



MSC Holds a Workshop on the Security of Laboratories

Under the sponsorship of the Chancellor of the University of Basrah, Prof. Dr. Thamir A. Hamdan, and in collaboration with the College of Science, MSC held a workshop on the chemical, biological, and radiational security of the University of Basrah Laboratories. The workshop extended through November 22th- 24th, 2015 and was held in the conference hall of the College of Pharmacology. Prof. Dr. Shakir A. Ni'ma, the Scientific Deputy of the Chancellor of the University of Basrah, has commenced the workshop, which was attended by many researchers from the University of Basrah interested in laboratory works.



Letter of Compliment



MSC Staff would like to extend the warmest congratulations for Dr. Ali B. Mahmood, from the Department of Marine Physics, for obtaining membership with the European Union of Geology. This has involved hard work and highlights his expertise in the field.

The program of the workshop included the following lectures:

Day 1:

1. Security and safety in laboratories. Prof. Dr. Faris J. Al-Imarah, MSC, University of Basrah.
2. Introduction to the practices of laboratory security. Prof. Dr. Firdaws Abbas, Scientific Deputy of Al-Qadisiya University Chancellor.
3. Introduction to the application of a secure laboratory. Prof. Dr. Ammar K. Al-Ba'aj. College of Engineering, University of Basrah.

Day 2:

1. Chemical waste disposal. Prof. Dr. Ali K. Abd Al-Hassan. College of Science, University of Misan.
2. Chemicals: Purchasing and storage. Assist. Prof. Dr. Dawood S. Hantoosh. College of Science, University of Basrah.

Day 3:

1. Applying the ethical pledge of chemists. Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali H. Mtegi. MSC, University of Basrah.
2. Laboratory dangers: identification and assessment. Prof. Dr. Hadi S. Al-Lami, College of Science, University of Basrah.



MSC Researcher participates the 8th Conference of the Euro-Arab Organization

Through October 19th- 22th, 2015, Prof. Dr. Faris J. Al-Imarah, from the Department of Marine Chemistry, has participated in the 8th Conference of the Euro-Arab Organization held in Istanbul, Turkey. Prof. Al-Imarah presented three papers and has received approval to publish them in the scientific journals of the above organization specialized in environment research.

The conference covered various subjects including environmental pollution, agriculture in the Arab lands, protection of archeological sites, environmental tourism and securing tourism locations for proper investment.



MSC Researcher participates in the IUCN West Asia 8th Regional Conservation Forum, Amman

Through November 10th- 11th, 2015, Prof. Dr. Talib A. Khalaf, from the Department of Marine Biology, has participated in the IUCN West Asia 8th Regional Conservation Forum held in Amman. The forum was held under the patronage of the Prime Minister of Jordan Abdullah Al-Nasoor and attended by several Jordanian official representatives. Prof. Khalaf presented the impact of environmental changes in the Arabian Gulf, concentrating on biodiversity of the north portion, including the Shatt Al-Arab Delta and nearby rivers and marshes. Also, he discussed the contribution of Iraqi water share which equals 100m³/per sec and is necessary to sustain the Arabian Gulf biodiversity and high productivity, a subject matter of high importance to all the Gulf countries.



IUCN Expert Visits Hareer Station for Marsh Studies

In their efforts to record the Iraqi marshes among the World Heritage records, an expert from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has visited the MSC Hareer Station for Research located in the west marshes of Basrah. The guest was accompanied by a delegation from Basrah Directorate of Environment and Agriculture Engineer Alaa H. Al-Badran.



Training Course on Operational Oceanography Application

MSC Researcher, Assist. Lecturer Milad A. Hussain, from the Department of Marine Sedimentology, will be delegated to Haider Abad/ India through Dec.14th- 18th, 2015, to take part in a training course on OTGA-INCOIS Marine Geography Information System (GIS) for Operational Oceanography Application. The training course will include a general perspective on the GIS which incorporates geospatial services, oceanography and coastal studies by using ArcGIS. The program includes data collection, treatment, analyses, interpretation, and generating reliable inputs for marine and coastal applications.



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