

Royal University for Women Announces RUW 2nd Conference on Women and Society 'Empowering Women through Higher Education'



Dr. Mona Surl
Academic Vice President
Chairperson of the Conference

Under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council, Royal University for Women (RUW) is organising the RUW 2nd Conference on 'Women and Society' on the 18-19th of April, 2018. This biennial conference endeavours to celebrate RUW's journey of excellence. RUW is the first private HEC accredited, purpose-built, international university in the Kingdom of Bahrain that is dedicated solely to educating women. RUW held a very successful Conference on Women and Society in April 2016 where more than 45 research papers were presented by participants from over 15 countries. Student poster presentations were a highlight of the event and served to stimulate a research culture among the region's youth. In 2018, the conference with the theme of 'Empowering Women through Higher Education', aims to highlight the opportunities for, and challenges women face in higher education. The goal is to discover and share additional methods universities might deploy to generate overall improvement for women in higher education. This year the conference is being organized in association with Gulf Education and Gulf Conferences. The conference involves a combination of high official keynote speakers, including but not limited to ministry officials, university leaders and experts/organisations concerned with improving the provision for women, as well as workshops, academic paper presentations, and student poster presentations. Further, the research papers will be published as conference proceedings. The key topics that will be explored include Empowering Women in the Twenty First Century: the Role of Universities; Building Gender Equality through Education; Inspiring Women to Take Leadership Positions; Empowering Women through Legal Education; Role of STEM Education in Women Empowerment; Women Employability and Entrepreneurship; Generation Z: Women's Advancement, and Empowering Women in Art and Design Education. The conference is sponsored by Tamkeen, Ahli United Bank, ALBA, and supported by West Virginia University and Dar Al Hekma University. Special thanks to H.E. Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council, for his patronage and support, all the keynote speakers, researchers, student participants, delegates, sponsors, supporters, academic and administrative staff of RUW, committee members of the organising team for their support, and finally, to Professor Mazin Jumaah, President RUW, for providing the vision and guidance that made this conference a reality.

Collaboration with Strategic Partner West Virginia University



West Virginia University is the strategic partner of Royal University for Women since 2008. The activities encompass the collaboration of faculty in areas of teaching, research, and service, development of collaborative degree programmes, exchange of scholarly publications and information in areas of mutual interest to faculty in the two institutions, and development and implementation of joint seminars and conferences involving faculty and/or students from both universities, as well as other participants. This active partnership has achieved many milestones through programme reviews for CAD, CBFS, CIT, annual exchange programmes of faculty & students, educational trips of CBFS & other colleges, visiting professors series, annual collaborative workshops on Forensic Accounting & Fraud Examination since 2012, participation in RUW's conference on Women and Society in April 2016, and the launch of the WVU Civil Engineering programme in October 2017. In RUW 2nd Conference on Women and Society the delegation of research scholars participating under the leadership of Dr. Joyce McConnell, Provost of WVU, are Dr. Jennifer Orlikoff, President of Potomac College, and Dr. David Stewart, Vice President, and Dr. Scott Fleming, from the College of Business and Economics, WVU.

Collaboration with Partner Dar Al Hekma University



Dar Al Hekma University in KSA is a partner of Royal University for Women since 2017. The activities in this partnership are being initiated in the areas of teaching and learning, and research. In 2016, 11 participants from Dar Al Hekma University presented their research papers in RUW's conference on Women and Society. This year too, five researchers will be presenting their research papers and posters.

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CORPORATE PROFILE - Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba)

Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) - one of the leading aluminium smelters in the world - is listed on both the Bahrain Bourse and the London Stock Exchange, with its shareholders being Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (69.38%), SABIC Investment Company (20.62%), and the General Public (10%). Alba is widely regarded as one of the top ten performers on a global scale, and is known for its high track record for safety, technological strength, innovative policies, and strict environmental guidelines. Alba was incorporated by Charter in 1968 and officially commenced its operations in 1971 as a 120,000 tonnes per annum smelter. Today, Alba produces more than 981,000 metric tonnes per annum of the highest grade aluminium, with products including standard and T-ingots, extrusion billets, rolling slabs, properzi ingots, and molten aluminium. Around 50 percent of its output is supplied to Bahrain's downstream aluminium industry, with the rest exported to regional and international customers in the Middle East, Europe, Far East, South East Asia, Africa, and North America. Safety is a priority in Alba. The Company has received many awards for its efforts towards maintaining a safe and healthy work environment including Gold ROSPA Health and Safety Awards 2017, Green World Award 2016 for Environmental Best Practice, 2015 Occupational Excellence Achievement Award by National Safety Council - USA, 2015 International Safety Award by British Safety Council, and Gulf Aluminium Council's 2014 Health & Safety Award under the Smelters Category.

About Line 6 Expansion Project

Alba's Line 6 Expansion Project is one of the largest brownfield developments in the region. Expected to begin production by January 1st, 2019, this project will boost the smelter's per-annum production by 540,000 metric tonnes, bringing its total production capacity to 1.5 million metric tonnes per year. With a CAPEX of approximately 3 billion US\$, the Line 6 Expansion Project involves the construction of a sixth pot line utilising EGA's proprietary DX+ Ultra Technology, a 1,792 MW Power Station (Power Station 5), and other industrial services.

Bechtel is the EPCM contractor for the Line 6 Expansion Project smelter. For Power Station 5 (PS 5), GE and GAMA Consortium was awarded the EPC contract, while Siemens is the Power Distribution System contractor. J.P. Morgan, Gulf International Bank (GIB), and National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) are the financial advisors for this project. In June 2015, Alba Board approved the Line 6 Expansion Project, and in November 2015, Alba secured the natural gas supply for this project.

Alba successfully closed a 1.5 billion US\$ syndicated term-loan facility comprising two tranches, Conventional Facility and Islamic Facility, in October 2016, as well as the first tranche of the Export Credit Financing of 700 million US\$ for Euler Hermes and SERV-covered facilities in July 2017. The company is looking to secure the second tranche of the Export Credit Agency (ECAs) within the first quarter of 2018.

The Front End Engineering Design (FEED) study for the project was completed in the first quarter of 2017. The construction site-works have started in the second quarter of 2017, while the mass earthworks was completed by the end of the third quarter of 2017 per the schedule. Alba has also laid the first concrete in Potline 6 Foundation in May 2017, wherein the concrete foundations will reach 85,000 m3 upon completion by December 2018. As of February 28th, 2018, Line 6 Smelter's overall progress exceeded 45% (engineering progressed more than 81%, while contracts and procurement advanced by more than 90%); Power Station 5's and Power Distribution System's overall progress exceeded 55% and 77% respectively.

The Line 6 Expansion Project will make Alba the world's largest single-site aluminium smelter, and will provide a significant economic boost for the Kingdom of Bahrain due to the many co-investment opportunities through local and foreign aluminium investments.

Royal University for Women and West Virginia University Presidents Receive the Heiskell Award from the International Institute for International Education Partnership between RUW and WVU



On March 16, Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President Royal University for Women and Dr. Gordon Gee, West Virginia University President, receive the Heiskell Award from the International Institute for International Education in the category International Partnerships in New York City on March 16th, 2018. The award recognizes strategic, comprehensive and innovative international partnership efforts. The ceremony was part of the Annual Best Practices in Internationalization Conference at IIE's Headquarters in New York City. Along with the Heiskell award winners, leading experts presented successful strategies and best practices on a range of themes in internationalizing higher education. The international partnership award received by WVU and RUW recognizes the cooperation between the first private university in Bahrain dedicated to the education of women, as well as the first private university in Bahrain accredited by the Higher Education Council of Bahrain, and a leading 150-year old land grant university in the United States. The collaboration has grown into a full fledge partnership including all facets of teaching and learning, research, and service to the community. Since 2008, WVU and RUW closely cooperated on a wide range of activities, including curricular collaboration, exchange of faculty and students, benchmarking, continuing education, and professional development through successful series of workshops in cutting edge fields such as Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination or Cyber-security. The launch of a WVU's bachelor of science programme in Civil Engineering on RUW campus on academic year 2017-18 and the opening of a "Global Portal" office, a joint venture between both universities to propose training programs, illustrates how both universities serve the needs of the entire Gulf region. Prof. Mazin Jumaah thanked IIE President, Dr. Allan Goodman, for the award, and WVU President Dr. Gordon Gee for his friendship and vision. Dr. Mazin also congratulated RUW's efforts and team work for such a milestone achievement. On this special occasion for the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Bahrain embassy in Washington sent Ms. Muneera Al Doseri to attend the ceremony. Dr. Joyce McConnell, WVU provost and Dr. David Stewart, WVU Associate Vice-President for Global Strategies and International Affairs, also were present in the audience.

