activities.**



➤ **Aiming at becoming an actor in the international education sphere in Lebanon, BAU has made progress in the development of its International Relations Office,**



TO:

- Improve communication and visibility of the University
- Project international image of BAU as an example of quality and excellence



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- 2- Develop relationships between the university and institutions and international groups**
- 3- Assist the Quality Unit at the University level in establishing mechanisms for International Accreditation (Institution/Programs)**
- 4- Increase the international Staff Mobility**
- 5- Increase the international Students Mobility**
- 6- Assist in the organization of International Conferences**
- 7- Support for international projects**
- 8- Promote an internationalization culture at the university**
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1- Promote and support international collaborative agreements with:

- Private institutions for international projects
- Public institutions for international projects



Agreements with:

- 1- Stockholm University- Sweden- Signed in 1994
- 2- Universite de Savoie- France- Signed in 2003
- 3- Universite Charles-De- Gaule, Lille III- France- Signed in 2005
- 4- Universite Claude Bernard, Lyon I- France- Signed in 2006
- 5- Universite de Provence- Aix Marseille I- France- Signed in 2006
- 6- Universite de Bourgogne- France- Signed in 2007
- 7- Ecole Superieure d'Elelectronique de l'Ouest (ESEO)- France- Signed in 2008
- 8- Lebanese University- Lebanon- Signed in 2009
- 9- Institut Euro- Mediterranee en Science du Risque (IEMSR)- France- Signed in 2010
- 10- Universite Paris- Sorbonne (Paris IV)- France- Signed in 2010
- 11- CNRS/ National Council for Scientific Research- Lebanese Atomic Energy Commission- Lebanon- Signed in 2010
- 12- Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)- Ecole Doctorale de Droit du Moyen-Orient (EDDMO)- Signed in 2010
- 13- Hacettepe University- Turkey- Signed in 2011
- 14- Suggest Aid Association- Italy- Signed in 2011
- 15- Link Campus University- Italy- Signed in 2011



2- Developing relationships between the university and institutions and international groups

- Beirut Arab University is a Member of the Following International and Local Institutions:

- 1- Association of Arab Universities (AARU); (1964)
- 2- International Association of Universities (IAU); (1969)
- 3- Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW); (1999)
- 4- Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF); (2001)
 - Conférence des Recteurs de la Région du Moyen-Orient (CONFREMO); (2007)
 - Réseau International Francophone des établissements de formation de formateurs (RIFEFF); (2008)
 - Ecole Doctorale de Droit du Moyen- Orient (EDDMO); (2010)
 - Collège Doctoral de Français au Moyen Orient (CODFRAMO); (2011)
- 5- International Association of University Presidents (IAUP).
- 6- Association of Universities of Lebanon; (2004)
- 7- Euro- Mediterranean University (EMUNI); (2008)



- 8- Euromed Permanent University Forum (EPUF); (2009)
- 9- International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE); (2010)
- 10- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- 11- Arab Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers (ARAB-ACRAO); (1977)
- 12- Association of the Arab Faculties of Dentistry; (Affiliated to AARU)
- 13- Scientific Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in the Arab World; (Affiliated to AARU)
- 14- Arab Society of Faculties of Business Administration; (Affiliated to AARU); (2010)
- 15- Union of International Associations (UIA); (2010)
- 16- Scientific Society of Arab Nursing Faculties (Affiliated to AARU); (2010)
- 17- Islamic Universities League; (2010)
- 18- United Nations Global Compact; (2011)
- 19- Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE); (2011)
- 20- Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED); (2011)



3- Assist the Quality Unit at the University level in establishing mechanisms for International Accreditation (Institution/Programs)

Provides technical and logistic supports to all faculties to apply for accreditation of their programs, building on the actual Quality Assurance System at BAU, in line with the international educational systems



Accreditation of some Programs

- 1- **Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA):** Faculty of Architectural Engineering
- 2- **The institution of Engineering & Technology (IET):** Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
- 3- **Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE):** Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
- 4- **IMechE:** Department of Mechanical Engineering
- 5- **IMechE:** Department of Industrial & Engineering Management



4- Increase the international Staff Mobility

- Support for exchanging international Staff to increase the mobility of BAU Staff members
 - ❖ Sabbatical leave (for research)
- Support for incoming international Staff to increase the number of foreign Staff members



- Number of visiting foreign professors:

➤ Faculty of Arts:

- 24 visiting professors from French universities (2002-2011)

➤ Faculty of Architectural Engineering:

- 1 visiting professor from Slovenia (2011)



5- Increase the international Students Mobility

- Recruitment and Support for incoming international students to increase the number of foreign students



* Students exchange:

Bilateral:

Students from collaborating universities and colleges that have a Bilateral student exchange agreement with the University may apply for exchange.



