

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hasanain Abd-ALameer Sadiq, of the Department of Research and Development, and Mr. Zuhair Ali Abd-ALNabi, of the Department of Marine Chemistry, were awarded the academic title 'Assistant Lecturer'

MSC Staff has the pleasure to extend their heartiest congratulations for both researchers in this new achievement wishing them the best for further scientific accomplishments.

Iraqi PM visiting the University of Basrah

Iraqi Prime minister, Dr. Haider Alibadi, has visited the chancellery of the University of Basrah on Dec. 29, 2014, meeting the University Council and other professors.

Director General of MSC, Prof. Ali AZ. Douabul, accompanied by a group of researchers and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and Freiberg University delegations attended the event.

Throughout his discussion with the MSC staff, Dr. Alibadi welcomed the cooperation between MSC and the visiting institutes and encouraged more future collaboration and joint work.



Status of the Marine Environment Symposium

On December 29, 2014, MSC held a symposium on the Status of the Marine Environment. The symposium was sponsored by the Chancellor of the University of Basrah, Prof. Dr. Thamir Hamdan, and was attended by delegations from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and Freiberg University of Germany, and researchers from different local colleges and institutes.

The symposium started with a speech given by Prof. Dr. Sajid Al-Noor, deputy of the Chancellor of the University of Basrah, in which he welcomed the collaboration between MSC and the visiting institutes and praised the MSC staff efforts to hold the symposium. Also he welcomed the collaboration between MSC and the visiting institutes for observing the status of the marine environment and called for setting appropriate recommendations for protecting marine waters from environmental damage.

Director General of MSC, Prof. Ali AZ. Douabul, followed with a speech presenting the main points of collaboration between MSC and the visiting institutes in the field of the marine environment.

Participating researchers presented 20 lectures, the main of which was given by Prof. Tomas Phold, of Freiberg University, about a scientific diving project in the Iraqi marine waters and the ongoing joint work between MSC and his institute concerning the coral reef discovery in the Iraqi waters. This was followed by a lecture given by Prof. Dr. Muhsin AlHusaini, from KISR, presenting an overview on the collapse of the Kuwaiti fish stock in the north west region of the Gulf. The other 18 lectures were presented by local researchers.



Symposium on Commercial Shrimps Aquaculture in Basrah

On December 30, 2014, MSC held a symposium on commercial shrimp aquaculture in Basrah. The symposium was sponsored by the Director General of MSC, Prof. Dr. Ali AZ. Douabul, and was attended by a delegation from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and researchers from different local institutes and colleges.

Prof. Douabul started the program of the symposium by welcoming the attendees and enforcing the necessity to achieve food security though directing the specialists' efforts towards commercial shrimp farming to compensate for declining marine shrimp catches.

The program included eight lectures, one of which was given by Dr. Muhammed AlFodari from KISR, who presented the shrimp fisheries in Kuwait, followed by seven presentations by MSC researchers entitled:

- Assessing Shrimp Stock in Iraqi Regional Waters
- Shrimp Fungal Diseases
- Shrimp Farming of Litopenaeus Vannamei for the First Time in Basrah
- The Economic and Social Value of Shrimp - Shrimp Viral Diseases
- Larval Development of crustaceans in the Arabian Gulf
- Freshwater Shrimp Farming



The recommendations of the symposium focused upon fostering joint work between MSC and the interested local and regional institutes to take serious steps to achieve the goals of the symposium.

Scientific investment of fish farms in the lakes of the University of Basrah

MSC has gained the approval of the Chancellor of the University of Basrah, Prof Dr. Thamir Hamdan, to start scientific investigations at the fish lakes located at the Qarmat Ali University campus. In this regard, MSC staff hopes to expand the field studies of these farms within the Ministry endeavor on university collaboration.



Meeting between MSC Manager and the Environment Minister Deputy

The Director General of MSC, Prof. Ali AZ. Douabul, met with the Deputy of the Iraqi Minister of Environment, Dr. Jassim Abdaziz Al- Falahy, on December 16, 2014. The Minister Deputy expressed his desire to collaborate with academic and research centers and institutions, especially the MSC at the University of Basrah, and will provide support to conduct research including:

1. Pollution Impact Budget Assessment to calculate the cost of environmental damage due to oil production.
2. Classify the major problems of the Marshlands and suggest recommendations to improve the environmental condition of the marshes.
3. Imply a recycling management strategy.
4. Identify the sources of water pollution in the southern part of Iraq, especially in Basrah.



KISR researchers visiting MSC

On December 28, 2014, a delegation specializing in fish aquaculture from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) visited the MSC at the University of Basrah.

The delegation included Prof. Dr. Muhsin AlHusaini, Prof. Dr. Muhammed Saif, and Mr. Hussain AlFodari.

The visit lasted for three days in which the delegation participated in several activities, including discussing the future

joint work between KISR and MSC and a long-target project concerning studying the collapse of fish stock in the north west region of the Arabian Gulf.