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Alumna of the Month



Background Information

Name: Ms. Fajer Yusuf Ebrahim Ali Hassani
Graduation Year: 2015
Professional Occupation: Financial Analyst, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism
Involvement at RUW:

- Graduated from the College of Business & Financial Sciences with a Bachelor's degree in Banking and Finance.
- Participated in Procurement Fraud Detection and Prevention Workshop by Royal University for Women (2016).
- Attended Leadership Course (2015).
- Attended empowerment course (2013).

Her Words:

"It was an honor to graduate from Royal University for Women with a Bachelor's degree in Banking and Finance" from college of business and financial sciences from banking and finance major. Graduating from a valued university that highlights on empowering women to be the greatest leaders of the next generations. As well as the high quality of education provided in the college it gave all students the capability that requires to become economically productive, peaceful and independent that enhance students' well-being. Instructors at RUW are really helpful, supporting and encouraging. I can never forget Dr. Adra Alalawi because he was my academic guide for my whole journey at RUW as he is my role model too as well as Dr Arpita Mehrotra she was my senior project supervisor and she helped me to reach my goals. With the background and knowledge provided at RUW, innovation, empowerment, and ambition that driven us through a pathway that allowed us to explore and achieve our dreams. As for the memories and friendship gained, we will always treasure every moment spent at RUW. We constantly hear people say "the journey has ended!" I say my journey began the day I graduated. Our second home, RUW, guides and provides us the independence and strength to allow us to explore new directions. I began my journey in a governmental sector, where it was a new challenging opportunity that allowed me to apply the knowledge, resources and capabilities provided from RUW to my career. As I came from a Banking and Finance background, I learned to practice my major and hence develop myself. Finally, RUW provided me and my fellow graduates with the resources and skills to excel as women in the industry and specialization we work for. We learnt to seek the opportunities provided and become leaders of our generation."

- Achievements:**
- Associate member of MOIC group, coordinating with Ministry of Finance - Cost Services Determination Project (2017).
 - Trainee in payable department- Gulf petrochemical industries company (2016).
 - Trainee in financial control department- Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (2014).
 - Trainee in Zain Bahrain Telecommunication Company (2012).
 - Graduated with distinction from Royal University for Women with Bachelor's degree in Banking and Finance.
 - Ministry of Education Scholarship for BSc (2011).
 - Graduated with distinction from Muharraq Secondary School. Honor Roll student (2011).

RUW Participates in EDUTEX 2018



RUW Hosts Tech Week in Collaboration with US Embassy



As per HEC approval, RUW was selected by the US embassy in Bahrain to host Tech Week, an initiative to empower women to pursue interest in technology. The week included two events: a movie screening and a Tech Camp. For the kick-off the week, RUW welcomed US film maker Robin Hauser to present her award-winning documentary, "CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap," which explores the hurdles women face in the tech industry. RUW students from various majors and classes were very enthusiastic about the documentary and meeting the director. On March 16-17, RUW hosted Tech Camp, a two-day program co-sponsored by the U.S. Embassy and the Royal University for Women to encourage women to enter technical fields. Forty students from Royal University for Women, University of Bahrain, and Bahrain Polytechnic participated in this training opportunity to learn to develop a mobile application. The camp was an opportunity for RUW IT alumnae to come back to campus. It was also the first time that the first female US Consul General in Dharan, Ms. Rachna Korhonen, visited RUW. For this occasion H.E. Ms. Rachna thanked RUW for their hospitality and praised young women for their interest in technology. Reflecting upon the event, college of IT alumna Ms. Hanan Bamasood declared, "I am very proud that I have graduated from RUW. RUW always gives us a chance to learn more since we were students and after graduating. It is an amazing experience and I hope there would be other interesting workshops in the future." Ms. Joslyn Mack-Wilson, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, thanked RUW for making the week a success, and praised RUW for its great team and how every detail of the program was handled flawlessly.