ERASMUS

Students at universities and colleges within the EU and MEDA countries may apply for exchange through the Erasmus programme.



- **Exchange Students with Université de Provence- Aix Marseille 1(France):**
 - **25 students from BAU**
 - **15 students from Université de Provence- Aix Marseille 1**



International Students

Country	Academic Year								
	2011/2010			2010/2009			2009/2008		
	U.G.	P.G.	Total	U.G.	P.G.	Total	U.G.	P.G.	Total
Syria	1401	119	1282	1307	90	1217	1207	75	1132
Palestine	1869	107	1762	2085	102	1983	1866	92	1774
Jordan	90	34	56	92	23	69	99	16	83
Egypt	3484	5	3479	3484	5	3479	4947	1	4946
Sudan	13		13	16		16	23		23
Oman	693	18	675	1283	30	1253	1884	23	1861
Iraq	600	352	248	195	131	64	151	83	68
Kuwait	9		9	13		13	18		18
Emirate	45	31	14	46	29	17	50	27	23
Saudi Arabia	149	37	112	111	26	85	107	23	84
Libya	13	4	9	14	4	10	17	3	14



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Tunisia	4		4	6		6	5		5
Algeria	9	4	5	6	4	2	4	2	2
Morocco	4	2	2	3	1	2	4	1	3
Iran	23	9	14	18	7	11	10	2	8
Turkey	4		4	3		3	2		2
German	0			2		2	2		2
USA	4		4	4		4	4		4
Qatar	38	5	33	43	4	39	63	4	59



6- Assist in the organization of International Conferences

The IRO at BAU encourages and assists departments in organizing national and international conferences by collaborating with national, regional and international institutions.



- 1- “Challenges and Future” The First International Conference on Medical Education: on 22- 24/4/2009.
- 2- “Recent Advances in Dentistry: New Horizons & Beyond...” on 1-3/5/2009
- 3- “The Effects of the Global Financial Crisis on Financial and Banking Sectors: An Economic and Legislative Prospective Conference” on 7/5/2009.
- 4- Workshop “Research Souk 2009” in corporation with EMUNI University on 9/6/2009.
- 5- “The 16th International Scientific Conference” on 13-15 /11/2009
- 6- “Strengthening Institutional Capacity in Arab Universities” - TEMPUS Conference on 17-18/11/2009.



- 7- “The Role of Judge in the Litigation: Unity of Purpose and the Multiplicity of Roles” on 4-5/12/2010.
- 8- “Recent Advances in Ophthalmic Investigations and Surgery” on 5-7/3/2010.
- 9- “The Revision of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules in the Light of Thirty Years of Experience: A Look into the Future” on 15 - 17 /4/2010
- 10- “Recent Advances in Pharmaceutical Research and Technology” on 6/5/2010.
- 11- “Human Trafficking in Lebanon, Partnership between the State and Society” on 3-4/1/2011.
- 12- “Innovation and Employability: The Universities’ Challenge” The 3rd EMUNI Research Souk 2011 on 21/3/2011.



7- Support for international projects

- Improve and enhance International projects funded by European Union and others
- Encourage participating to international projects like:
 - Tempus
 - FP7
 - Cèdre



Tempus Projects

Reference	Title of the Project	Coordinator	Period
UNAM	Promoting the modernization and strengthening of institutional and financial autonomy in Southern Neighboring Area higher education institutions	Alicante University	2011-2013
ASPIRE	Achieving Sustainable Programmes in Regeneration and Entrepreneurship	Staffordshire University	2011-2013
ALTAIR	“Strengthening Institutional Capacity in Arab countries	Alicante University	2009-2011
SMGR	“Leadership in Higher Education Management’	University of Wales	2010-2012
QAHEL	Quality Assurance for Higher Education in Lebanon”	Sunderland University	2007-2008
TIES	“Towards an Internationalization of Higher Education Network for MEDA Region (TIES)”	Alicante University	2010-2012
LEPAC	Lebanese Engineering Programs Accreditation Commission (LEPAC)”	FEANI	2007-2008



8- Promote an internationalization culture at the university

- Establish a training program for the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary for carrying out the international activities



9- Support for Scientific Research

- Organize information days for staff members as well for students to inform them about all possibilities of international grants and funding providers.
- Establish an appropriate level of investment of internal funds in research that result in increasing levels of external sponsored research.



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