RUW Celebrates International Women's Day with Debate between West Virginia University, USA and RUW Students



Upon the approval of the Higher Education Council of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Royal University for Women celebrated International Women's Day with a full program of activities including hosting distinguished guest speakers and the main event which featured a debate between a student delegation from West Virginia University, USA and Royal University for Women students. The West Virginia University students are visiting RUW and the Kingdom of Bahrain as part of a week-long student exchange program. The debate between the university students focused on the impact of technology, both negatively and positively on social norms and social interactions. The discussion focused on the impact of technology on social norms, its impact on social interactions, and the aftereffects on the well-being of society. The discussion witnessed a great interaction between the participants with strong opinions and arguments presented by both sides on the subject matter. Both sides used factual evidence to back up their arguments, and countered each other in a disciplined and fair manner. Reflecting on the event, President of the Royal University for Women, Professor Mazin Jumaah, expressed his appreciation to the participating teams and lauded their debating styles and techniques, and also expressed his pride in celebrating International Women's Day stating, "Women have been and continue to be a celebration for us. The Kingdom of Bahrain has a record of achievements that made it a pioneer in the field of women empowerment at the Arab and international levels. This is evident in the Supreme Council for Women and the vision of the wise leadership for the advancement of women in all fields."

RUW Launches a French Language Course in Collaboration with the Alliance Française Institute



In the light of the approval of the Higher Education Council (HEC) of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Royal University for Women (RUW) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Alliance Française Bahrain for the teaching of French language as an elective course at RUW. The event was attended by H.E. Ms. Cécile Longé, Ambassador of France to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Mr. Dominique Philippe Chastres, Cultural Cooperation Advisor, and Mr. Christophe Orly, Director of the Alliance Française Bahrain, H.E. Mr. Essa Najibi, Chairman of the ExCo committee at RUW, Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of the Royal University for Women, and academic deans and administrative managers. A formal signing ceremony took place whereby the President of the Royal University for Women, Professor Mazin Jumaah, and the Director of the Alliance Française, Mr. Christoph Olery, signed the official documents to launch the course. The MoU revolved around the initiative to introduce the French language as an elective offered by the Center for General Studies at the Royal University for Women. Reflecting on the signing of the MoU, the Director of the Alliance Française Mr. Christoph Olery, stated "We are proud of the enthusiasm shown by the students in learning the French language, and we are proud of the role of the French Embassy, and their cooperation in bringing us together with the Royal University for Women. There has been impressive progress in the Higher Education in Bahrain and initiatives such as these is a testament to that progress and development."

His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Universities Sports Tournament Concludes



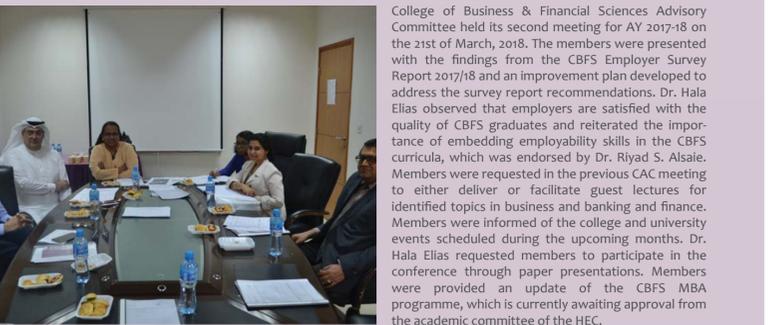
Under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs, organized the closing ceremony of the Nasser bin Hamad Universities Sports Tournament on March 28th, 2018. HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa at the closing ceremony honored the participating universities in addition to the winning teams in the football and volleyball competitions for male student athletes, and football and basketball for the female athletes. The ceremony also included a number of performances, including a video showing the success stories of the league and the future plans of sports at universities. Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women and Shaikha Dwa Al Khalifa, PR Officer at Royal University for Women, received the award on behalf of the university.

College of Art and Design Participates in Art Bahrain 2018



Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty the King of Bahrain, and President of the Supreme Council for Women, The "Art Bahrain Across Borders" (Art Bahrain 2018) exhibition was inaugurated on the 14th – 18th of March, 2018. This is a visionary initiative of Tamkeen Bahrain, supervised by SCW and curated by Art Select, is an ambitious project, now in its third year. In what is becoming an annual collaboration, the Royal University for Women participated in "Art Bahrain 2018" through the collaboration of the College of Art and Design in this event. After the successful collaboration between CAD and the organizers of Art Bahrain over the past two years, this year the organizers again approached CAD seeking its continuing support. This year CAD's participation included the following: (1) The RUW booth: This showcased a selection of works from College of Art and Design, which included works from the Master of Drawing and Painting program which included both traditional artwork and contemporary art work. (2) CAD students' volunteers: 18 CAD students plus one student from CBFS participated in this event as volunteers. (3) Design competition for Interior Design Students to design the Kid's Zone for the exhibition. (4) CAD student Ms. Reem Al Janahi participated in Art work as part of the exhibition for young Bahraini artists. Her work was excellent and it gained much appreciation and admiration from patrons and visitors.

CBFS Advisory Committee Meeting



College of Business & Financial Sciences Advisory Committee held its second meeting for AY 2017-18 on the 21st of March, 2018. The members were presented with the findings from the CBFS Employer Survey Report 2017/18 and an improvement plan developed to address the survey report recommendations. Dr. Hala Elias observed that employers are satisfied with the quality of CBFS graduates and reiterated the importance of embedding employability skills in the CBFS curricula, which was endorsed by Dr. Riyad S. Alsaie. Members were requested in the previous CAC meeting to either deliver or facilitate guest lectures for identified topics in business and banking and finance. Members were informed of the college and university events scheduled during the upcoming months. Dr. Hala Elias requested members to participate in the conference through paper presentations. Members were provided an update of the CBFS MBA programme, which is currently awaiting approval from the academic committee of the HEC.

RUW College of Law Participates in the 25th Willem C. Vis International Moot Court Competition Held in Vienna, Austria



After having competed in the 8th Annual Vis Middle East Pre-Moot held at RUW in February 2018, RUW's College of Law attended the 25th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition held in Vienna, Austria, from March 23rd to March 29th, among 356 Law Schools coming from all over the world. The team composed of six excellent and brave students from the 3rd and 4th year: Ms. Eman Alsarraf, Ms. May Alfadhel, Ms. Noof Janahi, Ms. Raneem Kadhem, Ms. Raghad Alotabi, and Ms. Asya Bukhwoha, under the supervision of the coach Dr. Maria Casoria and the co-coach Ms. Amina Saleh Abdulla, previous mootie and alumna of the college, showed confidence and appropriate legal knowledge, and received excellent feedback from all the panels of arbitrators. This is an attestation of the fact that the participation in such competition is a strength for the improvement of our students' advocacy and employability skills.

CBFS Educational Field Trip to Ahli United Bank



On Wednesday, the 14th of March, 2018, 33 students from the Banking and Finance Department, College of Business and Financial Sciences, participated in an educational field trip visiting the headquarter of Ahli United Bank. The visit comes within the ambit of the collaboration activities season planned between CBFS and Ahli United Bank for March & April 2018. Two faculty members from the Banking and Finance Department accompanied the students. The trip was very informative and beneficial to the students. Derek Lunt, Deputy Group CEO - Corporate Banking, presented a lecture to our students about corporate banking, the products and services provided by the Dept. and finally, the role of risk management in corporate banking. The purpose of the visit was to make students of banking and finance of RUW aware about what actual banking is, which in turn will increase the knowledge and also understanding practical aspects about banking and financial system. It was really a very wonderful learning experience. The session was very interactive as the students asked questions and discussed issues raised by the presenter.